

Clonegal & Myshall Parish Newsletter

Sunday 01st June 2025 ~ The Ascension Of The Lord ~ Year C

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Myshall Webcam: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W0O_Fc63svs

See also the "livecamIreland" website and also from the "Myshall" Facebook Page

Ascension is a solemnity that sustains the hope of Christians that one day we shall be where Christ is. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that: "...Jesus Christ the head of the Church precedes us into His Father's glorious kingdom, so that we the members of his body may live in the hope of one day being with him forever." Our first reading from Acts of the Apostles recounts the events of the last moments and meeting of Christ with his apostles before his ascension into heaven. Here, Christ gives a very important instruction to his Apostles: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait there for what the Father has promised." Christ encourages his disciple to remain faithful. Most importantly, he reminds them that their success will depend on their ability to walk with the Holy Spirit. These instructions are also meant for us too. It equally reminds us that before we set out for any business or project we must commend ourselves to the guidance and counsel of the Holy Spirit. In the second reading, Paul prays asking God to send us the Holy Spirit: "May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ give you the Spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you the full knowledge of him." This must be our prayer and wish every day of our life. We must invite the Holy Spirit to take control of our entire mission. We must invite him to lighten the dark spots of our lives as Paul prays: "May he enlighten the eyes of your minds so that you can see the hope his call holds for you..." We must ask him to lead the way so that we follow him. This is because, his ways and counsels are right. In today's gospel, Jesus knew that his apostles needed help in order to succeed. So he instructed them: "...Stay in the city, until you are clothed with the power from on high." We must seek this power if we must make any positive impact on our world. Therefore, we must pay attention to what Jesus is telling us in today's gospel. As an experienced master, He knows the terrain we are about to walk. He knows how delicate the hearts of men of our age are. He knows how tough our task is and what it takes to be successful. He knows that only the Holy Spirit can help us. Therefore, Ascension marks the beginning of the fulfilment of Christ's promise to us. So, as we celebrate the solemnity of Ascension today, Jesus reminds us that irrespective of our knowledge and human capabilities we need a divine help in order to succeed. This divine help will come from the Holy Spirit to whom we must pay attention to all the time. So, as we celebrate the Ascension of Christ today and expect the fulfilment of His promise on Pentecost Sunday, let us pray: ***"Sent forth your spirit O Lord and renew the face of the earth."***

Coffee Morning in Aid of The Holy Cross Church, Myshall: Many thanks to all who supported our Coffee Morning Fund Raiser, the sum of **€1163.77** was raised. A huge thank you to all who provided the teas & coffees, all the delicious home baking, and indeed to all who helped on the day.



Mass Times & Anniversaries

Saturday 31st May Drumphea at 8:00 pm Mona Tracey, Coolnasnachta; Johnny Tracey, Knocklongad; Thomas & Mary McDonald, Knocklonagad; Thomas Hogan, Lower Coolasnaughta; James & Margaret Ryder, Knocklongad; Lorretto Kavanagh, Aclare; James & Mary Kavanagh, Ballinakill; James & Elizabeth Eagers Knockindraine; Molly Eagers Killoughternane; James and Anne Kavanagh The Bridge, Raheenleigh, Eamon Kavanagh Raheenleigh & James, Julia, Peg and all the deceased members of the Kavanagh family Coolnasnaughta .	Saturday 31st May Clonegal at 6:30 pm
Sunday 01st June Myshall at 10 am	Sunday 01st June Kildavin at 11:30 am Robert & Margaret Moorehead, Clonegal & their sons Robert & Gerry, their sons-in-law Nicky, Alex & Uva and daughter in law Bridget.
Monday 02nd June – No Mass	
Tuesday 03rd June – No Mass	
Wednesday 04th June – Mass at 10 am	Wednesday 04th June – Mass at 10 am
Thursday 05th June – Mass at 7:30 pm John Nolan, Shangarry & Summerhill (MM)	
Friday 06th June - Mass at 10 am	Friday 06th June - Mass at 10 am
Saturday 07th June Drumphea at 8:00 pm	Saturday 07th June Clonegal at 6:30 pm John Kavanagh Raheengraney; Peter McCrea & the McCrea Family, Clonogan; Jimmy Kirwan Kilcarry; James & Peg Rooney Kilcarry; Patrick & Brigid Redmond, Ballyredmond; Maryann Kelly, Ballinvorta; James Kelly, Ballinvortha; Margaret & Michael Roche Monaghan; John Roche Monaghan; Patrick & Brigid Redmond, Ballyredmond; Stephen Murphy Craan Clonegal
Sunday 08th June Myshall at 10 am	Sunday 08th June Kildavin at 11:30 am

May all our Faithful Departed Rest In Peace.

Holy Hour: A Holy Hour will take place on Friday 6th June immediately after the 10 am Mass in Myshall.

Ben Mulhall Memorial Park AGM: The Ben Mulhall Memorial Park Committee AGM will take place on Wednesday 11th June 2025 at 8 pm. **New members are very much needed.**

Biongó (bingo as gaeilge agus béarla): Bingo will be held in Drumpea Community Centre Dé Sathairn 7ú lá Meitheamh (7th June) from 5-7pm. Join us for a cúpla uair of spraoi agus craic. Biongó books €4 agus €2 le na páistí. Hope to see you there.

Columban Day Celebrations: All paths lead to Carlow this July when the town hosts the XXVI Columbanus Day celebration from 11th July to 13th July 2025. This significant occasion honours St Columbanus, one of Ireland's most influential early missionaries, recognised for his contributions to the spiritual and cultural foundation of Europe. St Columbanus, patron saint of the Missionary Society of St Columban, was born in Myshall. The three-day event promises a rich blend of cultural, spiritual and communal experiences. Highlights include the launch of the exhibition 'Ireland and the Birth of Europe,' a symposium exploring the relationship between creation and spirituality given by Columban missionary Fr Sean McDonagh, and a walk along the picturesque Columban Way. Visitors can also look forward to engaging talks, such as 'Columbanus, the Man from Myshall,' by former President Dr Mary McAleese, taking place here in the Holy Cross Church in Myshall. The celebrations culminate with the XXVI Columbanus Day Mass at the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow on Sunday 13th July. We very much look forward to hosting the International Columbanus Weekend. Myshall being the recognised birthplace of Columbanus will be very much part and parcel of the weekend celebrations when pilgrims from all over the world will gather here in Carlow and Myshall to honour this great Saint.



<u>Feast Days:</u>	Monday 2 nd June	Ss Marcellinus & Peter, martyrs
	Tuesday 3 rd June	St Kevin, abbot
	Wednesday 4 th June	Ss Charles Lwanga & Companions, martyrs
	Thursday 5 th June	St Boniface, bishop & martyr
	Friday 6 th June	St Jarlath, bishop
	Saturday 7 th June	St Colman, bishop
	Sunday 8 th June	Pentecost Sunday

June the Month of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus:

O most holy heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing,
I adore you, I love you, and with lively sorrow for my sins,
I offer you this poor heart of mine.
Make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to your will.
Grant, good Jesus, that I may live in you and for you.
Protect me in the midst of danger. Comfort me in my afflictions. Give
me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, your blessing on all
that I do, and the grace of a holy death. Amen.



Cemetery Masses 2025:

Friday 04th July at 7:30 pm in Lismaconly.

Saturday 05th July at 6:30 pm in Clonegal.

Sunday 06th July at 11:30 am in Kildavin.

Saturday 12th July at 8:00 pm in Drumpea.

Sunday 20th July at 2:00 pm Rosary and Blessing of Graves in Ballinree.

Exam Time!: As students sit exams across the country, let us remember them in prayer ...

Lord as I prepare to sit my exams,
send your Holy Spirit to guide me and be with me.
Thank you for the many talents and gifts you have given me
and for the opportunity of education. Keep me calm.
Help me to do the best I can on the day of my exam.
Help me to remember all that I have studied,
to express it clearly and to answer the questions
as best that I can. Give me peace, understanding and wisdom
and be with me today and always. AMEN



Parishes Alive - Moving Forward in Hope!": Bishop Denis, together with the Diocesan Pastoral Council, will host a day for lay people and clergy to explore the direction of the Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin and how it impacts on the day-to-day life of a parish. We are building on the work done previously by the DPC, the Council of Priests, Faith Development Services, and across parishes. The day will comprise inputs from guest speakers, along with prayer, general discussion, and intentional listening. It takes place on Saturday, 21st June 2025 in Carlow College with registration at 9:30am, starting promptly at 10am and concluding at 4 pm. Lunch is included. Booking essential through parishdevelopment@kandle.ie providing your name and parish.

Synod News: Two free on-line opportunities to learn more about being a synodal church on mission together – that includes all of us! The School for Synodality Book Club webinar on the final document of the Synod continues each Wednesday evening, with international guest speakers each week. All sessions are recorded and are available for view afterwards. A great way to come to understand the practical implications of the synod for parishioners, parishes and the diocese. See www.schoolforsynodality.org.uk ‘Synodal Hope: The Vision of Pope Francis and the future with Pope Leo: A Conversation with Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe, Op’ . Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe will be known to many from his talks and writings, but also as the retreat leader at the two universal synod assemblies. Liturgical Press in the US is hosting a free, live webinar with him on Thursday, June 5 at 4 pm Irish Time. See www.litpress.org/webinar to register.

ICMA Summer School: The Irish Church Music Association annual summer school takes place from 1-3 July in Maynooth. In this Jubilee Year it is taking as its theme: ‘Pilgrims of Hope’, bringing together musicians, singers and liturgical leaders to explore the transformative power of music in our Church communities. See www.icmamusic.ie to download the brochure and find out more. Day attendance is possible if you can’t make all three days.

Top Ten Ways to Help Pollinators: Plant pollinator friendly trees. Native trees and shrubs such as Willow, Hawthorn, Rowan, Crab Apple, and Holly support huge numbers of insects including pollinators. Why: Trees that blossom in Spring are a low-maintenance, vital source of food for pollinators. Trees contribute to a healthy climate and biodiversity, supporting a rich variety of organisms such as lichens, mosses, birds, mammals, and insects. Where: Anywhere there is space. pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/

Retired Priests Collection: Many thanks to all who contributed to the recent Retired Priests Collection. Your generosity to this collection is greatly appreciated. There is an envelope in your box of envelopes or any envelope clearly labelled “Retired Priests Collection” will suffice. This collection is essential to their care and your generous support will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.