

## **PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE**

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***Saturday/Sunday – 28<sup>th</sup> / 29<sup>th</sup> MAY 2022***

### **Mass times for the coming week**

Monday to Friday at 10.00 a.m.

Saturday Vigil Mass: 6.30 pm

Sunday Masses: 9.30 am, 11.00 am and 12.30 pm

(St Philip the Apostle, Mountview – 6 p.m.)

### **THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – 29<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022**

#### **World Communications Day**

*The Ascension of Christ means our own salvation as well, where the head has gone before, the body is called to follow in hope.  
Jesus wants us to share in his risen glory.*

#### **First Reading: (Acts 1: 1-11)**

We hear of the ascension of Jesus into heaven and of his promise to send the Holy Spirit to his followers.

#### **Second Reading: (Eph. 1:17-23)**

Paul sets out the meaning of the ascension: God raised Jesus above all earthly powers and made him head of the Church.

#### **Gospel: (Lk. 24:46-53)**

Before ascending into heaven, Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit.

### **REFLECTION**

*The day of the lord's triumphant return to his Father  
is not a day of narrowness or sadness,  
rather it is a day for openness and joy.  
Therefore, let us lift up our hearts, Let us raise up our minds  
Let our spirits soar and be free  
For sin and evil and death have been overcome.  
We know nothing of the mystery of the beyond  
All we have is his word: Where I am you too will be.  
Lord, you have kindled in our hearts the hope of eternal life.  
Guard this hope with your grace.*



### **Week of Prayer**

**Building Hope 29 May to 6 June 2022**

29<sup>th</sup> May - Ascension Sunday

#### **Introduction to the Word**

Many people turned to humour during Covid lockdowns. There was even a joke about the Ascension – ‘the day Jesus started to work from home’. Working remotely does not mean that we are not still at the heart of our business. We are present, but in a different way, just as Jesus continued to accompany people after the Ascension and in our own time.

#### **Mary – The Sure-Footed Disciple**

*The Ascension threw the others into confusion  
But not you, Mary, in your red shoes of victory  
Calm and composed you held it together prayerfully  
Rooted in the present while others looked up in dismay  
You showed yourself to be the sure-footed disciple.*

#### **Prayer**

Pilgrim God, we give you thanks and praise. Fill our hearts with your grace as we work together to build up a kingdom of hope. May Mary be a calm presence as we seek the way forward.

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b><u>Months Mind</u></b> Ciaran Keating, Thomas Kelly Phyllis Grimes, Elizabeth Lowe
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Pauline Murphy (5 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
	<b>11.00 am</b>	Margaret Fleming (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary)
	<b>12.30 pm</b>	Eileen Dunphy (Anniversary)

#### **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Frank Marley, Randy Izogie (Recently Deceased)  
Tommy McAnaney, Minnie McAnaney, John Greally, Michael and Ade Greally, Thomas Connolly, Mano, Nellie and Richard Conway, John and Marion Breen, Pauline Murphy, David Musgrave, Michael Flanagan, Baby Benjamin Izogie  
*(Whose anniversaries occur at this time)*