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May 9th/10th 2020 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

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During the Last Supper Jesus said to his disciples: I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. These words, which we hear in the gospel of today, are now addressed to us.

❖ First Reading: (Acts 6: 1-7)

We see the growth of the first Christian community, and how they sorted out in a peaceful and just manner the problems that inevitably arose.

❖ Second Reading: (1 Pet. 2: 4-9)

This describes the responsibility and special dignity of the members of the Christian community.

❖ Gospel: (John 14: 1-12)

Jesus consoles his friends who are distressed over his words that he is going away.

Reflection

For Jesus, to die was to return to the Father
From whom he had come

In other words, it was to go home

So it is with us. When we die

We do not so much go to God, as return to him.

Like homesick birds flying night and day, back to their mountain nests

Let all our life take its voyage to you, O Lord

For you have made us for yourself

And our hearts will never rest until they rest in you.

For the month of **May** the **Rosary** will be said at **8pm** in the Church and you can join in through the live stream.

Prayer in the Time of the Coronavirus written by Archbishop Michael Jackson (United Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough)

Almighty and All-loving God, Father, son and Holy Spirit, we pray to you through Christ the Healer for those who suffer from the Coronavirus Covid-19 in Ireland and across the world. We pray too for all who reach out to those who mourn the loss of each and every person who has died as a result of contracting the disease.

Give wisdom to policymakers, skill to healthcare professionals and researchers, comfort to everyone in distress and a sense of calm to us all in these days of uncertainty and distress.

This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord who showed compassion to the outcast, acceptance to the rejected and love to those to whom no love was shown. Amen

We will celebrate a special Mass on **Saturday next**
16th May at 11 am for all the children who were to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion here in the Church on that day.

❖ Pray for the souls of:

Tom O'Keeffe (husband of Betty C/k Meadows),
Patricia Thomas, Fr. Pat Guckian, Tony Dowling,
Michael Feely, James Kavanagh,
Shirley Hunt and Jacinta Enright

who died recently and all those who have died in Ireland.

❖ Remember also,

Patrick and Margaret Lacey, Patrick Kavanagh,
Enda Byrne, Josephine Rainey, Ted Smyth,
Eileen Bolster and Dr. John Dillon

whose anniversaries occur at this time and all those whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead.