



NEWSLETTER
The Ascension of the Lord
Sunday the 17th May 2026
DUNSHAUGHLIN/CULMULLEN PARISH



(Linked with Ardcaith, Ashbourne, Curraha, Ratoath and Skryne)

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The Ascension of the Lord

The Ascension of the Lord celebrates our salvation, 'Where the glorious Head has gone before the body is called to follow in hope'.

So we rejoice in devout thanksgiving that our salvation is assured.

We can look forward to eternal life with God and to be re united with all those who have gone before us in faith. Let us therefore live a good life as our eyes like that of the disciples turn towards heaven.

Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday.

Culmullen Church Collection

Collection will take place today inside gates for flowers and plants for car park and Church grounds.

First Communion

We congratulate the boys and girls from St Seachnall's N.S., who have received their First Holy Communion; we pray that they will always remain close to Jesus who came to them.

First Communion for Gaelscoil on Saturday 23rd May.

No 10am Mass on Saturday morning.

Mass for Students

Special Mass for students preparing for exams will be celebrated in Dun Church on Monday 18th May at 7 pm. Please inform anyone from your family and encourage them to come. We ask grandparents who pray fervently for their grandchildren to take a little card available in Church today and invite the youth personally to attend.

Parish Pastoral Councils

Joint meeting of the Parish Councils will take place in Ratoath on Wednesday 20th at 8pm.

Welcome to the Community of Faith – Recently Baptised

Theodore Rooney, College Park, **Rían Diskin**, Dun Ríoga, & **Aoibheann Glancy**, The Crescent.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 16 th May	Dunsh Vigil 7pm	Seán Ó Murchú;
Sunday 17 th May	Dunsh 12noon	Keith Lawlor 1 st Anni; Con O'Dwyer; Dec'd members of the Murphy Family;
Monday 18 th	Dunsh 10am	Paddy & Anna O'Sullivan;
Tuesday 19 th May	Dunsh 10am	John & Bridget McGrath;
Sunday 24 th May	Cul 10:30am	John Mahon; Jack & Peggy Blount & Molly Farrelly;
Sunday 24 th May	Dunsh 12noon	David McElroy M.M. Don & Mary Kane; Richie O'Brien;

Barriers

Parish Finance Committee have decided to install barriers at both entrances to the Car park. These barriers will be open during the day, everyday and make no difference to present practice. The barriers will close at night time from midnight till early morning.

Blessing of Graves

Please note and inform wider families, blessing of graves in Dunshaughlin Cemetery on Sat 13th June after Vigil Mass, and blessing of graves in Old Cemetery at earlier time of 6.15 pm.

Lough Derg

Details of 2026 Season are on the notice boards in Church. There are three day pilgrimages and one day retreat. For more information contact 071 - 9861518. info@loughderg.org

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Sept 2026.

The Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Bishop Deenihan, is scheduled to depart on 8th September 2026. Four or Five night stays with fares starting at €849 for full board. Booking forms can be obtained through Joe Walsh Tours please contact them at Tel: 01-2410800 or visit their website at www.joewalshstours.ie.

Pro Life Novena

Saturday 23rd to Sunday 31st May. Join many others to pray for the protection of human life. Daily Novena Prayers on www.prayforlife.ie

Finance Committee

Meeting of the Committee will take place in the Parochial House, on Thursday 21st May at 8pm. The Committee will prepare a Financial Report for 2025.

Living Well Programme

Online 7 week free programme for adults living alone, with health problems, or any illness. Sponsored by HSE, contact Áine 087-1140371
Spaces available register before 5th June.

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Keep up to date with news from the Vatican Pope Leo and Catholic Church in Ireland.

Prayer for Ascension

Loving Father hear the prayers of your pilgrim people and grant that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may carry out the mission Christ has entrusted to us at his Ascension. Help us to make disciples of all the nations. We ask this through Christ our Lord.