

Church of Our Mother of Divine Grace, Ballygall Parish

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(Glasnevin, Iona Rd, Corpus Christi, Ballymun Rd & Ballygall)

First Sunday of Advent

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Mass Intentions Monday 28 th November to Sunday 4 th December.				
Monday	7.25	Lily & Morgie Roddy & deceased family.	10.00	Funeral Mass Sean O'Connor.
Tuesday	7.25	Elizabeth Mortimer	10.00	Elizabeth & Joseph Doyle.
Wednesday	7.25	Tomás Collins	10.00	Brendan Farrell
Thursday	7.25	Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary	10.00	Tom, May & Maura Cullen.
Friday	7.25	First Friday Altar List of the Dead	10.00	First Friday Altar List of the Dead.
Saturday	10.00	Tommy & Mary Ashe	Confessions available after 10.00am mass.	
	6.30	Winnie & Seamus Quinn, Patrick Scanlon, Lisa Hussey, Eddie Kearns.		
Sunday	10.00	Confirmation Enrolment & Commitment Service.		
	11.30	Paddy Carroll.		

Recently Deceased.

We remember in our prayers recently deceased Joan Purdy, late of Claremont Drive, Anne Keating late of St. Pappins Green, Kay Nolan, late of Grove Park & Sean O'Connor, whose funeral will take place at 10.00am on Monday.

Confirmation Commitment Service

Next Sunday, 4th December, we invite all the boys and girls with their parents/guardians & families, to join us at the 10.00am Mass as we continue their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Advent

Advent begins next Sunday, 27th Nov. Some dates for your diary....

Our carol service takes place Wed 14th Dec, Penance Service Wed 21st Dec.

A Time to Remember – St Francis Hospice.

Tree of Life Ceremony takes place in St. Francis Hospice, Blanchardstown, Thursday 1st December @ 8.00pm. Refreshments will be served. All Welcome.

Sacred Heart Boys National School

Christmas Fair takes place in the school on the 4th December. 11.00am to 3.00pm
Food, drinks, fun & games, Christmas Crafts, Santa Claus and much more.

Fundraising sale – Iona Church.

Saturday 26th November 12.00pm to 5.30pm and after 6.00pm mass.
& Sunday 27th November after 11.00am mass.

Parish Shop

Christmas Mass Cards are now available in the shop. We have managed to retain the price from last year, 3 for €5 and 6 for €10.

Remember Me Walk 2022

A Remember Me Walk will take place in St Anne's Park this **Sunday 27th at 10am**. This walk is to celebrate and remember those that have gone before us **and** raise much needed funds for End-of-Life Care in the Mater Public Hospital. Meet at The Red Stables.

Peter McVerry Trust's Christmas Carol Concert will take place in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin on Saturday, 3rd December 2022.

This year's fantastic line-up features Paul Harrington, Dublin Male Voice Choir and Dublin Youth Choir. Doors will open at 7pm on the night of the event, with performances starting at 7.30pm. Should you have any questions in relation to the Carol Concert, please do not hesitate to contact us by calling +353 (0)1 823 0776.

Calling all Volunteers

Last weekend our Finance Team gave a very comprehensive review of our financials here in the parish. One of the key areas that we have recognised for the year ahead is our need for volunteers in the many different areas of finance, example, Counters, collectors, members of the Finance committee, etc. Talk to any members of the Finance committee or to any of the priests for more details.

Church Donations via Tap and Go Machine.

During the month of October, the Tap and Go machine in Ballygall Parish collected €670.00. This is split 60% to the Common Fund and 40% to Share. Sincere thanks to all who contributed.

Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat.

The Youth 2000 Christmas retreat will be taking place in Newbridge College, Newbridge between 9th-11th December. This retreat is for anyone aged 16-35. Great CRAIC!!, Excellent Speakers, Inspiring Talks & Workshops, Fantastic music, Group activities, Youth Masses, Adoration, Reconciliation, prayer, Drama, Games & plenty of time to chill out, meet new people and find out what it means to be young & Catholic today!! Donation only. Free buses leaving from all over Ireland. Register now on www.youth2000.ie"



What are our chances of actually being 'ready' – if 'ready' means having everything finished? Speaking for myself, none! But 'ready' can mean something else. It can mean being ready to drop everything when the moment comes. Practically anyone can do that.

Death Waits on Nobody

Our life isn't neatly divided into separate episodes, each with a beginning and an end. There's really only one beginning (birth) and one end (death). All the others are only in the mind. All other beginnings and endings are the work of the ego which is trying to impose its own meaning on things. Death doesn't care about these, just as it doesn't care about the ego. Death is one of the few things we do that is not the work of the ego. When it comes, we will drop everything we are doing, whether we consider it finished or not.

Like a Child

Look at it another way: every moment is both a beginning and an end. If I see it as a beginning, it will have the freshness of all new beginnings; if I see it as an end, I won't even try to hoard anything that might destroy the freshness of the next moment. That's how the mind of a very young child works. We must be like that if we are to enter the Kingdom (the Presence) of God. ■

Summary

Information is not the only kind of knowledge.

The central theme of the whole of Advent is that we have to wait for Jesus to come.

When death comes, we will drop everything we are doing, whether we consider it finished or not.

Question

Why do we say that death is the one thing we do that is not the work of the ego?

Prayer

Come, Lord Jesus.



SUNDAY LETTER

Series: The Seasons; First Sunday of Advent, Year A; 27 Nov 2022

Waiting for the Lord



In the modern world, mountains of data is being stored away, and it is available at the touch of a button.

On the other hand, there are things that we google ... but to no avail.

We can find information about every subject under the Sun, but information is not the only kind of knowledge. There are other kinds of knowledge that only come in other ways.

There is understanding ... and this is something that no one can do for you.

And there is wisdom, which doesn't come to order, but comes only when we are ready for it.

Waiting

Jesus is called "The Incarnation of the Logos" – the Wisdom of God. The central theme of the whole of Advent is that we have to wait for him to come. In the modern world, more and more, we have trouble with waiting. Even computers drive the pace forward: 'zero wait state' is considered the goal – no waiting at all. Advent is a four-week course on how to wait.

... and Ready

Waiting ... but not falling asleep! "Stay awake," Jesus often said (Mt 24:42; 26:40). 'Awake' means being attentive to what is happening – attentive to the present, not dreaming about the past or the future. This is the wisdom of the ages.

The Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour. (Mt 24:44)



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Sat 26 Nov Weekday : Sun 27 Nov Advent 1 : Mon 28 Nov Weekday : Tue 29 Nov Kildare & Loughlin Dedn Cathd : Wed 30 Nov St Andrew : Thu 1 Dec Weekday : Fri 2 Dec Weekday : Sat 3 Dec Francis Xavier : Sun 4 Dec Advent 2.