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May 23rd/24th 2020 – The Ascension of the Lord

❖ The Ascension of the Lord

The resurrection, the ascension and the giving of the Spirit are part of the same event. Jesus emerges from the tomb, returns to the Father, and gives the Spirit. The meaning of this feast is expressed in the second reading: God has glorified Jesus, raising him above earthly powers, and making him Head of the Church, and Lord of creation.

❖ First Reading: (Acts 1:1-11)

This describes the ascension of Jesus into heaven, and his promise to send the Holy Spirit to his disciples.

❖ Second Reading: (Eph. 1:17-23)

Here Paul describes the meaning of the Ascension: God raised Jesus above earthly powers and made him Head of the Church and Lord of creation.

❖ Gospel: (Matt. 28: 16-20)

Jesus commissions the apostles to preach the gospel to all nations and promises to remain with them always.

Reflection – Returning to the Lord

We are born in exile and die there too

As soon as we set sail on the great voyage of life

We begin our return

We spend our lives dreaming

Of a homeland we have never seen

Like homing birds that are released in a strange country

So, it is with us

When we die, we do not so much go to God as to return to him

You have made us for yourself O Lord

And our hearts are restless until they rest in you.



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As we mark the feast of Pentecost at this time of the year; we celebrate the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. We thank you God for the generosity of the Irish people to Trócaire. We also give thanks for front line workers all over the world, including those in countries where Trócaire works, who are working against the odds to control the Corona Virus. We pray for all those who have been impacted by COVID-19 in Ireland and around the world.

Trócaire boxes can be left into the Parish Office Monday to Thursday from 10.30a.m. to 12noon. Thank you.

❖ Pray for the souls of:

Con Dennehy (*husband of Marie, Laurel Court*)

Alice Byrne,

Tom O'Keeffe

Joe Maher

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

❖ Remember also,

Tommy and Sally Cantwell, David Musgrave,

Pauline Murphy, Rosaleen McEvoy, Mary Haskins,

William Brophy, Sr. Attracta Devlin,

Charles and Peggy McCann, Katie Keegan,

Gretta Hennigan, Anna Bowens, and

James and Alice Madden (*Remembrance*).

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