

Church of Our Mother of Divine Grace, Ballygall Parish

Part of the Glasnevin Grouping of Parishes
(Glasnevin, Iona Rd, Corpus Christi, Ballymun Rd & Ballygall)

Sunday, 1st March 2020 – First Sunday in Lent.

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Monday 2 nd March to Sunday 8 th March 2020				
Monday	7.25	Pat Durnin.	10.00	Liturgy of the Word Time for Reflection & Prayer (led by Parishioners)
Tuesday	7.25	Deceased members of the Murphy & Watkins Families.	10.00	Frank & Kathleen Waters.
Wednesday	7.25	Pat Durnin	10.00	Tony & Dympna Grace
Thursday	7.25	Special Intention	10.00	Carmel Moore
Friday	7.25	Altar List of the Dead	10.00	Altar List of the Dead.
Saturday	10.00	Robert Griffin	Confessions available after 10.00am & 6.30pm Mass.	
	6.30pm	Philip Vaughan, Margaret Walsh, Deceased members of the Griffin & Cirillo Families, Margaret & Patrick Carroll, Charles Malone.		
Sunday	10.00	Ricky Byrne.		
	11.30	Tony Clancy, Kathleen Hanratty		

Recently Deceased

We remember in our prayers the family and friends of recently deceased Mary Sweeney, late of Cedarwood Green & Anne Power, late of St. Canice's Road & Henry Dempsey, late of Ferndale Avenue.

Weekday Prayer/Mass

During Lent you are invited to pray with us at Mass, 7.25am Mon – Fri & at 10.00am Tue – Sat. Each Monday at 10am we will have a Liturgy of the Word with time for reflection and prayer. (Some parishioners have been trained in leading prayer, and for the six Mondays of Lent, starting on Monday March 2nd will lead this Liturgy of the Word).

Trocaire Boxes

Boxes are available for collection at all exits to the church.

Coronavirus HSE update

We have watched and heard much about Covid-19 known as Coronavirus. As it seems to be moving closer to Ireland a good source of information online is www.gov.ie/health-covid-19 or www.hse.ie. These are updated frequently and provide sound advice.

Here in Ballygall – what can we do?

As with all Flus and illnesses we are always advised to use common sense. If we get the flu, the best advice is to stay at home away from the general public, be it in church, school or work.

(Remember! The obligation to attend Mass does not apply when one is sick).

HSE Advice: The most important action we can take to protect ourselves from Covid-19 (Coronavirus) is regular hand-washing and good respiratory hygiene i.e. Cover mouth and nose when coughing/sneezing, discard tissue into a closed bin. Some people enquire about the sign of peace and reception of Holy Communion on the tongue. Common sense should always prevail. Because COVID-19 is a new disease the HSE website suggests that a smile, bow or a nod is sufficient, that Holy communion should be distributed into the hand only and that the use of holy water fonts be avoided. A person with a flu should be at home away from others.

Remember, the flu poses a greater risk to life in Ireland than Covid-19 (Coronavirus). If you get the virus, your healthcare professional will advise treatment based on your symptoms.

See posters at all exits for more details.

Lent

During Lent we are all encouraged to take time to pray and to reflect on God's Word and the challenges facing us as a Christian community. There are many ways we respond. Below are some suggestions.

Lenten Talks

As a grouping of parishes, a series of talks “**The Church in Ireland: A Vision for the Future**” will take place in the Margaret Aylward Centre for Faith and Dialogue in the grounds of the Holy Faith Convent, Glasnevin Hill from 7.30-8.30pm On Wednesday 11th, 18th, 25th March & 1st April. More details to follow.

In Glasnevin Church during Lent: **Lectio Divina** (reflective reading of the Gospel texts) for the Sundays of Lent. This will take place each Tuesday in Lent at 7.15pm beginning Tuesday 25th February.

Lenten Book Club, begins Thursday 5th March, at 7.30pm. Participants will be given a copy of the Lenten Book ‘Finding God in a Leaf’ by Fr. Brian Grogan S.J. Those who take part are invited to read the book and meet again Thursday 19th March to discuss the book.

Sr. Therese Fitzgerald will lead guided reading of Scripture texts sessions after 10am weekday Mass on Tuesdays during March exploring the biblical theme of Exodus and its connection with the Jewish celebration of Passover and the Christian celebration of Easter.

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration takes place this week on Tue & Fri from 8.45am to 9.45am and Wednesday from 2-4pm