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The Ascension of the Lord 'The Ascension of Christ means our own salvation as well; where the glorious Head has gone before, the body is called to follow in hope. Let us therefore exult, beloved, as is fitting, and let us rejoice in devout thanksgiving. For on this day not only have we been confirmed in our possession of paradise, but we have even entered heaven in the person of Christ; through his grace we have regained far more than we have lost through the devil's hatred.

Mass intentions this week

Castleconnell **6.30pm** **16th May**

Peg Lynch (Ann), Paddy & Annie Meany (Ann), Michael Meany (Ann), Maurice Spillane (Ann).

Ahane **10.00am** **17th May**

Joan Kelly (Ann).

Castleconnell **11.30** **17th May**

Ger & Doreen Malone (Ann), Tom Coffey (Ann).

Mass intentions next week

Castleconnell **6.30pm** **23rd May**

Dec. members of the Fitzgerald family, Ballyvarra, Michael (Hawley) Byrnes (Ann).

Ahane **10.00am** **24th May**

Catherine O'Connor, Ballyvarra, (Ann), Catherine Gleeson, Ballyvarra, (Ann).

Castleconnell **11.30** **24th May**

David & Carrie Clancy (Ann).

Community Led Liturgy Every Monday, led by the Pastoral Council. All are welcome.

Eucharistic Adoration Every Thursday from 10.30am to 1pm. You are welcome to visit the Blessed Sacrament during these hours.

Money Matters Offertory collection €1,430. Many thanks for your on-going generous support.



Pray for the repose of the souls of Derbhile de Paor, former Principal of Castleconnell School and Rose Porter-Quinlivan, St. Patrick's Villas, who were laid to rest this week. May they rest in peace.

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 106.3fm.

First Holy Communion Congratulations to the children of Castleconnell National School, who received their First Holy Communion this weekend. We extend our prayers and blessings to each of the children on this very special day in their lives.

SCS Killaloe Music Festival 2026 will take place across venues in Ballina and Killaloe from Wed, 27 May to Mon, 1 June. Enjoy an exciting programme of music and culture, including stunning evening and late night concerts in St. Flannan's Cathedral, featuring acclaimed national and international artists. Ticket information and the full programme details are available at killaloemusicfestival.com.

Vocations We currently have two seminarians, Mark Nestor (Ennis) and Brian Tuohy (Tulla) and one candidate preparing to enter to study for the Diocese of Killaloe. Please keep them in your prayers as we prepare for the Pentecost.

Annual Graveyard Masses

Stradbally Graveyard – Monday 8th June @ 7:30 pm

St. Joseph's Graveyard – Tuesday 9th June @ 7.30 pm

Killeenagarraff Graveyard – Wednesday 10th June @ 7.30 pm

Seating will not be provided but if you wish you may bring a folding chair

May – Mary's Month

The Catholic Church dedicates the entire month of May to the Blessed Virgin Mary, mother of God and spiritual mother to all. Mary knew and loved Jesus like no one else on earth – and she loves each of her children, human beings, with similar affection and tenderness. The Church, in its wisdom, asks her children to be especially devoted to Mother Mary during the month of May and to be particularly grateful for all of her care.

Mary, the most humble of all women, is a model for everyone, today in the here and now. Pope Francis called Mary "the first disciple of Jesus" and reminded us that "Mary is there, praying for us, praying for those who do not pray. Why? Because she is our mother. She shows us that heaven is within reach, if we too do not give in to sin, we praise God with humility, and we service others with generosity."

Mass Times

St Joseph's, Castleconnell:- Mon – Fri 10.00 am, Sat 6.30 pm, Sun 11.30 am.

St Patrick's, Ahane:- Sun 10.00 am.

St Vincent's, Lisnagry:- Sat 4.00 pm