

## Church of Our Mother of Divine Grace, Ballygall Parish

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

**Second Sunday of Lent Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2023 .**

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Mass Intentions Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> to Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> March.				
Monday	7.25	Johnny Walsh	10.00	Paddy Dowdall & deceased family members.
Tuesday	7.25	James Ryan	10.00	Kitty Ryan
Wednesday	7.25	Available	10.00	Aileen Traynor
Thursday	7.25	Special Intention	10.00	Philip, Paddy & Mary Vaughan.
Friday	7.25	Martin Moran	10.00	Thanksgiving Mass.
Saturday	10.00	Available	Confessions available after 10.00am & 6.30pm Mass.	
	6.30pm	Oisín Fanning, Carmel Mongey.		
Sunday	10.00	Do this in Memory Mass. All welcome.		
	11.30	Tony Clancy, Jim & Mollie Griffin & deceased family members. Jim Clinton.		

### RECENTLY DECEASED

We remember the family and friends of recently deceased, Patrick Lawlor & Fr Denis Carroll. May they rest in peace.

### PEOPLE OF TURKEY & SYRIA

Sincere thanks to all who contributed so generously to our collection last weekend. The amount collected was €6,500. 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.

### RECENT WEDDING

We congratulate Jane McKenna and Dean Allen on their recent marriage here in our Church.

### TROCAIRE - LENTEN APPEAL

Ambiyo (36) and Mahat (39) are parents to eight beautiful children aged from six months to fourteen years. They have a makeshift hut, built from twigs, sticks and scraps of material in the camp for internally displaced persons near Luuq, Somalia. Ambiyo and Mahat worry every day about having enough food to feed their children and being able to provide for them in the future. Mahat says, 'I am thinking about a different future altogether. I want to be independent.'

In 1973 the bishops of Ireland founded Trócaire in response to injustice and suffering in the developing world. Today Trócaire provides support to areas in greatest need around the world, empowers peoples in these areas to develop skills and abilities to cope with crises, and creates greater awareness of global issues in Ireland. Over the past fifty years, the people of Ireland have generously donated to help families like the Mahats. With your donation to our Lenten campaign, Trócaire can continue its life-changing work and bring hope to those with whom we are privileged to work with.

### AWARE – SUPPORT 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](http://www.aware.ie).

### RECOMMENDED READING FOR LENT

The Office of Mission & Ministry recommended reading for Lent is Aidan Donaldson's book *The Beatitudes of Pope Francis*. This would be a great way to journey through Lent, either through personal reflection or by gathering with others.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

St. Vincent de Paul monthly collection will take place after all masses next weekend (11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> March).

Do this in Memory Mass for all children preparing for First Holy Communion will take place at 10.00am next Sunday morning. (12<sup>th</sup>)

The Childrens Liturgy Group will meet after the 10.00am Mass.

Volunteers Needed to help with a Spring Clean-up on Saturday 25th March. It will be for about 1 hour from 2 to 3pm and there will be a cup of tea afterwards.

### 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](http://www.hospicefoundation.ie) for more information.

## God's Will

We are called to put God first in every aspect of our lives, so that God's will may be done. It is the unmerited, unearned, gift of God (which we call Grace) that begins, prepares, sustains and perfects this call to holiness, and elicits our free response to God to become his children. Grace is ...

*"the outcome of God's mercy."*

(ST I-II,q.3.a.3)

Its goal is to draw us to eternal life with God.

## Types of Grace

There two main types of grace: Sanctifying grace and Actual grace.

- Sanctifying grace is a habitual grace that is meant to be with us always. Although it can be lost by mortal sin, it may be restored in the sacrament of reconciliation.
- Actual grace is called a transient grace, as it is only given when we need it, for example, to carry out a good act.

In addition, there are 'sacramental graces', and 'special graces' (charisms) which are at 'the service of charity and the building up the Church' (CCC2003).

## Effects of Grace

Aquinas teaches that grace has five effects:

- firstly, to heal the soul;
- secondly, to desire the good;
- thirdly, to carry into effect the good proposed;
- fourthly, to persevere in the good, and
- fifthly, to reach glory (ST I-II,q.111,a.3).

By grace we share in God's life, which is the source and goal of the call to holiness. It empowers us to believe, to live as disciples of Christ, to worship, to do good works and to fight against the draw of sin. By doing so, we deepen our faith and grow in holiness. ■



### Summary

*Holiness is only possible by the grace of God.*

*Every one of us willingly hears the Word of God, and accepts his will.*

*Grace empowers us to believe, to live as disciples of Christ, to worship, to do good works and to fight against the draw of sin.*

### Question

*What is the goal of grace?*

### Prayer

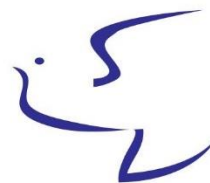
*Lord, may I live in your grace so that your holiness becomes part of me.*



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Sat 4 Mar St Casimir : Sun 5 Mar Lent 2 : Mon 6 Mar Weekday : Tue 7 Mar Ss Perpetua and Felicity : Wed 8 Mar St John of God/St Senan : Thu 9 Mar St Frances of Rome : Fri 10 Mar Weekday : Sat 11 Mar St Aengus : Sun 12 Mar Lent 3.



# SUNDAY LETTER

Series: Morality; Second Sunday of Lent Year A; 5 Mar 2023



*"Christian Perfection has but one Limit, that of having none."*

(St Gregory of Nyssa; b.335 AD)

*It's nearly sixty years since the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) reminded all the faithful of 'The Universal Call to Holiness' ... a call for all the baptised to follow. In fact, of the eight chapters in the*

*'Dogmatic Constitution on the Church' (better known as 'Lumen Gentium') an entire chapter is dedicated to this very call.*

*"As the faithful of Christ, we are not only called, but have an obligation, to strive for holiness. Each one of the faithful willingly hears the Word of God, accepts his will, and, by their own actions and with the help of God's grace, completes what God has begun."*  
(Lumen Gentium #42)

The Second reading this Sunday records the encouraging and challenging words of St Paul to Timothy, inviting him to ...

*bear his share of the hardship of the Gospel with the strength that comes from God [and to fulfil the] call to a Holy Life according to the grace bestowed on us in Christ.*  
(2Tim 1:8-10)

What is this Grace?

## By God's Grace

Holiness is only possible by the love and grace of God. St Thomas Aquinas, theologian and philosopher, defines holiness as ...

*'that virtue by which our mind applies itself and all its acts to God'.*  
(Thomas Aquinas)

To be holy, literally, means to be 'set apart'. Through our baptism, God sets us apart so that we can be truly like him. We are made holy by God – it is his initiative. For us, to be holy, is to be called ...

*"to the fullness of the Christian life and to the perfection of Charity."*  
(CCC #2013)