

# Church of Our Mother of Divine Grace, Ballygall Parish

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

## 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Sunday 6th November 2022

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Mass Intentions Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov to Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> November.				
Monday	10.00	Sister Margaret Tarrant	10.00	Geraldine Glasgow
Tuesday	7.25	Intentions of all Mass Cards Purchased in shop	10.00	Michael Arnold
Wednesday	7.25	Thanksgiving Mass	10.00	Peter Farrell
Thursday	7.25	Eileen & Peter Dunne	10.00	Leo Kelly & Jacqui Allen
Friday	7.25	Kathleen Mongan	10.00	Edward Keating
Saturday	10.00	Deceased Members of the Ryan & Hunt Families.	Confessions available after 10.00am mass.	
	6.30	Patrick Grant, Linda Parnell, Mary & Noel Scarlett, Paddy Scarlett, Joe & Bernie Pierce		
Sunday	10.00	Christine & Christy O'Neill, Maureen Finlan. Deceased members of the Patterson & O'Neill Families.		
	11.30	Brenda & Patrick Collins, Andy Dunphy, Lina & Joe Walsh, Dan Daly.		

### Recently Deceased.

We remember in our prayers, recently deceased, Alan Hannigan, late of Griffith Road and Rita Ní Liatháin late of St. Pappins Green. May they rest in peace.

### November – Month of the Holy Souls

By now most people in the parish will have got their "Altar Lists of the Dead". These can be brought back to the church and our loved ones will be remembered in a special way during November and on the First Fridays throughout the coming year.

### St. Vincent de Paul

The monthly church collections for SVP takes place next weekend after all Masses. Our local conference appreciates all the help you can give them, in what they predict will be a very challenging winter for those in most need. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

### Parish Remembrance Mass

Friday (11<sup>th</sup> November) at 7.30 PM for deceased Parishioners and all whose funerals were celebrated in the Parish during the past 12 months.

### November Reflections

Sr Marie Dunne CHF will lead an evening of reflection in the Margaret Aylward Centre, Glasnevin, Old Finglas Road.

FINDING HOPE IN DARKNESS November 10<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm.

All welcome. (See flyer in porch)

### Diary for next year.

The Diary to book Masses for next year will open November 7<sup>th</sup>. Please phone the sacristy during office hours to book or alternatively write out your list and leave in to the parish office with your contact details (phone number) so we can confirm that your Masses have been booked.

### Parish Shop

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

Sympathy Mass Cards, Mass Bouquets, The Irish Messenger, The Irish Catholic, St Martin Magazines along with other religious items are available in the Church Shop.

### Census of Church Attendance

Each year during October each parish is invited to take a survey of the numbers attending Mass. This is another 'first' since the outbreak of COVID-19. Over the past three weekends we have averaged out at 544. Throughout the diocese there has been a drop in attendance and COVID unfortunately has aided this. Thank you to those who are so loyal to our parish.

### Finance Report

Our parish Finance committee are presenting the figures for the parish for the past year this weekend. Thank you to them and to yourselves for your loyal support to the parish over the year and into the future. As part of this presentation, we also take the opportunity to appeal for your support in the future, through the family offering, standing orders, shrines & online. Also, we need volunteers in many different aspects of this topic. 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.

### Share Sunday

Share Appeal Sunday takes place on weekend of November 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, highlighting the important work that is funded by the weekly collection. Share helps parishes, priests, deacons and lay people working together on their shared mission. Share also continues to provide much needed financial support to disadvantaged parishes where alternative funding cannot be secured.



### Jesus' Knowledge

It is worthwhile reading the whole chapter to see how brilliantly Jesus dispatched them all. He was not deceived by their questions. No doubt he saw what type of mind the questions were coming from. Luke often lets us know this by adding a comment such as 'he knew what they were thinking' (Lk 6:8; 11:17).

### Pharisees, Sadducees

The Pharisees and Sadducees are often mentioned together in the gospels, but in their beliefs they could not be further apart. The Pharisees were a religious party with no political ambition; they believed in the resurrection, in angels and spirits; they expected the coming of the Messiah. The Sadducees were few in number but wealthy; they were the governing class, willing to collaborate with the Roman Empire (the rich always collaborate with the powers-that-be); they were secular in outlook, and did not believe in the coming of a Messiah (who might upset the system); they did not believe in the next life, nor in the existence of angels or spirits.

### Evidence for Life

So, when the Sadducees posed their question about the status in the next life of the woman who was married to seven brothers, they were only making fun of belief in the next life. No Rabbi had ever found a 'proof' of the next life in the first five books of the Scriptures (the only ones that the Sadducees accepted). But in Jesus they met, for the first time, a Rabbi who did! "Moses himself showed it to be true ..." (Moses was considered the author of the first five books).

*For to him all men are in fact alive.* (Luke 20:38)

And for good measure, Jesus threw in a reference to angels, knowing that the Sadducees didn't believe in them either! ■

### Summary

*Jesus was not deceived by any of their questions. He saw what mind the questions were coming from.*

*A question contains the quality of the mind it comes from.*

### Question

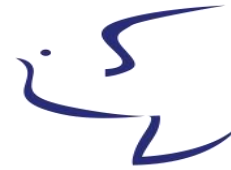
*Why did the Sadducees so desperately want to trip Jesus up?*

### Prayer

*Lord, give me enough understanding to help me serve others better.*



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Sat 5 Nov Weekday : Sun 6 Nov Ordinary 32 : Mon 7 Nov St Willibroard : Tue 8 Nov Weekday : Wed 9 Nov Dedn of the Lateran : Thu 10 Nov Leo the Great : Fri 11 Nov Martin of Tours : Sat 12 Nov St Josaphat : Sun 13 Nov Ordinary 33.



# SUNDAY LETTER

Series: Understanding the Faith; Thirty-Second Sunday of Year C; 6 Nov 2022

## Life After Death



*I knew a saintly old priest who was instructing a small group of adults for baptism. When a friend asked him how it was going, he said, 'Not well... They have no questions.' If there are no questions there are no doors opening.*

*The person who exudes clarity and certainty about everything probably hasn't dug very deep.*

*Understanding doesn't come cheap. And the simplest questions are often the hardest of all.*

If there can be wrong answers, there can also be wrong questions. A question contains the quality of mind from which it comes. It can come from idle or malicious curiosity, from vanity, cruelty, deception ... the whole palette. The question the Sadducees asked Jesus in this Sunday's gospel was not an innocent question. They asked about the woman who was widowed many times: With whom will she be married in the next life? They were not seeking an answer, they were seeking to trip Jesus up.

All of chapter 20 of Luke's gospel up to that point is full of these treacherous questions:

- first, the chief priests and scribes asked him by what authority he was teaching;
- then, 'they watched him and sent spies who pretended to be honest, in order to trap him by what he said, so as to hand him over to the jurisdiction and authority of the governor';
- then, they asked him about paying tax to Caesar;
- and now, from the Sadducees, this mocking question about the resurrection.