

To the Heights

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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Year A

Hear



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Sunday Mass Readings

First Reading:

Acts 1:1-11

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 46(47): 2-3, 6-9

Second Reading:

Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel:

Matthew 28:16-20



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Scripture quote:

"Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations..."

Reflect



1. Where were the disciples going?
2. Why was there only 11 of them?
3. How did they react to seeing Jesus?
4. Does this story take place before or after Jesus' passion, death and resurrection? How do you know?
5. What mandate does Jesus give the apostles?
6. Where is His message to be spread?

Game Changers

The Catholic Church's Liturgical Calendar is crammed full of inspirational saints and heroes, or as we like to call them, **Game Changers!** Check them out on our web page!

- 22 May **St Rita of Cascia**
- 25 May St Gregory VII, Pope
- 26 May **St Philip Neri**
- 27 May St Augustine of Canterbury



CHECK IT OUT: MOUNT MELLERAY ABBEY



Mount Melleray Abbey is a community of Cistercian (Trappist) monks. The monastery is situated on the slopes of the Knockmealdown mountains in County Waterford, Ireland. Visit the beautiful grounds, or join the monks with their livestream on Facebook for Adoration and Liturgy of the Hours. Check the website for further information on daily timetable, Pilgrim Loop Walks, the Guesthouse, Coffee Shop, Thought for the Day. Mass is at 7:45am on weekdays and at 10:30am on Sundays



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TUNE OF THE WEEK



To the Ends of the Earth

Hillsong



WEEKLY CHALLENGE:

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Be my Witness (Fr Mike Schmitz)



Young Person's Prayer



Lord, you have asked me to be a witness to you in this world. No one else has the same set of circumstances and people in their lives as I do. No one else can reach people in the same way I can. Send your Holy Spirit to guide and direct my thoughts, words, actions and encounters this week. Amen!

Puzzle



FIND THE WORDS FROM TODAY'S GOSPEL IN THE WORDSEARCH BELOW

always
authority
baptise
commands
disciple
earth
eleven
end of time
Father
fell down
Galilee
go
heaven
Jesus
make
mountain
nations
observe
Spirit

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Pick one line from the gospel to reflect on this week!



NIGHTBIRD AUDITION: AGT



WHAT'S ON

Radio Maria Greenway Cycle Fundraiser: Saturday 17th June. 9.45am meeting in Dungarvan - Mass - Tea & Coffee - Leisure Cycle - Lunch - Return to Dungarvan 4pm finish. For more info contact Mary Hooton at 087 9870666 or Liz at promoter@radiomaria.ie

World Youth Day: The Diocese of Waterford & Lismore is inviting young people from the diocese aged 18 - 35 to join us on Pilgrimage to Lisbon for World Youth Day, 31 July - 8 August 2023. €895. **Limited spaces.** Join over a million young people from all over the world for an unforgettable experience! Zoom Info Session: Thurs 18th May at 7.30pm, Meeting ID 840 9562 5229 | Passcode WYD23 More info on www.waterfordlismore.ie/pilgrimages

Campa Mhuire Mháthair Catholic Summer Camps for Primary School Children: Ardmore and Tramore in July. (Also in Ballina, Killarney and Mitchelstown). Music, Action Songs, Arts & Crafts, Games, Prayer and a whole lot of fun! More info on <https://www.holyfamilymission.ie/campa-mhuire-mhathair/>





ACTS 1:1-11



You will be My Witnesses

In every age God raises up saints who best exemplify the virtues so needed in their day.

CHECK OUT WHAT CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH SAYS ABOUT THE ASCENSION OF JESUS CCC 659-664

WHAT CAN CAUSE A SUCCESSFUL TEAM TO START PLAYING POORLY?

WHAT STEPS DOES A GOOD COACH OR MANAGER TAKE IF HIS TEAM IS PLAYING POORLY?

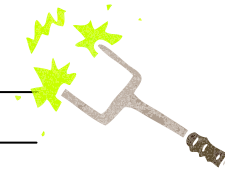


WATCH THIS VIDEO FROM FR MIKE SCHMITZ "BE MY WITNESS" AND REFLECT ON THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW



The Greek word for Witness is similar to what other word? _____

How do you respond to the story of the Chinese man tortured for his faith, who eventually lost his faith when he moved to America?



The Church needs witnesses in every age!

In 33AD when it looked like everything was over, what happened to the Church? Who were the key players Fr Mike mentioned?



500 years later, the Church grew big and fat and comfortable. It became corrupt and fell into disrepair. Who did God raise up to renew the Church?

These saints said, "if Jesus is who He says He is, then I am who _____. I want to be His _____, I want to _____ like Him and _____ like Him!"

400-500 years later again, the Church grew soft and comfortable. It fell into disrepair again. Who did God raise up to renew the Church in that time?



These saints said didn't just want to believe in Jesus, they wanted to b_____ to Him, live like Him and _____.

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A witness is someone with the courage to say: "I'm not going to be like everyone else, I'm going to be like _____".

YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES

ACTS 1:1-11

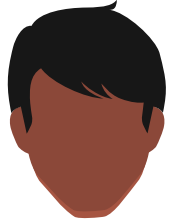
500 years later again, the Church is comfortable, and bloated the Church is falling into disrepair again. What will God do?



This is the Age of the M_____, of the men and women with the courage and the f_____ to look like Jesus and to live like Jesus.

Those people will be renewed by Jesus and they will _____ the Church. The _____ Church will _____ the world!

How do you feel about this mission? Do you see you as having a role to play?



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CREATE A PLAYLIST TO LISTEN TO AS YOU REFLECT ON BEING A WITNESS TO CHRIST



- Hillsong: To the Ends of the Earth
- Casting Crowns: Glorious Day
- Casting Crowns: Until the Whole World Hears
- Leeland: Follow You
- Fee: Send me out
- Kari Jobe: We Are
- Bethel Music: For the Sake of the World
- Chris McClarney: Send Me

Click the links for the YouTube videos to listen to some suggestions!



Why the Ascension Matters (Bishop Barron)



The Ascension (Catholic Kids Media)



You are my Witness in this Age



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IN FR MIKE'S "BE MY WITNESS" TALK, HE MENTIONS THE FOLLOWING SAINTS WHO RENEWED THE CHURCH IN THEIR GENERATION. CHOOSE ONE TO RESEARCH.



AUGUSTINE



BENEDICT



SCHOLASTICA



FRANCIS



DOMINIC



CLARE



CHARLES
BORROMEO



CATHERINE
OF SIENA



JOHN OF THE
CROSS



TERESA OF AVILA

NAME: _____

COUNTRY OF BIRTH: _____ YEAR OF BIRTH: _____

YEAR OF DEATH: _____ FEASTDAY: _____

PATRON SAINT OF: _____

CHALLENGES TO THE CHURCH AT THAT TIME: _____

HOW THEY RENEWED THE CHURCH: _____

FAMOUS QUOTE(S): _____

MY RESPONSE TO THIS SAINT'S LIFE: _____

**NOW RESEARCH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING SAINTS WHO LIVED CLOSER TO OUR TIMES:
HOW DID THEY LOOK LIKE JESUS, LIVE LIKE JESUS AND RENEW THE WORLD AROUND THEM?**



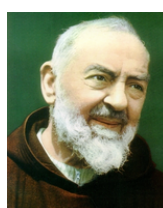
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