

Newsletter May 2025

Assumption Church Walkinstown



Dear parishioners,

A lot has happened since our last parish newsletter. Pope Francis has passed away on Easter Monday morning. It was touching to see his determination to wish everyone a Happy Easter and then to go one final time around St Peter's Sq to be with the people. He really did shake us up to be more attentive to the poor and marginalized as well as many other things he taught us. May we continue to follow his example. We had a special Holy Hour to pray for the repose of his soul on the following Saturday at 5pm. Please continue to pray for his soul and also to thank God for his ministry.



On Thursday May 8th our sadness turned to joy as a new pope was elected. Pope Leo XIV was a surprise to everyone as an American Cardinal was not expected to be chosen. But Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost was chosen and after his first weekend as pope he seems to be settling in really well. When introduced on the balcony of St Peter's he looked quite emotional. His first message was powerful, drawing our attention to the Risen Lord and his words of peace to his disciples. While he is his own man he will carry on Pope Francis' work for the good of Humanity and the Church. Let us keep him especially in our prayers calling on the Holy Spirit often during our day to help him and guide him in his ministry which can't be easy.

God bless you all and enjoy the sunny weather, Fr Paul



Our Lady, Undoer of Knots

May is the month of Mary. Of course, as Jesus always honoured his mother, so do Christians but, by long tradition, May is especially dedicated to her. Our dearly departed Pope Francis was known to be devoted to Mary, with a particular devotion to her as Our Lady, Undoer of Knots.

The concept of Mary untying knots is derived from a work by St. Irenaeus, written around the year 180 in which he compares Eve and Mary:

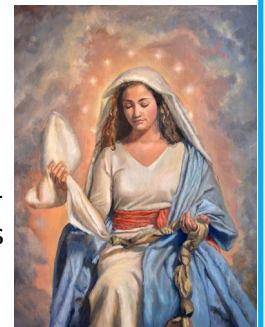
The knot of Eve's disobedience was loosed by the obedience of Mary. For what the virgin Eve had bound fast through unbelief, this did the virgin Mary set free through faith.

While already one of the Church Fathers, it is interesting to note that St. Irenaeus was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Francis in 2022.

Pope Francis was introduced to the devotion long before he was elected to the papacy by a nun who sent him a card at Christmas. The image on the card was a reproduction of a painting of Mary, entitled *Untier of Knots*, from 1700, housed in St. Peter's Church in Augsburg, Germany. Even since Francis has sought to spread devotion to Mary as the Undoer of Knots.

This is his prayer:

Holy Mary, full of God's presence during the day of your life, you accepted with full humility the Father's will, and the devil was never capable of tying you up with his confusion. Once with your Son, you interceded for our difficulties, and full of kindness and patience, you gave us example of how to untie the knots in our life.



Mass Times

Monday — Friday 10am

Saturday - 6pm (Vigil Mass)

Sunday- 11:30am

Holy Days –Mass at 10am

Vigil Mass 7pm previous evening.

Confessions before weekend masses or on request.

Adoration takes place every Thursday morning after 10am Mass in the Church. All are welcome.



Rosary

We say the rosary every morning from 9.30am until Mass at 10am. You are all welcome to come and join in.

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Baptisms are the **3rd** Sunday of every month. If you would like to book a baptism please contact the **Parish Office: 01-4502649.**
Mon - Fri 9.30am– 1130am.

Out of hours please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

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In Memory



We remember our parishioners who have passed away recently especially, Carmel Byrne late of St Mary's Crescent, Teresa Ward late of Bunting Rd and Jimmy Stewart late of Walkinstown Rd. We will continue to keep them and their families in our prayers.

We would like to welcome who was baptised recently. May God look over her.



Sunday Gospel Reflection



Lectio Divina continues in the church every Friday after the 10.00 o'clock Mass. You are very welcome to drop in and check us out – you might like it! If you'd like some information before-hand call John 087 615 7795.

Ready or Not: The Great Sunday



The sole purpose of Lent is to bring us into a closer relationship with Jesus and a fuller understanding of the meaning of his life, passion, death, and resurrection. It prepares us for the greatest and most important feast in the life of the Church – the Great Sunday. Easter! It is the reason the Church is alive to celebrate. To paraphrase St. Paul, without it our faith is useless and we are all frauds. Without the historical event of the resurrection of Jesus we might, just might, have a story of a good man whose teachings so challenged society that they condemned him to a horrible death and put an end to him. But you cannot end someone who rises from the dead! Faced with that you have two choices: denial or acceptance that everything he taught is true.

This is why the great saint, John Chrysostom, in his resurrection homily more than 1,600 years ago, commanded us:

Come you all: enter into the joy of your Lord. You the first and you the last, receive alike your reward, you rich and you poor, dance together; you sober and you weaklings, celebrate the day; you who have kept the fast and you who have not, rejoice today.

Clare Crockett wasn't ready when she kissed the cross on that Good Friday, but her life was changed forever. Ready or not, worthy or not, every time you love, hope, forgive, or even fall to temptation but try again, you show that you are a resurrection person. Nothing can destroy you! Just as Easter is the Great Sunday, every Sunday is a little Easter. And for the true Christian, every day should be lived joyfully in the close company of our Risen Lord.