

Church of Our Mother of Divine Grace, Ballygall Parish

Part of the Glasnevin Partnership of Parishes

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent Sunday 26th March 2023

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Mass Intentions Monday 20th to Sunday 26th March.

Monday	7.25	Della Hanley	10.00	Paddy Kelly
Tuesday	7.25	Rita & Bernard Kavanagh	10.00	Patrick Gleeson.
Wednesday	7.25	Thomas Doyle	10.00	Funeral Mass Francis Smyth.
Thursday	7.25	Margaret & Liam Doheny	10.00	Danny Walsh
Friday	7.25	Mary Doyle	10.00	Finbarr Whelan
Saturday	10.00	Margaret Young	Confessions available after 10.00am & 6.30pm Mass.	
	6.30pm	Michael Rowan, Brian Woods, Alice & Michael Keogh, Patricia Deegan, James Flynn, Nicholas & Margaret O'Toole.		
Sunday	10.00	James & Teresa Dunne, Ned & Kathleen Blennerhassett		
	11.30	Mary & Michael Deery, Eileen & Jack Chaney & Patricia & Irene Chaney.		

Recently Deceased

We remember the family and friends of recently deceased, Francis Smyth. May he rest in peace.

First Confession

We would like to congratulate all the children from Sacred Heart Boys and Mother of Divine Grace Schools who have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation in advance of receiving their First Holy Communion later this year. We thank everyone that is responsible for preparing the children as they continue on their faith journey.

DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Our Lady of Victories Parish as part of the Glasnevin Grouping have 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 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.

“Keep Watch with Me” Prayer & Reflection Service led by Sr. Marie Dunne. 28th March 7.30-8.30pm Margaret Aylward Centre, Holy Faith Convent Grounds, Glasnevin.

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

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

KNOCK PILGRIMAGE CHOIR

Would you like to participate in a Choir of Many Voices for our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock on Saturday, April 29? This will be a great way to bring people from our parishes together in honour of Our Lady of Knock. Our pilgrimage choir will provide a unique opportunity for people from every corner of our Archdiocese to participate in our pilgrimage Mass. The choir will be led by Ciaran Coll and the mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Dermot Farrell. If you would like to be part of the choir, please email knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie with you name, your parish, the position you sing in and your phone number . Or phone 086 369 1217

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

The Irish Hospice Foundation provides a free Bereavement Support Line. This National Freephone Service is available from 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday, by calling 1800 807077. Visit www.hospicefoundation.ie for more information.

AWARE – SUPPORT & SELF CARE GROUPS

If you or those with whom you work wish to connect with people in relation to your mental wellbeing, consider using Aware’s phone-in and Zoom support and self-care groups, support line or support mail. For more information, visit www.aware.ie

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). www.joewalshstours.ie

Either / Or

In the way of ordinary rational thinking, it is: 'yes or no', 'right or wrong', 'good or bad'... It keeps the two elements carefully apart; it makes opposites of them. It has the appearance of being very clear and strong. It also looks clearly scientific (computers are built on this principle); but it is also quite fictional. Oscar Wilde once remarked,

"In fiction, good people do good things and bad people do bad things; that's why we call it fiction." (Oscar Wilde)

In reality, good people often do bad things and bad people do good things. Any account of human affairs that sees only disjunction would be a handbook for war, or a work of fiction, but not a gospel of life.

Be Not Afraid

We spend our lives trying to avoid even the thought of death. Whenever we do think about it, we think thoughts like: "it will defeat me utterly, it will destroy everything I tried to do." The 'enemy', then, is not only out there; the worst 'enemy' is within.

Life in Death

This is not the way a Christian thinks. For believers, the death of Christ shapes our consciousness of death. St Paul wrote that we are "baptised into his death" (Rom 6:3). The word 'baptised' means 'plunged'. "By baptism we have been buried with him into death." This is not running away from death and the thought of death. It seems more like running towards it. Why? Because ...

Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

(Rom 6:4)

The place of death is the place of resurrection. Resurrection is not an alternative to death; rather it is *in* death that resurrection is to be found. We are delivered from the crippling fear of death and of everything that reminds us of it. This frees us to live. ■

BAPTIZED INTO HIS DEATH

Summary

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Question

Why should I fear death?

Prayer

Lord, may I face my death in the knowledge that I have been baptised into your death.



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Sat 25 Mar The Annunciation of the Lord : Sun 26 Mar Lent 5 : Mon 27 Mar Weekday : Tue 28 Mar Weekday : Wed 29 Mar Weekday : Thu 30 Mar Weekday : Fri 31 Mar Weekday : Sat 1 Apr St Ceallach (Celsus) : Sun 2 Apr Passion Sunday.



SUNDAY LETTER

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The gospel last Sunday was about light and darkness; today it's about life and death. We can expect a similar paradoxical treatment of them from St John.

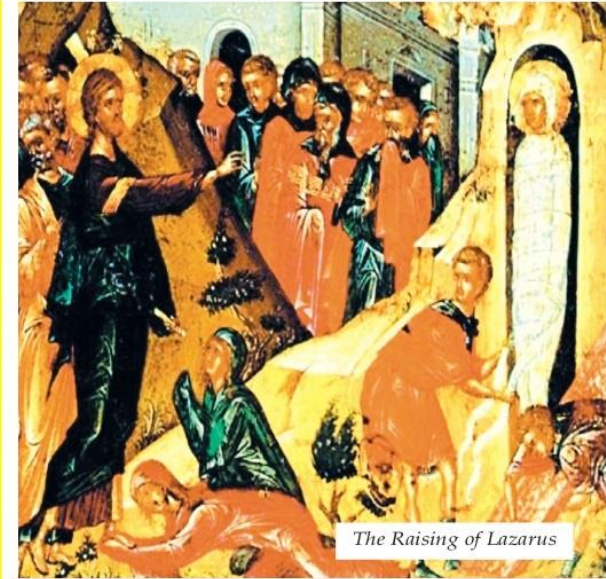
It was dangerous for Jesus to return to Judea; the authorities there were determined to seize him.

When he decided, nevertheless, to go, Thomas said,

"Let us also go, that we may die with him". (John 11:16)

Jesus faced death in order to give life to Lazarus. This is John showing us the meaning of Jesus' life.

In this scene he was applying the first brush-stroke of his entire mission.



The Raising of Lazarus

Resurrection of the Body

'Life OR death' is not a paradox; the paradox is *'Life IN death'*. Johann Tauler (1300–1361) provided a good example of this:

"If only we could seek joy in sadness, peace in trouble, simplicity in multiplicity, comfort in bitterness! This is the way to become true witnesses to God."

(Tauler: Spiritual Conferences)

'Life in death' is what we see in this scene. To make this quite clear the gospel tells us that Lazarus had been unmistakably dead for four days.