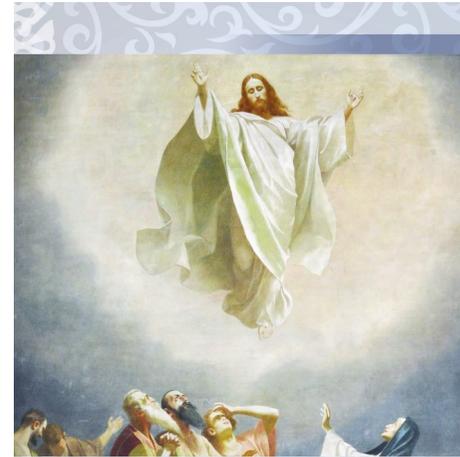




FOXROCK PARISH

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven. - Lk 24:51

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MASS INTENTIONS

11.30 Mass Sun 24th

- Elaine Kelly / Recently Deceased
- Baby Noah Crumlish / 4th Anv)
- Lawlor Family (Anvs)
- John & Mary Carroll (Anvs)
- George & Rosanna Martin (Anvs)
- Denis & Elizabeth Murphy (Anv)
- Margaret & Tony Burke (Anvs)
- Ann & Hugh Brady (Anvs)

Other anniversaries:

- Paddy Mc Mahon
- Stasio Jarosz
- Oonagh O' Flaherty

Recently Deceased

- Venerable Archdeacon Canon Ciarán Holahan
- Monsignor John Fitzpatrick
- John Fitzgerald
- Patricia Hill
- Chriss Benton
- Ciss Clifford
- May they rest in peace





May 24
Ascension of
the Lord

a command, but they're receiving the empowerment they need to move. "He...raised his hands, and blessed them." Even now, though the fulfilment of Pentecost is still to come, Jesus gives them a parting gift before he ascends into heaven. Finally, "They...returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God."

The disciples faced an unknown future. Their teacher had left them, and the political and religious authorities weren't exactly thrilled about Jesus and his growing movement. But the memory of our Father's redemptive love, the promise of the Holy Spirit, and the blessing of Christ sustained them. Jesus trusted them to act in his name. They could trust him in return. Do you face uncertainty in your own life? Remember, we are all called to be disciples and witnesses. We have received the indwelling of the Holy Spirit at our baptism. We are blessed by Christ beyond imagining in the sacraments. This Ascension feast, we too can trust in God! With this firm trust, we too can return to our daily lives, praising God with great joy!

What is the most common image you've seen of the Ascension? It's typically Jesus hovering above the earth surrounded by brilliant light. The Ascension is a beautiful feast, but it's about more than the distant glory of God. It's about the blessing of God and the transformative power of trust.

"You are witnesses to these things." Before he ascends, Jesus reminds the disciples of the basic message of the Gospel and of the disciples' own important role. They are to proclaim the Gospel message by their personal witness to the saving power of God. "I am sending the promise of my Father upon you...clothed with power from on high." Jesus promises to equip the disciples for this important mission. Not only are they receiving



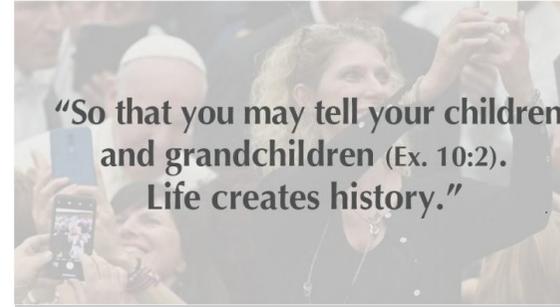
Pastoral Centre .

- Cheques sent to Fr Kieran Dunne PP, Foxrock Parochial House, Bray Road, D18
- Online payment—bank details from secretary@foxrockparish.ie
- Also check www.foxrockparish.ie for payment via website
- Payment can also be made via Dublin Archdiocese website.

Our parish is grateful for your continued support. Thank You

With no collections being taken up at present at Sunday Mass, it is very important that we continue to support our priests especially in these most difficult times. For Easter dues :

- Envelopes may be dropped in the letterbox at the entrance to the



**"So that you may tell your children and grandchildren (Ex. 10:2).
Life creates history."**



What is it?

World Communications Day was established by Pope Paul VI in 1967 as an annual celebration that encourages us to reflect on the opportunities and challenges that the modern means of social communication (the press, motions pictures, radio, television and the internet) afford the Church to communicate the gospel message.

Where did it come from?

The celebration came in the wake of the Second Vatican Council, which realised it must engage fully with the modern world. This realisation is expressed in the opening

statement of the Pastoral Constitution *Gaudium et spes* on "The Church in the Modern World", which says: "The joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anguishes of the people of our time, especially of those who are poor or afflicted in any way, are the joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anguishes of the followers of Christ as well."

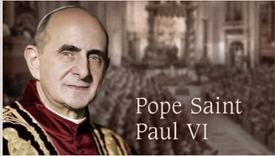
This years theme is from Exodus where the Lord tells Moses to go to the king to ask for release of the Israelites from captivity

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Mon 25	St Bede the Venerable, priest and doctor of the Church St Gregory VII ,pope St Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, virgin
Tues 27	St Philip Neri, priest
Wed 27	St Augustine of Canterbury, bishop
Fri 29	St Paul VI, pope

Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.

Mt 28:18-20



Pope Saint Paul VI

Giovanni Battista Montini whose feast we celebrate this week as Pope Saint Paul VI, was born near Brescia in northern Italy, .

After ordination in 1920, Giovanni did graduate studies in literature, philosophy, and canon law in Rome before he joined the Vatican Secretariat of State in 1924, where he worked for 30 years. He was also chaplain to the Federation of Italian Catholic University Students, where he met and became a very good friend of Aldo Moro, who eventually became prime minister. Moro was kidnapped by the Red Brigade in March 1978, and murdered two months later. A devastated Pope Paul VI presided at his funeral.

In 1954, Fr. Montini was named archbishop of Milan, where he sought to win disaffected workers back to the Catholic Church. He called himself the “archbishop of the workers” and visited factories regularly while overseeing the rebuilding of a local Church tremendously disrupted by World War II.

In 1958, Montini was the first of 23 cardinals named by Pope John XXIII, two months after the latter’s election as pope. Cardinal Montini helped in preparing Vatican II and participated enthusiastically in its first sessions. When he was elected pope in June 1963, he immediately decided to continue that Council, which had another three sessions before its conclusion on December 8, 1965. The day before Vatican II concluded, Paul VI and Patriarch Athenagoras revoked the excommunications that their predecessors had made in 1054. The pope worked very hard to ensure that bishops would approve the

Council’s 16 documents by overwhelming majorities.

Paul VI had stunned the world by visiting the Holy Land in January 1964, and meeting Athenagoras, the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople in person. The pope made eight more international trips, including one in 1965, to visit New York City and speak on behalf of peace before the United Nations General Assembly. He also visited India, Columbia, Uganda, and seven Asian countries during a 10-day tour in 1970.

Also in 1965, he instituted the World Synod of Bishops, and the next year decreed that bishops must offer their resignations on reaching age 75. In 1970, he decided that cardinals over 80 would no longer vote in papal conclaves or head the Holy See’s major offices.

He had increased the number of cardinals significantly, giving many countries their first cardinal. Eventually establishing diplomatic relations between the Holy See and 40 countries, he also instituted a permanent observer mission at the United Nations in 1964. Paul VI wrote seven encyclicals; his last one in 1968 on human life—*Humanae Vitae*—prohibited artificial birth control.

Pope Paul VI died at Castel Gandolfo on August 6, 1978, and was buried in St. Peter’s Basilica. He was beatified on October 19, 2014 and canonized on October 14, 2018.

Reflection

Saint Pope Paul’s greatest accomplishment was the completion and implementation of Vatican II. Its decisions about liturgy were the first ones noticed by most Catholics, but its other documents—especially the ones about ecumenism, interfaith relations, divine revelation, religious liberty, the Church’s self-understanding and the Church’s work with the entire human family—have become the Catholic Church’s road map since 1965.

Franciscan Media

FOXROCK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL REPORT OF MEETING 12.05.20

Foxrock Parish Pastoral Council met by Zoom on Tuesday 12th May.

We were saddened to hear of the death of Venerable Archdeacon Ciarán Holahan and expressed our condolences, recalling his long years of service to the parish. Due to the present situation, attendance at his funeral will be restricted to his family. However parishioners may wish to form a guard of honour after the funeral Mass on Friday 15th May at 10 a.m. or line the route along Kill Lane to Deansgrange cemetery – observing the social distancing arrangements. May he rest in peace.

Foxrock Parish Youth Club: Congratulations were extended to Paul Walsh and all who contributed to the success of the Youth Club who have reached the final of the UNESCO Young Environmentalist competition. Their excellent project, *Coining the Planet*, will be judged early next week and we hope as many parishioners as possible will go online to vote for them, as part of the judging is by public vote. We wish them every success.

Much of the meeting was devoted to planning for the re-opening of the Church when restrictions are eased on the 20th July. The Church which holds about 450 in normal usage, will be restricted to having a much smaller congregation, of possibly around 100, observing the social distancing arrangements. This will involve limiting the attendance at the usual Masses. Various ways of dealing with this situation will be looked at in the weeks ahead and communicated in due time. Meantime, much gratitude has been expressed to Fr. Kieran for the daily and Sunday celebration of the Eucharist by webcam; large numbers are very happy to avail of this service. Needless to say there has been great disappointment among families who were preparing for First Holy Communion and Confirmation, the celebration of which has had to be postponed. However some webcam celebrations to mark the conclusion of the year are being prepared. We wish all parishioners many graces and blessings as they cope with the present pandemic - keep safe and well.

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FIRST READING

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven.
(Acts 1:1-11)

PSALM

All people, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
(Ps 46:2-3.6-7.8-9)

SECOND READING

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of Glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him.
(Ep 1:17-23)

GOSPEL

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them.
(Mt 28:16-20)

