

# Church of Our Mother of Divine Grace, Ballygall

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

**Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> September 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

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## Monday 7<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September.

<b>Mon</b>	10.00	Sarah Shiel & Michael Farrington
<b>Tues</b>	10.00	Art O'Rourke & Noel Watkins
<b>Wed</b>	10.00	Special Intention & Tom Casey
	7.30pm	Eucharistic Holy Hour View online <a href="http://WWW.ballygallparish.ie">WWW.ballygallparish.ie</a>
<b>Thurs</b>	10.00	Mary & Ned Dunphy Mick & Sarah Shiel, Betty Shiel & Phil Mulligan.
<b>Fri</b>	10.00	Noel & Madge Rickard, Peter & Mary Daly.
<b>Sat</b>	10.00	Frances & Robert Carr.
	6.30 pm	Jimmy Donnelly
<b>Sun</b>	<b>9.30</b>	<b>Broadcast Mass from Redemptorist Monastery</b> <b>(<a href="http://www.rednuns.com">www.rednuns.com</a>).</b>
	<b>10.00</b>	Patrick Lynch, Robert Murphy.
	<b>Please note that our 11.30am Mass has not resumed for the moment.</b>	
	<b>11.00</b>	<b>Broadcast Mass from Iona Road</b> <b><a href="http://www.ionaroadparish.ie">www.ionaroadparish.ie</a>.</b>
	<b>12.00</b> <b>&amp; 6.30pm</b>	<b>Broadcast Mass from Our Lady of Dolours</b> <b><a href="http://www.glasnevinparish.ie">www.glasnevinparish.ie</a></b>

## Recently Deceased

We remember in our prayers the family & friends of recently deceased, Brian Byrne, late of Stormanstown Road.

## Eucharistic Holy Hour

Being unable to travel to Our Lady's shrine because of the pandemic this year, the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes team are organising a "Lourdes at Home" series of ceremonies that people can pray along with from 8th to 12th September. One of these, a Eucharistic Holy Hour, will be hosted in our Church on Wednesday 9th September at 7.30pm. Music will be led by Dr Sharon Lyons and it promises to be well worth seeing. We invite you to follow it on our parish webcam.

## National Services Day

Yesterday (Saturday) was a special day to acknowledge and show solidarity with those who work and volunteer in emergency and frontline services. The theme, this year was to "Remember with Dignity". This year the commemoration took on a new significance with the turmoil of the pandemic and we are asked to remember all those who have died from the virus, their grieving families, all who became ill from the virus and frontline workers. A small ceremony which took place in Collins Barracks Dublin to mark the occasion. Let us remember all who do so much to care for our sick.

## World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

On the first of September we were invited to celebrate the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and the beginning of the Season of Creation, which concludes on the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi on the fourth of October. During this period, Christians worldwide renew their faith in the God of creation and join in prayer and work for the care of our common home. Let us play our part in caring for the earth in different ways. Pope Francis invites us to reflect in different ways to mark this event by caring for the earth and all the people on it. See [http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/pont-messages/2020/documents/papa-francesco\\_20200901\\_messaggio-giornata-cura-creato.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/pont-messages/2020/documents/papa-francesco_20200901_messaggio-giornata-cura-creato.html) for the link for the full letter.

**Baptisms.** For dates & availability please contact our office.

**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.

Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice  
and

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## 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*

## 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](mailto: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.*