



Building Hope

In April 2021, Archbishop Dermot Farrell established a Task Force called Building Hope. The Task Force was asked to assess the needs of the people of the Archdiocese emerging from Covid-19 and to work to support parish communities as they undertake a radical renewal, looking to the future with creativity. 3,000 people, mostly lay faithful, responded to the invitation to share their views.

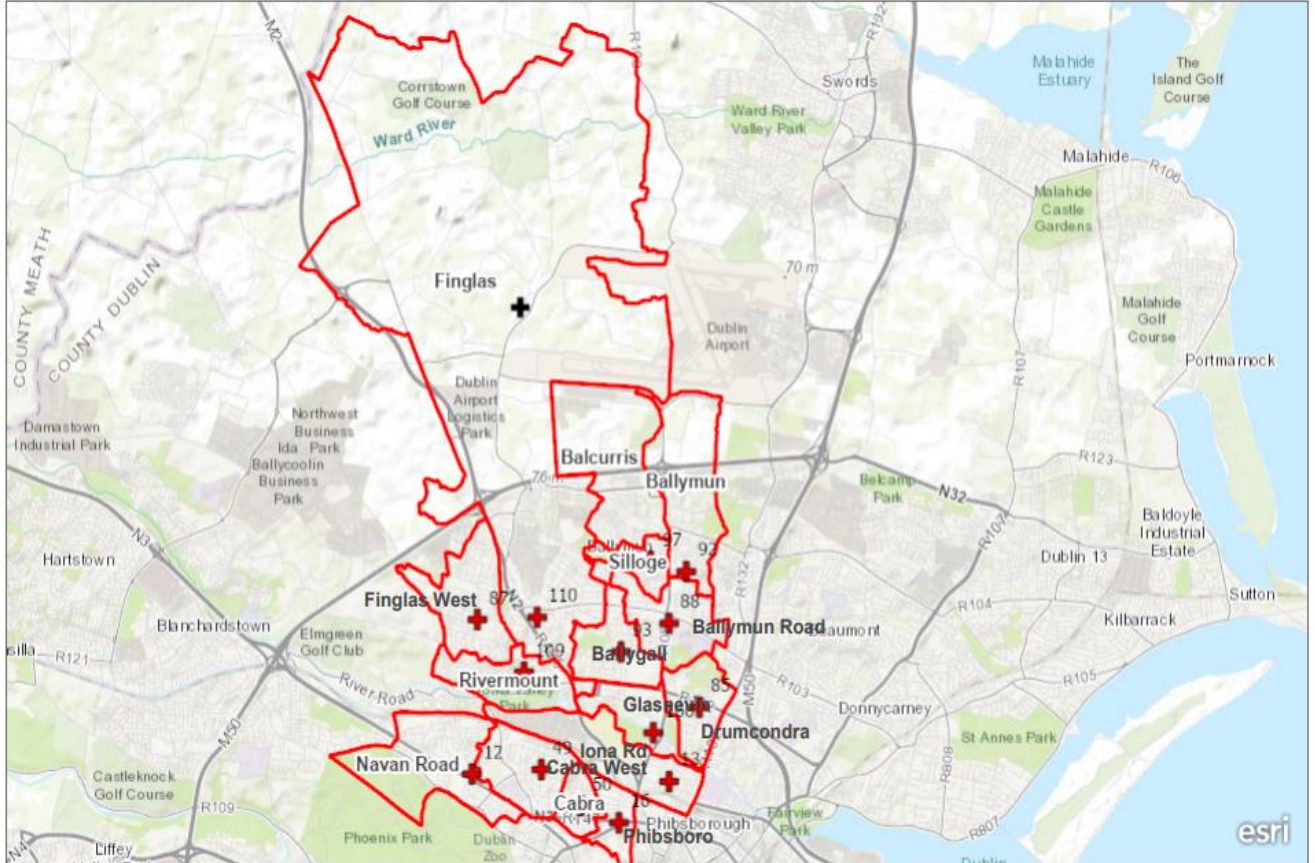
In October the Task Force reported and highlighted **four dimensions** valued by people which provide a framework for pastoral renewal. This framework gives a focus for the discussion and discernment around pastoral renewal.

1. **FAITH** includes **Eucharist**, Prayer, Liturgies, Faith Formation, Sacramental Preparation
2. **SERVANT LEADERSHIP** includes Affirmation of priestly ministry, Co-responsibility of clergy and Lay Faithful, Active Lay Ministries, Role of Women, Youth involvement, Pastoral Outreach, Administration
3. **SOCIAL JUSTICE** includes Advocacy, Active Outreach, Solidarity, Accompaniment
Care of Creation
4. **WELCOME** includes Evangelization, Inclusiveness, Community, Hospitality, Communication

The Parish team, Parish Pastoral Council and Finance group have arranged a Parish Gathering for **Thursday 23rd June at 19.30pm** in the **Sacred Heart Boys School** to answer a series of questions on each of these four areas, as they pertain to our parish. A further question will relate to local parish partnerships. Using the feedback from the gathering a report will be compiled and reported back to the Archdiocese and shared with the wider parish community with further discussion taking place in the Autumn and beyond.

Ballygall Parish Profile

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Map of Ballygall and surrounding parishes

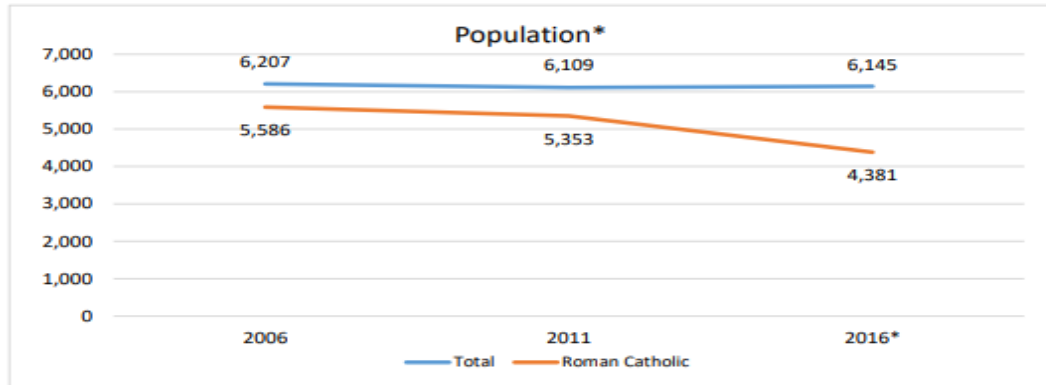
Parish Profile - Ballygall Population (blue line) and number of Roman Catholics (red line) 2006 – 2016 (most up to date figures currently available)

OUR PARISH AT THE SERVICE OF THE GOSPEL

'The parish is called upon to read the signs of the times, while adapting both to the needs of the faithful and to historical changes.'

Parish: **Ballygall**

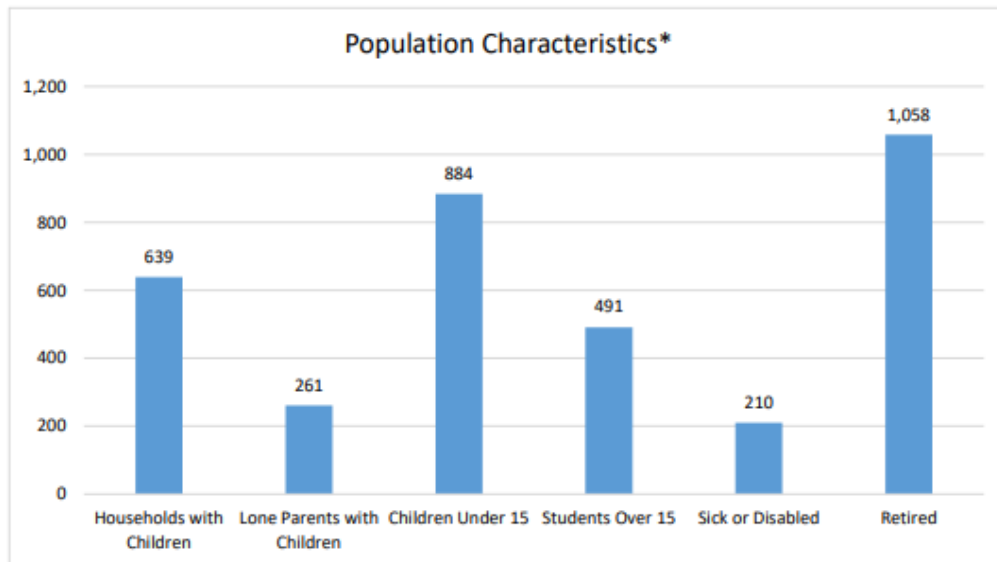
How our population has changed:



'A parish should be really in contact with the homes and lives of the people.'

Parish Profile - Population Subdivisions 2006-2016

Who we are as a Community:



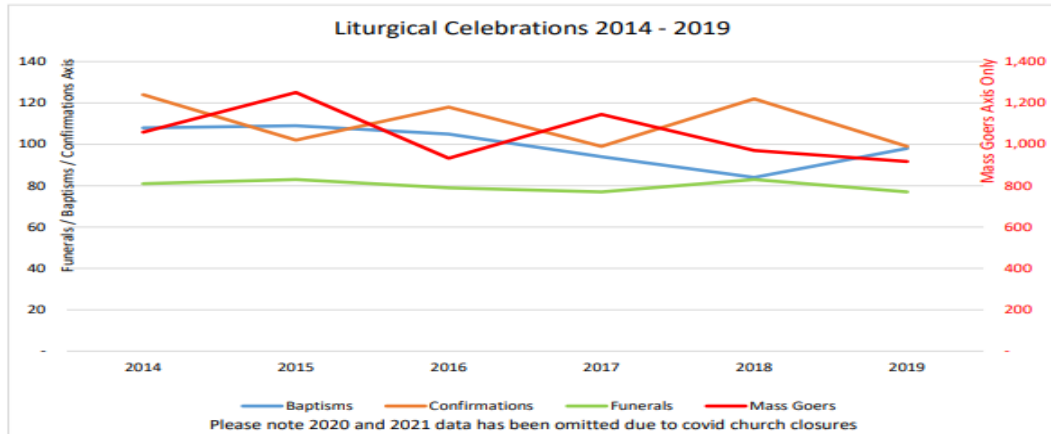
'A place of welcome and compassion.'

* Please note 2016 is the last census data available.

Parish Profile - Numbers celebrating the Sacraments between 2014-2019

Over recent years our liturgical celebrations have included:

Ballygall Liturgical Celebrations	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	% Movement
Baptisms	108	109	105	94	84	98	-9%
Confirmations	124	102	118	99	122	99	-20%
Funerals	81	83	79	77	83	77	-5%
Mass Goers	1,059	1,251	933	1,145	970	917	-13%



Parish Profile - Finances

Ballygall continues to be a generous and giving parish. However, despite some early signs of recovery from covid closures, there is a downward trend in church income which is set to continue in the future.

We have also gathered resources to support the work of the parish and the diocese:

Ballygall Collections	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	% Movement
Common Fund	€ 92,664	€ 86,036	€ 88,633	€ 51,761	€ 62,813	-32%
Share Fund	€ 50,720	€ 45,440	€ 44,375	€ 17,502	€ 21,295	-58%
Family Offering	€ 75,952	€ 69,336	€ 70,961	€ 59,971	€ 59,898	-21%

