

Church of Our Mother of Divine Grace, Ballygall Parish

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

Second Sunday of Easter 16th April 2023

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Mass Intentions Monday 17th to Sunday 23rd April.

Monday	7.25	Special Intention	10.00	Bernie Lawless,, Louise Roycroft, Breda & Denis Edwards
Tuesday	7.25	Special Intention	10.00	Thomas & Bridget O'Donohoe
Wednesday	7.25	Jack Hughes	10.00	Funeral Mass Thomas Lattimer
Thursday	7.25	Thomas Arnold	10.00	Michelle McKeon
Friday	7.25	Mary Foley	10.00	Special Intention
Saturday	10.00	Caroline Doyle	Confessions available after 10.00am & 6.30pm Mass.	
	6.30pm	Angela Cruise, Deirdre & Gerard O'Connell, John & Sheila Cunningham, Margaret & Dominic Donato, Edward (Eddie) Byrne, Cian Dowd.		
Sunday	10.00	Do This in Memory Mass for all those preparing for First Holy Communion.		
	11.30	Kathleen & Tommy Kelly, Joe Walsh & Lena Walsh, Eamonn Byrne.		

Recently Deceased

We remember those who have died this week, especially, Michelle McKeown, Thomas Lattimer. May they Rest in Peace.

Easter Dues

The priests of the Parish wish to express their sincere thanks and gratitude to all who have sent in their Easter Dues, your support is greatly appreciated.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock 2023, which will be led by Archbishop Farrell, will take place on **Saturday, April 29**.

Our Lady of Victories 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 7.45am on April 29th and make one quick stop for 10 minutes on route. 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 8420346 in Our Lady of Victories Church, between 10 and 1pm Monday to Friday to book and make arrangement of payment.

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

Church Donations – Tap & Go.

Many thanks for your generous contributions to the Diocese, the amount collected from the tap & go machines for the month of Mary was €925.

Trócaire

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Lough Derg – St. Oliver Plunkett Pilgrimage 2023

First Pilgrimage This Year departs 2nd June @ 8.00am & returns on the 4th June 2.00pm. Advance booking is essential. Cost €130 includes coach, boat and stay on island. For more information please contact 086 385 3027 or 01 494 1171

Lourdes Kindness Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Invalid Pilgrimage with Nurses and Carers in Attendance. 22nd June 5 nights. Special Subsidised Fare €855 per person sharing (deposit €300 required & non-refundable) for more information contact Terry Clarke, 01 8348549 or 087 4129792.

Seasons of Rebirth

God's work continues today, creating and recreating. At this time of year, especially, the earth that sustains us, the earth from which we were created, reassures us of this truth:

*"The seasons are shifting,
the winter shades lifting,
The springtime is filling
Earth's children with mirth.
The daffodil yellow,
the south wind so mellow,
The gentle rain falling,
upon the green earth.
The song sparrow singing,
new life quickly springing,
All nature is telling
a tale of rebirth:
The deep wells of being,
beyond each day's seeing,
Over flowing with new Life,
restoring the earth."*

(David E Brumbaugh)

Rebirth

We can choose a new way of being, and we do that every day of our lives. This, however, calls for decisions on our part and ...

"We must determine...whether we are willing to dare the perils of ... rebirth ... For we never take a step forward without surrendering something that we may have held dear, without dying to that which has been."

(Virginia Hanson, *The Theosophist*, vol.99)

The resurrection transformed the lives of the disciples; but what does it mean for us? What must we do to live the new life of Easter?

Heaven on Earth

Writing in the early nineteenth century, Elizabeth Barrett Browning reminds us that ...

*"Earth's crammed with heaven,
And every common bush afire with God,
But only those who see take off their shoes;
the rest sit around and pluck blackberries."*

(Elizabeth Barrett Browning, *Aurora Leigh*)

May our eyes be open to all that God offers us today. May each of us be reborn in love. ■



Summary

God is continually at work, creating and recreating.

Jesus gave them the power to forgive.

Since death has been conquered, nothing is impossible.

Question

What is my future as a believer in Jesus?

What does discipleship mean for a new life of Easter?

Prayer

Lord, may I find rebirth in you.



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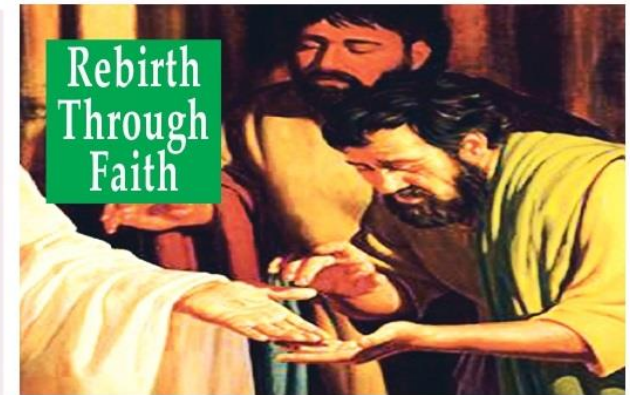
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Sat 15 Apr Weekday : Sun 16 Apr Easter 2 : Mon 17 Apr Weekday : Tue 18 Apr (Leighlin: St Lasarian) : Wed 19 Apr Weekday : Thu 20 Apr Weekday : Fri 21 Apr St Anselm/(Derry Dedn Cathd.) : Sat 22 Apr Weekday : Sun 23 Apr Easter 3.



SUNDAY LETTER

Series: Morality; Second Sunday of Easter, Year A; 16 Apr 2023



Fear affects all of us at some time in our lives. Fear of the dark, of being alone, of the judgement of others. We fear the onset of old age, of illness, of spiders, of heights, of water. The list of our fears seems endless.

Jesus' disciples were no different. We read in the gospel this Sunday, that ...

"The doors were closed for fear." (Jn 20:19)

For the disciples, their fear was a fear of those authorities who had crucified Jesus. The disciples had committed their lives to Jesus and his teaching. What were they to do now? Their life with him had ended; so what would their future be like?

In the midst of their fear, Jesus came amongst them ... alive – even though the disciples had seen him die. While breathing on his fearful followers, he spoke words of peace. He gave them a commission; he gave them the power to forgive; he gave them a future; he overcame death and opened a new life for them and all who believe in him. A whole new story had begun for the world.

An Easter hymn proclaims:

*"This is the day of the Lord,
Christ is risen,
Halleluiah, we are reborn."*

Jesus' resurrection brings a new birth for all of us, birth into a new way of being in the world, a way that is more loving, more hopeful, more courageous, more humble, stronger and more open to God. Since death has been conquered, nothing is impossible. Since God is greater than death, life is open-ended.

God's power is active in our lives, making everything new. We have been forgiven, so we, in our turn, can forgive each other and help create a new world. St Paul's *Letter to the Romans* tells us that:

The whole of creation is groaning in one great act of giving birth.

(Rom 8:22)