

Church of Our Mother of Divine Grace, Ballygall Parish

Part of the Glasnevin Partnership of Parishes

**(Ballygall, Ballymun Rd, Corpus Christi, Glasnevin & Iona Rd)
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time: Sunday 19th February.**

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Mass Intentions Monday 20 th to Sunday 26 th Feb.				
Monday	7.25	Special Intention	10.00	Eileen, Fran & Paul Curry
Tuesday	7.25	Special Intention	10.00	Mary Murphy
Wednesday	7.25		10.00	Joan Seery
Thursday	7.25	Special Intention	10.00	Pearl Garland
Friday	7.25	Special Intention	10.00	Jim Hughes
Saturday	10.00	Mary Murphy	Confessions available after 10.00am & 6.30pm Mass.	
	6.30pm	Month's mind Remembrance Mass: Desmond Byrne, Lorraine O'Reilly, Mary Byrne, Christopher Moran, Willie Graham, Joan Curley, Pat Clavin, Larry Neary, Frances Nolan		
Sunday	10.00	Margaret Maher		
	11.30	Kieron Byrne, Claire Creamer-Barry, Dermot & Carmel Shanahan, John Bogan		

St. Vincent de Paul Monthly Church Gate Collection takes place this weekend 18th & 19th Feb, after all masses.

Our Lady of Dolours Parish, Glasnevin are holding a sale of work on **Sunday 19th February** in the Parish Centre after 9.30am mass.

It is in support of Fr. Sintayhu's Ethiopian Projects and Médecins Sans Frontières (the humanitarian Medical Aid Organisation).

Accord Collection

Many thanks for all your very generous contribution for our special collection last weekend for Accord. The amount collected was €1780

Day of Prayer for Survivors & Victims of Abuse

The Annual Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Abuse is an initiative of Pope Francis and is held on the first Friday of Lent, which falls **on**

February 24 this year.

Temperance Sunday

Temperance Sunday Mass on RTÉ TV & Radio at **11am this Sunday** will include prayers for all who are in treatment for addiction, for their families and for those who are in recovery. The offertory hymn, composed by Ephrem Feeley, is a new arrangement of the Serenity Prayer. The Pioneer website www.pioneers.ie carries information for parishioners who wish to take the Lenten pledge.

World Day of the Sick 2023

We place those who are sick in mind, body or spirit at the centre of our time of prayer with God who is charity and love. To mark the World Day of the Sick, the Redemptorist Sisters of the Monastery of St Alphonsus along with the Dublin Diocesan Music Group, are hold a prayer service on **Monday, February 20 at 8pm**. You can also watch live on webcam www.rednuns.com

Ash Wednesday 22nd Feb

Ashes will be distributed at both Masses on the day and will be available during the day in the church.

Ash Wednesday is a day of Fast & Abstinence marking the beginning of 40 days of Lent.

The Season of Lent is seen as a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which helps us to prepare for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Trocaire – Appeal for the people of Turkey & Syria

Archbishop Farrell has given approval for a diocesan collection to be taken up in support of the people of Turkey and Syria affected by the devastating earthquakes on Monday 5th February. The Turkey/Syria Collection will take place on **25/26 February, the 1st Sunday of Lent** celebrations, and will replace the SHARE collection.

The collection will be channelled through Trócaire, who are working with partners in the affected area. They have the capability to ensure that any funds raised in Ireland will be managed appropriately to meet the needs of those most badly affected.

University Church, St Stephen's Green

February 21 at 6pm: Taizé with a pancake Tuesday celebration afterwards. All are welcome to join in prayer and then have some pancakes afterwards.

February 23 at 6pm: A lecture called "Knit! The Making of Aran Jumpers as Domestic Art and Cottage Industry" as part of the NDNC Irish Culture Series. Anne Ó'Máille will speak about knitting as not only an art form, but as means of financial support for women and their families across the 20th century. This event is free and open to all.

Behave Like Jesus

This is a sobering thought; however, Jesus is talking about us, here and now. Sometimes we are unrighteous. Sometimes we are ungrateful for God's blessings and cruel to others. Yet the Father does not hesitate to forgive our shortcomings.

Peace in Our Hearts

As we go through life, we sometimes make enemies (even Jesus did that). In fact, there is a humorous saying that goes; "Friends come and go, but enemies accumulate." So the older we are, the more enemies we might have, particularly if we are inclined to bear grudges. This can cause us stress, but Jesus tells us that if we find it in our hearts to forgive, then his peace will come to dwell in our hearts.

Not Our Fault

Unforgiveness is destructive, and robs us of our interior peace. In many ways, it is like a wound inflicted upon us, one which we, by choice, don't allow to heal so that we can show everyone what has happened to us, and tell them who is responsible.

This may give us a certain perverse satisfaction, but in the final analysis we are still wounded and suffer pain, even if it is not our fault.

Finding Life

Unforgiveness is similar. We may feel justified in holding onto unforgiveness but, ultimately, it will deprive us of a joyful and peaceful life. St Paul advises his disciples that we should ...

forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins
so that ...

the peace of Christ may reign in our hearts. (Col 3:13)

Because this is not easy, we pray frequently for the grace to forgive those that have caused us hurt. In doing so, we become people of mercy and peacemakers, and become truly children of God. ■



Summary

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Question

Which of us really loves our enemies, or prays for those who treat us badly?

Prayer

Lord, I need your help if I am to forgive my enemies.

