

Church of Our Mother of Divine Grace, Ballygall Parish

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

Passion Sunday 2nd April 2023

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Mass Intentions Holy Week.

Monday	7.25	Special Intention	10.00	Deceased members of the Ballygall Active Retirement Group.
	7.30pm	Lenten Penance Service with the Franciscans.		
Tuesday	7.25	Special Intention	10.00	Philip & Gertie Quinlan.
Wednesday	7.25	Marie O'Donohoe	10.00	Tom O'Donohoe.
Holy Thursday	7.30pm	Evening Mass of the Lords Supper followed by an hour of "Watch & Pray"		
Good Friday	11.15am	Stations of the Cross Family Walk with Jesus		
	3.00pm	Celebration of the Lords Passion		
	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross.		
Holy Saturday	Confessions available 10.30am - 11.30 & 2.00pm to 3.00pm			
	8.30pm	Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter @ 8.30pm		
Easter Sunday	10.00	Easter Mass Bouquet Intentions		
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Recently Deceased

We remember the family and friends of recently deceased, Francis Smyth & Caroline Doyle. May they rest in peace.

Recent Trocaire Appeal

The amount raised for the Syrian/Turkey Earthquake Appeal by our parishioners was €6,577.55. Sincere thanks from Trocaire.

GOOD FRIDAY FAMILY WALK with Jesus

Instead of the traditional children's stations of the cross there will be a special walk starting at Our Lady of Victories church at 11.15, walking to Our Mother of Divine Grace church for reflections on the way of the cross. This walk will continue to St Mobhi's church (C of I) and concludes in the grounds of St. Mary's convent. Refreshments will be available afterwards. It is hoped to walk the 3km distance but those less mobile are invited to join at each station or even one or two.

WAY OF THE CROSS

The 18th annual Way of the Cross takes place in the Phoenix Park on **Good Friday, April 7, at midday**, beginning at the Wellington Monument and finishing at the Papal Cross. It will be led by Archbishop Farrell.

EASTER CARDS

The Easter cards are ready and need your help in distributing them throughout the parish. This is one way of reaching out to all people in our parish especially those who may not be as active in parish life as others. In today's world people are constantly being drawn in different directions often away from church. As Church we are constantly being reminded to reach out to those on the margins. This is one small step in reaching out the hand of welcome to our neighbours.

DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Our Lady of Victories Parish, as part of the Glasnevin Grouping, has organised a bus for anyone interested in travelling on the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock. The bus will leave Our Lady of Victories Church at 7.30am and make one stop for 10 minutes halfway down. Arriving at Knock in time to participate in the programme. You are asked to bring a packed lunch, tea/coffee will be available in Knock. We will depart after the Mass leaving at 4.30pm. The cost is €20.00 per person. If you are interested in going, please contact Grainne 01 8420346 in Our Lady of Victories Church between 9 and 1pm Monday to Friday to book and make arrangement of payment.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

Lenten Magazine Club Meeting, Ballygall Oratory, Thursday 13th April from 7.30 to 8.30pm more info contact parish office.

Divine Mercy Sunday – April 16th. Begins at 3pm followed by Holy Mass at 4.00pm. Corpus Christi Church, Homefarm Road, D9.

LOURDES KINDNESS PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Invalid Pilgrimage (Nurses and Carers in attendance). 22 June 2023 5 Nights full board. Special Subsidised Fare €855 pps. Non Refundable Deposit €300. Savings Club available. For further information and booking form please contact Terry Clarke 01 8348549 or 087 4129792 (after 6pm & weekends).

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The Two Ways

What is so striking about Holy Week is the clash between two different ways of seeing the world – the world of the just, and the world of the unjust; the path of God and the path of evil. In the passion of Christ, these two paths confront each other in a conflict, the like of which had never been seen before. There was a war “in the heavens” – an absurd attack was launched to crucify God.

There were no grounds for the accusations made against Jesus; but the Pharisees’ minds were darkened by gossip, lies, envy, hatred and a proud refusal to seek the truth. Nothing so absurd had ever been seen before, because such an unjustified act had never, ever occurred before.

Christ’s Victory

And yet, in the face of great injustice, the just one, Christ, acted in a way that was even more unthinkable. He responded to his rejection with merciful love. He loved his murderers, even making excuses for them:

“Father forgive them, for they know not what they do.”
(Lk 23:24)

His is the way of love and forgiveness. And it is Easter that shows us the ultimate victory of this way.

The Great Mystery

As Jesus entered Jerusalem, and as we enter Holy Week, we confront the great mystery of our faith – the Paschal Mystery: the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus.

When Christians call this “a mystery”, we mean that it is a truth that is known only because it has been revealed to us by God. Reason alone cannot discover it; only God himself could have revealed the extent of his love for us.

No human being could ever have guessed that God himself, in Jesus Christ, would choose death on a Cross as a way of revealing his love for humanity. This is the great mystery of Holy Week. ■

Summary

Jesus rejection is met by his merciful love. No human being could ever have guessed that God would choose death on a Cross to reveal his love for humanity.

Question

How did God choose to reveal his love for us?

Prayer

Lord, may my mind not be closed to truth, like those who killed Jesus.



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SUNDAY LETTER

Series: The Seasons; Passion Sunday, Year A; 2 Apr 2023

The liturgical readings for Palm Sunday act like an overture to Holy Week. An overture is typically a piece of music played at the beginning of a larger dramatic performance, be it an opera or a symphony, to summarise what is to come. By presenting a sort of foretaste of the main work, it leads the audience more deeply into the drama. As we enter the most sacred week in the Christian calendar, the gospel this Sunday brings together, in one hearing, the great events of the passion of Jesus. We journey from the betrayal of Jesus ... right through to his burial.



HOLY WEEK

In one intense sweep, the liturgy this Sunday calls us to savour the precious moments of our salvation. Today, we are given privileged access to events, even before they are liturgically re-enacted ... from Holy Thursday through to Holy Saturday.

In this sense, we are like Isaiah, one of the greatest prophets of the Old Testament, who saw this awesome mystery from afar.