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SUNDAY 16 MAY 2021 – ASCENSION OF THE LORD

'Go, make disciples of all the nations'

On the Feast of the Ascension the Church celebrates the completion of Christ's earthly mission and His glorification with God the Father in heaven. Jesus commissioned His disciples to proclaim the Good News of salvation, not only to the people of Israel, but to all nations. The disciples would do so fortified and guided by the very Spirit of God, as promised by Jesus. The Ascension of Jesus into heaven was not the end of a story, but was the start of a new chapter of a story that is everlasting. We are the story-tellers of our time. As baptised Catholics, fortified by the Sacrament of Confirmation, it is our mission to live and communicate the Great Story of salvation, telling it well through our good example, drawing others to the joys of our faith by living the Good News of the Gospel in our actions and words.

Today is also *World Communications Day 2021*. It is fitting to celebrate it on the Feast of the Ascension, given that Jesus entrusted his disciples – and us, the disciples of today – with the important task of communicating the Good News to all nations.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 10.00am and Thursday 10.00am

Masses in Castlederg are also livestreamed on www.parishofcastlederg.com

Monday, 7.30pm and Friday 10.00am

WEEKEND MASS NEXT WEEKEND (22nd May)

AREA A (7.30PM)

The Corgaries, Ardarver, Tullycar Road, Essan Road, Tullycar, Meenakeerin
Crilly Park, Ballymongan, Pollytean Road, and Shanaghey

All Masses are available via our parish webcam, www.aghyaranparish.com

St Patrick's, Castlederg

Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00pm and Sunday 11.00am

(Masses in Castlederg are livestreamed on www.castledergparish.com)

THANK YOU for your generosity in last week's collection which amounted to **£1,033** and the Church Restoration Fund collection totalled **£1,192**. Standing Orders and Online payments for April totalled **£767**. Envelopes can continue to be left at the Parochial House or can be brought to the church by those attending for Mass.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION will take place every Thursday from after 10.00am Mass to 12noon. Everyone is welcome to come along and spend some time praying in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

THE NET: The online May edition of The Net is available on <https://www.derrydiocese.org/images/the-net/the-net-may-2021.pdf>. As always, it contains loads of interesting stories, news, articles and photographs from across the diocese, including an article by Veronica and Danny Dolan, who celebrate forty years as sacristans here in St Patrick's, Aghyaran.

SACRAMENTAL ARRANGEMENTS – FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION for the children of St Caireall's PS, will take place on **Saturday 5th June** at 2 pm.

Parents, please note: four *Preparation Sessions* with the theme, '*Disciples of Jesus - Filled With Joy*', will be presented by webcam: catecheticalcentre.org/webcam, on **17, 18, 19, 20 May, 10am-12noon**, for the Confirmation children and their parents. Each day the sessions will include catechesis on different aspects of the Sacrament of Confirmation, prayer, creative activities and music. The children will participate each day in school. Parents are encouraged to tune into these live presentations, if at all possible, in support of their children's preparation for this important step in their faith journey.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: for the P4 children will take place on **Saturday 12th June**, at 2pm

First Holy Communion and Confirmation: As part of the children's preparation for First Holy Communion and Confirmation I would hope that each family will make a special effort to attend Mass on the weekends when it is your area's turn on the rota. (see Rota below) Regularly attending Mass will help the children to feel more comfortable in the church and help them to become more familiar with what is expected of us all at Mass.

A reminder to all Parishioners of the Mass schedule for the next month

AREA A

The Corgaries, Ardarver, Tullycar Road, Essan Road, Tullycar, Meenakeerin, Crilly Park, Ballymongan, Pollytean Road, and Shanaghey

AREA B

Trienamongan, Legatonegan, Aghyaran, Maghernageeragh, Mullinabreen, Scraghey, Segronan and Edenreagh areas.

AREA C

The Laughts, Garvagh, McNally Park, Carnoughter, Carndreen, Dreenan, Killeter, and Meenamullan

Areas may attend as follows:

Area A - Saturday 22nd May at 7.30pm and Saturday 5th June at 7.30pm, Saturday 19th June at 7.30pm

Area B –Saturday 29th May at 7.30pm, Sunday 6th June at 11.00am, Sunday 20th June at 11.00am

Area C –Sunday 30th May at 11.00am, Saturday 12th June at 7.30pm, Saturday 26th June at 7.30pm

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY 2021

On this 55th World Communications Day, Pope Francis has chosen the theme, “ **‘Come and see’ (John 1,46). Communicating, encountering people as and where they are**”. This theme recalls the Gospel account of the first disciples' initial encounters with Jesus, who invited them to “Come and see,” to enter into relationship with Him.

“In communications, nothing can ever completely replace seeing things in person....We do not communicate merely with words, but with our eyes, the tone of our voice and our gestures. Jesus' attractiveness to those who met Him depended on the truth of His preaching; yet the effectiveness of what He said was inseparable from how He looked at others, from how He acted towards them, and even from His silence. The disciples not only listened to His words; they watched Him speak. Indeed, in Him the Word took on a face; the invisible God let Himself be seen, heard and touched.” *Extract from Pope Francis's Message for World Communications Day.*

The Pope's message concludes with a prayer:

Lord, teach us to move beyond ourselves, and to set out in search of truth.

Teach us to go out and see, teach us to listen, not to entertain prejudices or draw hasty conclusions.

Teach us to go where no one else will go, to take the time needed to understand,

to pay attention to the essentials, not to be distracted by the superfluous,

to distinguish deceptive appearances from the truth.

Grant us the grace to recognize your dwelling places in our world

and the honesty needed to tell others what we have seen.

The full text of the Pope Francis's Message for World Communications Day can be seen on our parish Facebook.