

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, 29th March – Fifth Sunday in Lent.

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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 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818222024.

ACCORD Dublin has unfortunately had to cancel all their sacramental marriage preparation courses from now until the end of July of this year. They will put on extra courses in the autumn.

Easter Cards; Sympathy Cards and Mass Bouquets.

If you would like to purchase some Easter Cards or Mass Cards, they will be available on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon from 2.30 to 4.00pm only. Please note that we will be selling Easter Cards in packs of 6 for €10 (assorted cards) and Sympathy /Mass Bouquets Cards in packs of 4 (€10) again these will be an assortment. We would ask you to bring the exact amount as we are unable to facilitate the handling of coin or change. All Sympathy mass cards purchased will be offered for Donors intentions and included in our First Friday masses for the Altar list of the Dead and All Mass Bouquets will be prayed for on Easter Sunday.

We would also like to remind you to follow the HSE guidelines for social distancing.

Holy Week Ceremonies

Next Sunday will be Palm Sunday (4/5 April). Mass will be broadcast here from Ballygall at 6.30pm. From a safety point of view and the danger of cross-contamination there will be no palms available this year.

The Holy Week ceremonies are yet being decided upon but again they will be limited in their content and venue. As we have webcam here in Ballygall and also in Iona Road Church a reduced service will be provided in these churches that can be viewed online. More about this during the week.

Common Fund & Share Fund

In 2019 the Dublin Diocese contracted with Payzone, a company owned by AIB and Ireland's largest online payments processor, to have Payzone's Easypayments installed on the Diocesan website to facilitate online donations. If you would like to make a donation to the Common or Share fund please visit their website www.dublindiocese.ie. Our thanks to parishioners who are supporting the common fund and Share through the boxes here in the church.

Monday 30 th March to Sunday 5 th April 2020		
Monday	10.00	Jonnie Smith
Tuesday	10.00	Special Intention
Wednesday	10.00	Ned & May Dunphy
	7.30pm	Holy Hour Available only on the Webcam www.ballygallparish.ie
Thursday	10.00	Michael & Catherine Smith & deceased family members.
Friday	10.00	First Friday Altar List of the Dead.
Saturday	10.00	Margaret Young
	6.30pm	Vigil Mass for PALM SUNDAY Eileen, Jack & Patricia Chaney, Seamus Creamer, Mick Quinlan, Peter & Ena Mahon, Mary & Michael Deery, Maureen Lyons, Patrick Brady. This mass will be broadcast from our website www.ballygallparish.ie
Sunday	9.30am	Mass will be available on website. (www.rednuns.com).
	11.00	Mass from Iona Road – Web service only www.ionaroadparish.ie .

Covid 19 Response Mass Broadcast

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) and at 5.45pm in St. Alphonsus Monastery (www.rednuns.com).

At weekends, parishioners can follow Mass from their home on the webcam from **Ballygall** (www.ballygallparish.ie) on **Saturday at 6.30pm**,

St. Alphonsus Monastery (www.rednuns.com) on **Sunday at 9.30am** and **Iona Road** (www.ionaroadparish.ie) on **Sunday at 11.00am**.

Alternatively, they can follow Mass on RTE radio or RTE News Now.

The Churches in the Glasnevin Grouping will remain open for private prayer from Monday-Saturday. **Our church will remain open on these days from 10.30 to 5.00pm**

Holy Hour

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)

Please note our office remains open but contact strictly by phone or email.

Email from Archbishop's House FURTHER ADVICE ON CORONAVIRUS SITUATION

Saturday 28 March 2020

1. The new norms require that **all** people over 70 or those who are particularly vulnerable be shielded or “cocooned”. This applies immediately to priests, deacons and all religious and lay staff of parishes. These categories must remain indoors at all times for the coming two weeks.

I would ask that each deanery coordinate back-up services for those who find themselves in this situation and ensure that they receive moral support and to see that their needs are met.

2. Others are urgently required to stay at home except in particular and determined situations.

3. **Should Churches remain open? There is no problem with Churches remaining open if they can guarantee social spacing and hygiene. In the current situation most Churches are not in a position to ensure that surfaces would be cleaned regularly and in that situation, it is best to close the church**

4. Funerals: the government guidance to me at this point is that the arrangements hitherto in place continue: funerals with small attendance and safe distancing. Further guidance will come on Monday.

5. Funerals of those who die from the virus. When someone dies from the virus the public health authorities will have carried out a thorough search of everyone who had close contact with them and these people will be in isolation. They will not be at the funeral. Indeed such funerals would probably be among the safest.

6. There is no reason why webcam Masses should not continue. Indeed web-based simple pastoral services should be enhanced. They could be used for talks and messages to inspire encouragement, hope and prayerfulness and not just liturgical services

7. Is the work of clergy and pastoral workers considered “essential”? At the moment, I am assured that they are included in the category “social care” in the provisional list. It is the intention of the authorities to make more specific reference to clergy and pastoral in the definitive list that may not be available until Monday.

+Diarmuid Martin

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With this in mind we have had to make the decision to close our church for the foreseeable future.

It has been difficult to keep all points of contact in the church clean. We have been cleaning during the week and thank you to those who helped out. However, as we have carpet and with the footfall in our church and the difficulties in cleaning this to sanitary level in light of recent events and the instructions from Government we feel it is safer for the people of our parish and grouping to have the church closed.

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Parish Office will be unattended however messages will be answered as soon as possible. For assistance ring Fr. Joseph 8573776/ Fr Harry 8342248 or by email. ballygallparish@outlook.com