

## 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, 22<sup>nd</sup> March Fourth Sunday in Lent.**

Parish Website [www.ballygallparish.ie](http://www.ballygallparish.ie)

### Parish Team

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### Covid-19 Response.

Dear Parishioners (of the Glasnevin Grouping), as you are aware, we are all still coming to terms with the presence of the Covid-19 virus in our community and the threat it poses to public health and social and business life.

The clergy of the Glasnevin Grouping have decided that in the interest of the health and safety of parishioners, parish staff and volunteers and clergy, we are no longer in a position to provide the public celebration of Mass in our churches at weekends or on weekdays.

Mass will be celebrated each weekday morning behind closed doors in Ballygall church, and each evening in St. Alphonsus Monastery. Parishioners can participate in either of these Masses from home via the webcam at 10.00am in Ballygall ([www.ballygallparish.ie](http://www.ballygallparish.ie)) and at 5.45pm in St. Alphonsus Monastery ([www.rednuns.com](http://www.rednuns.com)).

For the benefit of parishioners who do not have access to the internet, RTÉ will air Mass every weekday on TV at 10.30am from St Eunan's and St Columba's Cathedral, Letterkenny, on RTÉ News Now. RTÉ News Now can be accessed on Saorview (channel 21), Sky (521), Virgin Media (200), Eir (517) as well as via the RTÉ Player, and the RTÉ News Now app.

At weekends, parishioners can follow Mass from their home on the webcam from Ballygall ([www.ballygallparish.ie](http://www.ballygallparish.ie)) on Saturday at 6.30pm, St. Alphonsus Monastery ([www.rednuns.com](http://www.rednuns.com)) on Sunday at 9.30am and Iona Road ([www.ionaroadparish.ie](http://www.ionaroadparish.ie)) on Sunday at 11.00am. Alternatively they can follow Mass on RTE radio or television.

The Churches in the Glasnevin Grouping will remain open for private prayer from Monday-Saturday.

A special Holy Hour, including Eucharistic adoration, music and reflections, led by priests or lay ministers from the Glasnevin Grouping, will be broadcast each Wednesday evening from Ballygall church via the webcam ([www.ballygallparish.ie](http://www.ballygallparish.ie)) All parish meetings are cancelled until further notice.

Not being able to unite together in our churches for the celebration of the Eucharist is a real deprivation for all of us. Perhaps we can view it as our Lenten fast. Unable to receive the Eucharist for the time being, we still share a 'spiritual communion' with Christ and with one another by assisting at Mass via the webcam or on television. It is also an opportunity to pray for those affected by the Covid-19 virus and for all the health care workers who are working flat out to care for those who are sick.

We remain available to assist parishioners at all times, and parish offices can be contacted during normal office hours by telephone or email. The priests of the Glasnevin Grouping hold all our parishioners in our prayers at this difficult time, and we ask that you remember us and our parish teams in your prayers too.

### COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818 222 024. Hours may be extended to meet the demand.

### Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord.



**Our Church will remain open,  
Monday to Saturday from  
11.00am to 5.00pm for private  
prayer only, Masses will be  
broadcast on our web cam  
through our website  
[www.ballygallchurch.ie](http://www.ballygallchurch.ie)**

**Please note that our office will  
remain open, from 10.00 to  
1.00 however contact can only  
be made via phone (01  
8369291) and email  
[ballygallparish@outlook.com](mailto:ballygallparish@outlook.com)**



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Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March to Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2020		
All our weekday 10.00am mass will be broadcast from our website <a href="http://www.ballygallparish.ie">www.ballygallparish.ie</a> (Mass is also broadcast on <a href="http://www.rednuns.com">www.rednuns.com</a> Monday to Friday at 5.45pm)		
Monday	10.00	Joan Doyle
Tuesday	10.00	Thomas Doyle, Margaret Downey
Wednesday	10.00	John Byrne, Liam & Betty Hanlon
	7.30pm	Holy Hour
Thursday	10.00	Patricia Collins & Brenda Collins, Catherine Doyle
Friday	10.00	Rita & Bernard Kavanagh.
Saturday	10.00	Molly Doyle
	6.30pm	<p><b><u>Months Mind Remembrance Mass</u></b>            Eveleen Quinlan, Donald (Donie) Duff, Thomas Hogan, Daniel O'Sullivan, Dorothy Burke, Joan McGrath, Helen Thompson, Mary Sweeney, Anne Power, Henry Dempsey</p> <p><b><u>Sunday Mass intentions.</u></b>            John Maleady, Michael Keogh, Patricia &amp; Brenda Collins. Philip &amp; Mary O'Connell &amp; sons, Joseph Richard and Vincent.</p> <p>This mass will be broadcast from our website <a href="http://www.ballygallparish.ie">www.ballygallparish.ie</a></p>
Sunday	9.30am	Mass will be available on website. ( <a href="http://www.rednuns.com">www.rednuns.com</a> ).
	11.00	Mass from Iona Road – Web service only <a href="http://www.ionaroadparish.ie">www.ionaroadparish.ie</a> .

**Mass intentions for both weekday Masses will be included in our 10am mass each morning and all weekend intentions will be included at our Saturday Vigil Mass.**

### Funeral Masses

As our 10 o'clock Mass is being broadcast for parishioners viewing online if, as no doubt we will, our funerals will be celebrated at 11 o'clock. In line with current HSE regulations only family and close relatives are recommended to attend. Under 100 and social distancing etc.

### Month's Mind Mass next Saturday

Candles will be lit on your behalf and can be collected during the week.

### Church Opening

As was mentioned earlier the church will open after the broadcast Mass. 11 o'clock approx.. Because of this the early morning Eucharistic Adoration is being postponed. Hopefully the Wednesday afternoon adoration will continue from 2-4pm as normal. We remind parishioners at all times to keep the Social Distancing regulations. For this purpose, we have partitioned every second row in the main aisle. This does not mean that we sit beside our friend or neighbour in the church or indeed outside.

### Finances

Already we have seen a reduction in the church collections here in Ballygall. We had intended last week in providing boxes for the Common fund (Priests) and Share (diocesan) collections but events overtook us and Weekend Masses had to be cancelled. Two boxes are being left near the Baptismal Font if you are in a position to support these collections. The Family offering which is the main way of supporting the parish also took a hit last week. We suggest leaving them in the secure letter box at the entrance to the parish office or setting up a 'Standing Order' account with the parish.

### Baptisms

Baptisms are permitted to go ahead in the current climate. However, it is being suggested that they would be celebrated at a staggered time and that only the parents, godparents and naturally, baby attend. Families will be contacted regarding the ceremony.

### Holy Hour

A "Virtual" Holy hour will take place on Wednesday evening at 7.30pm. This will take place broadcast from our church and can be viewed on the parish website.

### Prayer online

By now many of you have made a greater use of the internet either to view the Mass broadcast from Ballygall or our sister parish in Iona Road. There is a great resource out there and some suggestions were given to us. Some you may be well familiar with others may be new. Here are a few suggestions:

[www.sacredspace.ie](http://www.sacredspace.ie) – This is a ministry of the Irish Jesuits.

[www.taize.fr/en](http://www.taize.fr/en) - Website of an international, ecumenical community founded in 1940 by Br. Roger.

<https://us.magnificat.net/> - Magnificat - During this challenging time, many of the faithful may be unable to attend Mass. Magnificat is honoured to provide complimentary access to our online version to help people pray from home. (American edition).

<https://universalis.com/> - gives an online version of the daily Mass readings and the Liturgy of the hours. (Morning and Evening prayer being the hinges of the Churches prayer life).

[www.catholicbishops.ie/](http://www.catholicbishops.ie/) - The website of the Irish Catholic Bishops Conference. This site provides some prayers and updates on the Irish Bishops response to COVID – 19.

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