



Mary,
Queen
of the
May

St. Augustine's Church Limerick 12th May 2024 The Ascension of the Lord

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Mass Times

Monday-Friday

7.30am, 8.30am,
10.15am, & 4pm

SATURDAY

8.30am, 10.15am
3pm Mass of the Sick

SUNDAY

9.00am, 11.15am
& 7.30pm

CONFESSIONS

MONDAY & FRIDAY

10.45am-12 Noon
3.00pm-4.00pm

SATURDAY

10.45am-12noon
2.30pm-4pm



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It's Good to Talk: World Communications Day.

"As we draw near to the stars, we should draw nearer to our neighbour" This pious thought came from that unlikely preacher Lyndon Baines Johnson. So you say, LBJ, but the opposite can happen.

For a start I suppose we do *draw near to the stars* by phone, camera, computer, satellite or other mechanical marvel. But the communication may be a bit fractured or scattered. The one who wishes to sit in peace and quiet on public transport has to listen to intimacies or banalities shouted to unseen persons on the other side of the bus or the other side of the world. Reminds me of a bit of nonsense from our youth when we used to shout to one another across a river and hear the cacophony of echoes bouncing around the hills that rose from one bank and fading into the woods on the other side. Noise certainly—it might have made it in Eurovision - but hardly communication.

In the matter of drawing near to the neighbour twittering and tweeting may help, or they may not. Not so long ago if we wanted someone to talk to we met the neighbour face to face. That made us go to the door, garden fence, street or farm-gate to meet someone living nearby. Now we pick up the phone and the next-door neighbour only hears our voice when we're shouting at someone in Australia. Or we seek to Talk to Joe or avail of some such live-line or whine-line. And when you turn to answer a person who speaks to you on the street you find it was someone in Thailand they were talking to and didn't even see you. Now many resort to social media to assuage loneliness and sometimes that works. But many meet there only belittlers, bullies and begrudgers indulging destructive impulses in safe anonymity. Aspects of social media are sometimes turned into the most anti-social amenities devised by human ingenuity.

A cartoon which I can't find just now has a man seeking a date with a female workmate saying

A few of us are meeting at my place on Saturday night to stare at our mobile phones and ignore one another. Would you like to join us?

If stuck for a cup of sugar, or a bottle of milk for the baby we used to go next-door. Now we *apply for assistance*. That's good and reduces hardship. But a price is paid. 'Tis a cold thing not to know or be known by the people who live on the other side of a thin brick wall. It can be like that now. Being confined to one area, as we used to be, kept our feet on the ground and made us friends close to home. Insofar as a neighbourly spirit survives in our community we are blessed.

The digital world is a public square, a meeting-place where we can either encourage or demean one another, engage in a meaningful discussion or unfair attacks. I pray thatwe might know and understand one another better. (Message of Pope Francis for 50th World Communications Day).

J.L.

Thought for the day

When is an ending not an ending? Mark takes the huge risk of an apparently negative ending to the story which began resoundingly in 1:1. The ending does not satisfy and never did...and that is Mark's very point. To have a neat narrative ending would close the story in the past, whereas Mark forces us to realise that the story goes on the lives of all disciples, then and now. We are the bearers of the Good News, we are the continuation of the story, a story which in truth will never really end, thanks be to God.

Prayer Give us the courage, God of the Good News, to take that message into our hearts and lives, into every time and place. Even when we cannot feel it, we know that the Lord is working with us and so we do not lose heart.

Source: [www.tarsus.ie/Sunday readings](http://www.tarsus.ie/Sunday_readings)

FCJ Spirituality House, Spanish Point, Co. Clare

A beautiful and simple place by the sea, where people come to rest and find God in all things.

- A few places have become available on our 6 and 8 day directed retreats across the summer. These are normally booked out well in advance, so please contact us directly to book for May, June or October.
- We will host a Creative Writing weekend and an Ashram Experience in May and only 2 places remain for each. These popular weekends are a great opportunity to come by the sea for nourishment and inspiration.
- We are offering 2 weeks in the summer when people can come for rest and ease or personal retreats.

Please contact us if you'd like to pay in instalments or need support. www.fcjspiritualityhouse.ie / info@fcjspiritualityhouse.ie / 087 447 9115.

Posters for weekends available on the Notice Board at the back of the church.

Source Parish Notes

Join us as we celebrate
this wonderful feast

Feast of Pentecost

Sunday 19th May at 11.15am



St. Augustine's Church Limerick DISNEY CLASSICS

Featuring

Naoise Sturges

POSTPONED

Candlelight

Friday May 17th at 7.00pm

Tickets available on the night
and from eventbrite.ie

SUMMER SOLSTICE GO YELLOW

June 20th 23rd

Grow Mental Health provides free, non-judgmental peer support groups for those dealing with mental health challenges or life's struggles. Based all over Ireland with in-person or online meetings. Each year we fundraise to provide this much needed community service through Go Yellow walks/runs/workshops/information sessions or any fundraising event that helps. To donate visit www.Grow.ie or midwesternregion@grow.ie or contact 061-318813

Catholic Mothers Ireland Retreat Day

On Saturday 25th May 2024 in the Church of Our Lady, Roslevan, Ennis, Co. Clare. V95 A253. Join us for a day of Spiritual Restoration, Inspiring Talks on the Theme 'To Jesus, through Mary', Holy Mass, Prayer and Confession. Guest speakers on the day Fr Marius O'Reilly, Sr Miriam Loveland SHM and Sinéad Strong. This all day Retreat will run from 9.30am-4pm at a cost of €40. Lunch provided. Call 085 147 1516 or email catholicmothers@outlook.ie to book your place!

Maranatha Rescheduled

Maranatha retreat has been rescheduled to this Sunday 12th May, It will be an afternoon of prayer and praise beginning at 2.45pm at St. Michael's church, Denmark St. and all are invited. Fr Damian Ryan, will share the Word of God and there will be a free raffle with refreshments afterwards.