

Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

Newsletter for 17th May 2020 – 6th Sunday of Easter

NEXT THURSDAY we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord.

Lately Dead: We keep in prayer all who have died recently especially Liz Foley

From the archives – How times have changed

The following is taken from a school Log book for the BOYS School in April 1869

Report of H.M. Inspector

“The failures are fewer this year and the general tone of the instruction of the school is much improved. A newly certificated Master who has been here a few weeks, is doing his best to render it efficient. I am glad that there is some prospect of an enlargement of the room in which the boys are taught. Vouchers should be produced with the account books of the School and should be kept, as far as possible separate from those of any other establishment that the Managers may happen to superintend. The offices should be furnished with doors” **Richard Cardwell.**

The log then reads

Monday 19 th	I have allowed some of the best writers in the 3 rd Standard to write on paper, and intend to make them all get Copy Books
Tuesday 20 th	Punished several for coming late on ascertaining that they played in the street
Wednesday 21 st	Notice a great improvement in the III and IV standards more especially in the subject of Arithmetic. Sent for absentees and find that two were playing truant. Home Lessons were remarkably well done for today.
Thursday 22 nd	The attendance at school is very much improved. No present today was 78

Friday 23rd	Allowed children to play for half an hour in the playground.
Monday 26th	The Manager treated the whole of the children with oranges The attendance today was not as good as usual. Rev F Noble visited the School
Tuesday 27th	Attendance, morning 71, afternoon 82
Wednesday 28th	The IVth Standard were advanced to Compound subtraction (Money)
Thursday 29th	A decided improvement is to be seen in the handwriting of those who write on paper. The IV, V & VI standards especially are taking pride in neat and careful writing.
Friday 30th	The Home Lessons continue to be carefully performed
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Monday 3rd	I gave explanatory Reading Lessons to IV, V and VI standards combined.
Tuesday 4th	The IVth standard boys were advanced to Compound Multiplication (Money).
Wednesday 5th	The III standard began today simple division by one figure. Ascension Day (Holiday)
Thursday 6th	Attendance was not so good as usual. Absentees enquired after
Friday 7th	
Monday 10th	I notice an improvement in Reading in the First Standard.
Tuesday 11th	Manager Rev R Cardwell visited the school
Wednesday 12th	The second standard do not make as much improvement in writing as I should like, but their reading is very satisfactory Home Lessons were not well "got up" for the morning. 15 given to instruction in discipline.
Thursday 13th	Attendance today was very poor. I attribute this to the approach of Whitsuntide. School breaks up for Whitsun Holiday
Friday 14th	