

Church of Our Mother of Divine Grace, Ballygall Parish

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

January 9th 2022 Baptism of Jesus.

Parish Website www.ballygallparish.ie

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Mass Schedule Week Commencing Monday 10th January 2022.

Also available online www.ballygallparish.ie

Monday	10.00	Martin Moran
Tuesday	10.00	Veronica O'Donnell
Wednesday	10.00	Special Intention
Thursday	10.00	Annie & William Hickey
Friday	10.00	Patrick & Jim Kearns
Saturday	10.00	Michael & Catherine Donnelly
	6.30	Eileen Egan, Marie Farrell, John Clancy
Sunday	10.00	May O'Reilly
	11.30	Available.

Recently Deceased

We remember the family and friends of recently deceased, Brendan Byrne and Gerard Kinsella.

Synod prayer

Copies of the Synod Prayer are available in the Porch. We are invited to pray the Synod Prayer over the next few months. Here in Ballygall a number of volunteers are being trained over the next few weeks in preparation for the new style of gathering views of all baptised. We are being asked to reflect on the joys and hopes in our church in these uncertain times. More about this over the next couple of months.

Church Mass Collections

Our thanks to those who continue to support the 1st & 2nd collections each week and to those who use the 'Tap & Go' machine. All proceeds from this go directly to the diocese and is divided 60/40 in supporting our clergy/share initiatives.

The family offering and shrine boxes continue to support Our Mother of Divine Grace parish financially and for this we are so grateful.

End of Christmas Season

Today marks the end of the Christmas Season. From tomorrow morning we resume ordinary time. Green is the norm until Ash Wednesday which falls on March 2nd. The Tree and crib will be taken down soon so you might like to come in after Mass to spend a little bit of time contemplating the crib as we continue in uncertain times.

A big thank you for your support over the Christmas season. Thanks to those who have returned their Christmas Offering envelopes which goes towards the support of the clergy, not only here in Ballygall, but also to the priests throughout the diocese.

Thanks to our stewards and other helpers who have enabled us to gather together to worship safely and prayerfully each day and at the weekends with our normal weekend Mass schedule back once more.

COVID Restrictions continue

Looking back at the newsletter for this time last year we had just entered a severe period of Lockdown. Although the covid variant 'omicron' is on the increase among us, we are still permitted to attend Mass in person.

We need to be more careful than ever in protecting ourselves and others from the spread of this virus. We take the opportunity to remind you of the requirements for entry into Ballygall church.

The two most important requirements are that we sanitise our hands on the way in and out of church and wear our masks.

Here in Ballygall people have been so helpful in filling the church from the front towards the back. This helps our stewards as they clean each seat after each mass. Other churches and premises are not as diligent as here.

Despite being permitted to have full capacity in worship we have opted to keep every second row blocked off and restricted movement in church.

Your safety is paramount and we are doing all we can to ensure safe worship in Ballygall. For this we thank our stewards and our readers/Ministers of Eucharist who assist both in stewarding and cleaning the church after Mass. Our church continues to be open for private prayer after morning Mass until 7pm approx. It is closed earlier on Saturdays and eve of holy days.

Remember: Hand sanitising on way in and out of church, Face coverings inside the building, Washing hands at home. These are still the best ways of protecting ourselves and each other.

Frost, Snow and Ice

Keep an eye out for your neighbours especially the elderly during this cold spell. Keep an eye out for burst pipes and have a contact number for a family member. Nothing as bad as returning to a house flooded!