

**Church of Our Mother of Divine Grace, Ballygall**  
**Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020 Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May to Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

<b>Mon</b>	<b>10.00</b>	Sharon Lynch <a href="http://www.ballygallparish.ie">www.ballygallparish.ie</a>
<b>Tues</b>	10.00	Sheila Cullen <a href="http://www.ballygallparish.ie">www.ballygallparish.ie</a>
<b>Wed</b>	10.00	Available <a href="http://www.ballygallparish.ie">www.ballygallparish.ie</a>
	7.30pm	<b>Eucharistic Holy Hour</b> Spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament, ends with Benediction. <a href="http://www.ballygallparish.ie">www.ballygallparish.ie</a>
<b>Thurs</b>	10.00	Christopher & Bridget O'Donohoe <a href="http://www.ballygallparish.ie">www.ballygallparish.ie</a>
<b>Fri</b>	10.00	Available <a href="http://www.ballygallparish.ie">www.ballygallparish.ie</a>
<b>Sat</b>	10.00	Available <a href="http://www.ballygallparish.ie">www.ballygallparish.ie</a>
	6.30 pm	Vanessa Burke, Patrick & Bridget Butler, Joe & Ena Quinn, Tony John and Mary Waters, John & Angela Cooke, Eddie & Margaret Manning. <a href="http://www.ballygallparish.ie">www.ballygallparish.ie</a>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>9.30</b>	Mass will be available on website. ( <a href="http://www.rednuns.com">www.rednuns.com</a> ).
	<b>11.00</b>	Mass from Iona Road – Web service only <a href="http://www.ionaroadparish.ie">www.ionaroadparish.ie</a>

**Recently Deceased**

We remember in our thoughts and prayers the family and friends of recently deceased, Margaret Hunter, Anthony O'Connor & Eugene Farrelly & Fr. Pat Guckian.

**Copies of the newsletter**

We have been leaving out copies of the Sunday missalette and newsletters outside the front door of the church. Our thanks to those who are collecting copies and leaving them to elderly neighbours that are staying safe by staying at home. This is a wonderful way of keeping them in touch with our church especially for those without internet. Keep an eye out for them in these difficult times!

**Easter Donations**

Our thanks to those who have been leaving in Easter donation envelopes over the past few weeks. We have updated our donation link on the parish website which is a great way to support the maintenance of the parish. Thank you for your support.

People are also leaving in the family offering envelopes and some are donating for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> collections directly to the presbytery on St. Canice's road. Your generosity is not only appreciated but is very encouraging in these difficult times.

**Bank Holiday**

Mass will be broadcast from Ballygall church at 10am this Monday (as throughout the week). We look forward to your company and hope it will be a pleasant weekend for you and your families.

**Give Blood**

During the Covid-19 emergency, patients still require blood. To ensure donor and staff safety during this time, we have put a number of measures in place. All clinics are now by appointment to ensure social distancing and donor safety. While some surgery and outpatient activities are postponed, the treatment and care for cancer, child birth, trauma and many other life threatening conditions will continue. D'Olier Street centre is operating a daily weekday service. See [www.giveblood.ie](http://www.giveblood.ie) for more details.

**Eucharistic Holy Hour**

Each Wednesday we broadcast an hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and conclude with Benediction. You are welcome to join us for some or indeed the full hour on Wednesday evening from 7.30 – 8.30pm here from Ballygall church.

**May – Month of the Rosary**

It seems that we will not be moving far from our homes during the month of May. Perhaps you might like to set up a May Altar at home and gather with family or on your own each day and recite the rosary. Pope Francis has asked that, during the Month of May, the Rosary should be recited in the Church right across the World in the context of the coronavirus and its effects. In our Grouping of parishes it is hoped to broadcast the rosary each day during May. Details have yet to be confirmed but we will keep you posted after our daily masses as to the location and time. Here in Ballygall we have the beautiful Statue of Our Lady and the child Jesus in the grounds of the church. People have been gathering to pray before this statue and we encourage this once the physical distance is being adhered to.

**May – Month of First Holy Communion**

As we have mentioned in past newsletters, our celebrations of First Holy Communion for the children in our parish schools, are being postponed to a later date. We encourage you to keep all our children in your prayers as they face the disappointment of not being able to receive Jesus in Holy Communion over the next few weeks or even months.

**Funeral arrangements**

There still seems to be confusion about funeral arrangements, despite the very clear guidance from the healthcare authorities. Restricted funeral services or Masses may be held in Churches for those who die in these days, including those who died from the Covid-19 virus. This is current diocesan policy.

In many cases the Funeral Mass is also being live streamed so that a wider range of relatives and friends can join, even in different parts of the world.

Where possible people might line the streets, respecting social distancing, or stand at the doors of their houses as a local funeral passes by. This is a tribute to the deceased and a comfort to the bereaved. I draw your attention to an article in the Irish Independent, sponsored by the Irish Association of Funeral Directors: *“Among the biggest disruptions to normal life in the current crisis are the changes to the funeral rituals that are ingrained in our culture. Official guidelines mean that **funeral Masses and services in Ireland are now private and restricted to a maximum of 10 immediate relatives, with social distancing being enforced at all times.**”*