

**Sunday 17th May 2015**

**The Ascension of the Lord**

Cycle B Week 3

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The latest edition of ‘The Meaning of Marriage’ (Issue 9), provides guidance from the Bishops on the **Marriage Referendum**. This is what Archbishop Diarmuid Martin had to say: ‘*Marriage is not simply about “two individuals who are in love”. The Christian teaching about marriage stresses the complementary relationship between male and female, which is not just a social construction. Marriage is also about a stable and loving relationship where children are generated and educated. Family is also an intergenerational reality. The stability of marriage contributes in a unique way to the stability of society. It is important in our discussions about marriage and the family in these days that people should stop for a moment and reflect carefully on what marriage and the family mean within society and on what a change in our understanding of marriage across society would entail.*’

See [www.meaningofmarriage.ie](http://www.meaningofmarriage.ie) or [www.dublindiocese.ie](http://www.dublindiocese.ie) for further information

The Dublin Diocesan Council of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association is organising a Day of Prayer and Reflection (for Pioneers & non-Pioneers) in the Blessed Sacrament Hall, Bachelors Walk on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**, commencing with Mass at 11a.m. in the Chapel. Fr. Raphael O'Halloran will preside and the day will conclude with Rosary at 3:30p.m. Cost €5 – bring a packed lunch. Tea/coffee will be provided. Please phone (01) 8312065 for further information.

The Annual Cemetery Mass will take place in St. Fintan's Cemetery, Sutton, on **Sunday, 14th June** at 3p.m..



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The **Novena to the Holy Family** takes place from May 13, the feast of Our Lady of Fatima until May 21, the day before the marriage referendum. It will be offered for the cause of marriage and family life in Ireland. You might like to recite the Novena Prayer daily.

Jesus, Mary & Joseph,  
Holy Family of Nazareth,  
We bless & venerate you.

We commend to your care & protection  
The cause of marriage & family life.  
May the peace which reigned in your home  
Take possession of all hearts & abide in all families.

Confirm all men & women in the truth  
So we may recognise what is good & right  
And reject all that hinders life  
And the true flourishing of humanity.

Guide the hearts of all citizens  
That we may witness to the truth  
In forming the laws governing our society.  
Bless those who work for the protection  
Of marriage, family & life.

O Jesus, Mary & Joseph,  
Holy Family of Nazareth,  
We entrust our hearts & our lives to you.  
Amen

### **Mass Intentions for this week**

**Sat:** 6.00p.m. Charles Jackson (Anniv.)

**Sun:** 8.30a.m. Pro Populo

**10.00a.m.** William Baker (Anniv.)  
Marie Baker (R.I.P.)

**11.30a.m.** Teresa Smith (Anniv.)

**Mon:** 10.00a.m. Christopher Kinane (Anniv.)

**Tues:** 10.00a.m. Thomas & Susan Comerford (Anniv.)

**Wed:** 10.00a.m. Pro Populo

**Thurs:** 10.00a.m. Christopher & Mary Mulcahy (Anniv.)

**Fri:** 10.00a.m. Deceased members of the Staunton Family

**Sat:** 10.00a.m.

**11.00a.m.** First Holy Communion  
Scoil Assaim

Congratulations to the pupils of **Scoil Áine & Springdale NS** who received their First Holy Communion in glorious sunshine yesterday.

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Sarah Jackson**, whose funeral took place this week. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends. May she rest in the peace of Christ.

The Annual Collection for **CROSSCARE Youth Services** will take place at all Masses next weekend (23rd & 24th May). It will replace the normal SHARE Collection.

**Next Sunday's Readings (Solemnity of Pentecost):**  
*Acts 2:1-11. Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34. Gal 5:16-25.  
John 15:26-27, 16: 12-15.*