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<u>The Ascension of the Lord</u> Where the Head has gone before, the body is called to follow in hope.

Mass intentions this week

<u>Castleconnell</u> <u>6:30pm</u> <u>11th May</u> Tim Barrett (Month's Mind), Maurice O'Shea (Ann), Pat & Peggy O Brien (Ann).

<u>Castleconnell</u> <u>11:30am</u> <u>12th May</u>

Private Intention

Ahane 10:00am 12th May

Joan Kelly (Ann)

Mass intentions next week

Castleconnell 6:30pm 18th May

Peg Lynch (Ann), Paddy & Annie Meany and Michael Meany (Ann)

Castleconnell 11:30am 19th May

Sean & Breda Ryan (Ann)

Ahane <u>10:00am</u> <u>19th May</u>

Nóirín Harnett (Ann)

<u>Eucharistic Adoration</u> Every Thursday from 10am to 1pm. You are welcome to visit the Blessed Sacrament during these hours.

<u>Lay Led Liturgy</u> Every Monday, led by the Pastoral Council. All are welcome.

<u>Pray for the repose of the souls</u> of Sheila McElgunn, St Vincent's, Lisnagry and Ed Butler, Castleconnell, who died recently. May they rest in peace.

Money Matters Offertory collection €1,530. Many thanks for your support.

Mass Times

St Joseph's, Castleconnell:- Mon – Fri 09.30, Sat 18.30, Sun 11.30 St Patrick's, Ahane:- Sun 10.00. St Vincent's, Lisnagry:- Sat 16.00 Masses from St. Joseph's Church Castleconnell are being streamed for live viewing on our Webcam @ www.castleconnellparish.ie. Mass can also be heard on Radio 106.3 fm.

<u>First Holy Communion</u> – Congratulations to the children from Lisnagry NS who received their First Holy Communion this Saturday, May 11th. We look forward to Saturday 18th May when we join the children from Castleconnell NS as they receive their First Holy Communion.

<u>Adult Faith Formation – Summer Series</u> The second session of the summer series to discuss the significant issues which arose from the submissions to the Synod from the Scath na Sionnaine Pastoral Area will take place on Wednesday May 15th in the Killaloe Hotel & Spa from 8 to 9.15 pm. This week's session is titled **Women in the Church Today**, presented by Riona Browne, Pastoral Minister. All welcome.



<u>Ballyhoura Development</u> are inviting all community groups and community members to join together in Castleconnell Parish Hall on Wednesday May 15th at 7pm to begin the process of reviewing, revisiting and revitalising the Community Plan for Ahane, Castleconnell & Montpelier.

Killaloe-Ballina Local History Society will host their first public talk of 2024 on Wednesday 15th May at 7:30pm in the Lakeside Hotel, Killaloe. This will be delivered by John Phayer who will explore domestic and commercial turf cutting in Castleconnell, Co. Limerick and Newport, Co. Tipperary. Admission is free and all are welcome. For further details, contact killaloeballinalhs@gmail.com

<u>Safeguarding Month</u> May is Safeguarding month in the Diocese of Killaloe. Safeguarding seeks to be proactive, ensuring safe environments for all our ministries and covers both children and vulnerable adults. Education and training are key in keeping the safeguarding message current and not allowing complacency. We hold regular training and information sessions for all parish volunteers and Priests ministering to children and adults. You can find the 2024 training plan on the website www.killaloediocese.ie/safeguarding

Reflection

The Ascension does not point to Jesus' absence, but tells us that he is alive in our midst in a new way. He is no longer in a specific place in the world as he was before the Ascension. He is now in the lordship of God, present in every space and time, close to each one of us. In our life we are never alone: we have this Advocate who awaits us, who defends us. We are never alone: the Crucified and Risen Lord guides us. (Pope Francis)