

Church of Our Mother of Divine Grace, Ballygall

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

Sunday, 30th August 2020: 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Parish Website www.ballygallparish.ie

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Monday 24th to Sunday 30th August.

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| Mon | 10.00 | Thomas & Margaret Ryan |
| Tues | 10.00 | Olive Aulnette |
| Wed | 10.00 | Maria Conlon-O'Connor |
| Thurs | 10.00 | Kathleen McGrath |
| Fri | 10.00 | Altar List of the Dead – First Friday of September. |
| Sat | 10.00 | Paul McGrath |
| | 6.30 pm | Bill Gale, Noel Watkins, Brian & Claire Petherbridge |
| Sun | 9.30 | Broadcast Mass from Redemptoristine Monastery (www.rednuns.com). |
| | 10.00 | John Bourne, John Toal, Amanda and Marie Fields, Thomas and Bridget Walsh & deceased family. |
| | Please note that our 11.30am Mass has not resumed for the moment. | |
| | 11.00 | Broadcast Mass from Iona Road www.ionaroadparish.ie. |
| | 12.00 & 6.30pm | Broadcast Mass from Our Lady of Dolours www.glasnevinparish.ie |

Recently Deceased

We remember in our prayers the family & friends of recently deceased, Catherine McMahon, late of Hillcrest Park and Monsignor Seamus Conway, late of Booterstown Parish.

Schools Re-opening

With all schools in the parish now opened this week and nearly all the students back we ask you to keep the teachers, children and their families in your prayers.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage 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, 8.00am – 8.00pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

New Church Deacons Ordained

The Dublin Diocese this week celebrated the ordination of seven new Deacons in Aughrim Street, Brackenstown and Saggart. We pray for them all and we look forward to them visiting our parish.

Church Opening

For the moment the obligation to attend Sunday Mass still does not apply.

The church is open for private prayer from 12.00 to 6.00pm (approx.) daily. On Saturday evenings the church will close at 5.30pm to facilitate preparation for Mass.

We have to ensure that the experience of coming to mass is a safe one for everybody.

We ask you please to follow the instructions of our stewards, to hand sanitise (please remove gloves first), both entering and leaving the church, filling from the front seats first and sitting behind the yellow signs.

As the church is nearing full capacity, we cannot pick the seats that suit us. Please stay in your place during Mass and maintain adequate social distance.

We have to ask you to refrain from staying behind for private prayer once mass is over and to leave the church as directed by the stewards.

The church will be opened for private prayer as soon as it is cleaned after mass.

The Parish Office and Sacristy are still unavailable to the public, as are our Toilet facilities. To book a mass, purchase Mass cards, other Religious Objects and magazines, (St. Martin/The Messenger) please contact the parish office by phone or email. 01 8369291 or ballygallparish@outlook.ie.

We have to adhere strictly to HSE guidelines & restrictions. We want to ensure that we continue to celebrate Mass together. We are delighted to have you back and we don't want to do anything to jeopardise this.

A Prayer for Those Living Alone.

I live alone, dear Lord, stay by my side,
In all my daily needs be my guide.

Grant me good health, for that I pray,
To carry on my work from day to day.

Keep pure my mind, my thoughts, my
every deed, Let me be kind and
unselfish in my neighbour's need.

Spare me from fire, from flood and
Malicious tongues,
From thieves, from fear, and evil ones.

If sickness or an accident befall,
Then humbly, Lord, I pray, hear my call.

And when I'm feeling low, or in despair,
Lift up my heart, and help me in my
prayer.

I live alone, dear Lord, yet have no fear,
Because I feel Your presence ever near.
Amen.

COVID-19 update – Dublin Diocese

“The situation regarding Religious Services in places of worship (including Funerals) remains unchanged (i.e. pods of up to 50 with social distancing etc.). (Here in Ballygall we are able to accommodate up to 100 people safely at our regular Masses)

The limit of 6 is for indoor settings in homes and applies to funeral related events in private homes (e.g. Wakes etc.)”

It is important that we strictly adhere to these norms. For your convenience, I reprint them below:

“Where the size of the premises allows for a capacity of greater than 50 this may be permitted only where:

Social distancing guidelines are adhered to

The premises can be subdivided into distinct sections (cordoned or marked appropriately) of not more than 50 persons in each section

There is a minimum of 4m between sections

Each section having its own entrance/exit route

There are separate arrangements for elements of the service involving close contact, e.g. the distribution of Holy Communion

Strictly no movement of people between sections before, during or after the service;

The premises is well-ventilated.

Account must also be taken regarding the risk of congregation by people outside before and after any services, having regard to outdoor overall limits on mass gatherings and arrangements for staggered exiting after ceremonies

The use of face coverings is strongly recommended for such indoor settings”.

The use of facemasks: I am being asked if the wearing of facemasks is obligatory during religious services. As you will see from above the use of face coverings by all those attending indoor religious services if is **strongly recommended**. This means that non-wearing of face coverings should only occur in exceptional circumstances. In certain circumstances, (and this would include smaller Churches or places that are not well ventilated) the wearing of face coverings is obligatory by virtue of the general norms and is legally binding.

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin

Baptisms

Baptisms take place on Saturdays only. People will be advised of times available. The monthly meetings will be postponed for the moment.

Funerals are still private celebrations & as we use the same entrance and exit door, we are still limited to a total of 50 people being present. The 50 attendees are composed of family members & relatives only.

Funeral Masses are celebrated at 11am until restrictions are lifted.

Neighbours and friends can view online or remain outside the front of the church keeping Social Distancing, refraining from embracing, etc. There they can participate by listening through the speakers. Holy communion will also be brought out to those who wish to receive.

Marino Institute of Education – Spirituality & Human Development

Interested in studying theology, but need a flexible programme to suit your needs? Marino instituted provides a year/2-year part-time evening course on Tuesday evenings from 7pm and 3 Saturdays during the year. For more details see

www.mie.ie/en/study_with_us/undergraduate_programmes/certificate_in_spirituality_human_development/ or www.mie.ie which is their main website.

DCU BA in Theology and Religious Studies - Scholarships Available

DCU is also providing a Theology and Religious Studies course aimed at mature students, with lectures on Thursday evenings and a number of Saturdays throughout the year. For 2020/21, the programme will feature blended learning, with online and in-person learning opportunities. Scholarships are available for new incoming students. More info at www.dcu.ie/dc300, or contact Brad Anderson (brad.anderson@dcu.ie)

Maynooth: Part-time Higher Diploma in Theological Studies

Interested in studying Theology in 2020? The one year, part-time Higher Diploma in Theological Studies at St Patrick's College, Maynooth is now offered as a "Blended Learning" programme. Suitable for those with an undergraduate degree in any discipline (or equivalent). The course will run from September to May, with online lectures taking place on Wednesday evenings, complimented with self-directed study. There will also be 6 residential weekends over the course of the year. More details of the programme are available. For admission to the course or other details, please contact Barbara Mahon, at the SPCM - Admissions Office at: admissions@spcm.ie 01 -708-4772 N.B. If COVID-19 restrictions make the weekend residential impossible, these will be held virtually.