

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

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

**Fourth Sunday of Easter 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

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### Recently Deceased

We remember those who have died this week, especially, David Massey, Margaret O'Brien & Carmel Boland. May they Rest in Peace.

### Day Of Prayer for Vocations

**Sunday, April 30**, will be the Day of Prayer for Vocations.

### May Bank Holiday

This Monday is a bank holiday so there will be Mass at 10.00am only.

### First Friday

Next Friday is the First Friday of May, both Masses will be offered for those included on the Altar List of the Dead. Priests of the Parish will also make their first Friday visits to those who are unable to attend our sacraments in the Church.

### Team News

We are delighted to welcome our new sacristan, Catherine Doyle to our parish team. This position has been vacant since Sadie retired, so it is wonderful for the parish to have this position filled. We wish Catherine every success in this role. We thank all the volunteers & our Parish Secretary who have helped out during this interim period. We are very fortunate to have such a great team of volunteers in our parish who assist the parish team in all aspects of parish work. You can catch up with Catherine in the sacristy after Masses.

### Volunteers Required

If you have an hour to spare, we welcome you to join our volunteers on either a Friday or Saturday to clean the church. For more details phone the sacristy.

### Trócaire

If you can, please donate online or over the phone.

Donations can be made online at

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after Mass. Final drop off this weekend.

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### Mass Intentions Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May to Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May.

Day	Time	Intention
Monday	10.00	Des & Phil Whelan, Eddie & Theresa McGrath.
Tuesday	7.25	Special Intention
Tuesday	10.00	Special Intention
Wednesday	7.25	Des Ashe
Wednesday	10.00	Martin & Ellen Walsh
Thursday	7.25	Special Intention
Thursday	10.00	Brendan O'Meara
Friday	7.25	Altar List of the Dead
Friday	10.00	Altar List of the Dead
Saturday	10.00	Available
	11.30	Confessions available after 10.00am & 6.30pm Mass.
	6.30pm	First Holy Communion Mother of Divine Grace School
Sunday	10.00	Paddy & Breda Butler, Vanessa Burke, Patrick, Winnie & Kevin Hosey, Gerry Mackey, William & Bridget Murphy, Jimmy & Patricia Kavanagh.
	11.30	Imelda Pluck
Sunday	11.30	John & Angela Cooke, Myles Finnegan.

### 2023 March For Life

Join us to stand together in response to Ireland's spiralling abortion numbers. Bank Holiday Monday May 1st 2pm. Marching from St. Stephen's Green to Leinster House.

### Who Is She? Conference

Who is She?, a day-long conference for Our Lady, takes place on **Saturday, May 13**. Come to the historic DCU All Hallows campus for insightful talks, prayer, Mass, good food and great company. What can we learn from early Irish Christians' Marian devotion? And how can we love Jesus as His mother loved Him? To find out, come join us on May 13, from 9.30 to 4.30 in DCU All Hallows. Cost €30. For more information or to book contact [mariaassumptadublin@gmail.com](mailto:mariaassumptadublin@gmail.com).

### Lourdes Kindness Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Invalid Pilgrimage with Nurses and Carers in Attendance. 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### 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.

## A Turnaround

In this Sunday's first reading we hear Saint Peter announce to his listeners:

*The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.* (Acts 2:36)

When his listeners heard this, "they were cut to the heart" and asked what they should do (Acts 2:37). These were the men and women who had sided with the Jewish authorities and executed Jesus as a blasphemer. However, they now realised that they had been wrong all along, and they regretted their ignorance.

Saint Peter did not make them feel bad, but instead showed them mercy, telling them that they must ask for forgiveness from God, and that by doing so they would receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

## False Prophets, False Security

Just as Saint Peter called these men and women to repentance, God calls each one of us to be true followers of Christ. In the gospel, Jesus warns us that there are many false prophets who claim to represent God's voice, but in reality they are only ...

*thieves and brigands that come to steal and destroy.* (John 10:10)

They do not represent God, nor do they preach the word of God, only an empty philosophy that gives a false sense of security. Typically, they deny both the reality of sin and the need to repent and be forgiven.

## Joy and Peace

Precisely because they do not fundamentally challenge us, it is easy to listen to these false prophets ... they reassure us that we are fine the way we are. On the other hand, the voice of the Lord cuts more finely than a two-edged sword, a voice that judges our secret thoughts and emotions.

To accept the word of God is something truly difficult, but it is full of hope, mercy and compassion. When the men and women of Israel repented they were filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit and experienced great joy and peace in their lives.

Christ promised that if we listen to his voice and enter through the gate that is Christ himself, then we can be assured of the green pastures of eternal life. ■



## Summary

*The word "repent" means "to turn away from"; it implies a new way of life different from our former one.*

*These were men and women who had sided with the Jewish authorities when they executed Jesus Christ as a blasphemer.*

## Question

*Who today denies the reality of sin and the need to be forgiven by Christ?*

## Prayer

*Lord, may I have the courage to repent and ask for forgiveness.*



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Sat 29 Apr St Catherine of Siena : Sun 30 Apr Easter 4 : Mon 1 May St Joseph the Worker : Tue 2 May St Athanasius : Wed 3 May St Philip And James : Thu 4 May (Kildare: St Conleth) : Fri 5 May St Edmund Rice : Sat 6 May Weekday : Sun 7 May Easter 5.



# SUNDAY LETTER

Series: Morality; Fourth Sunday of Easter Year A; 30 Apr 2023

*Ever since the arrival of modern media, we have been surrounded by a barrage of competing voices, each trying to grab our attention. Whether we listen to the radio, pick up a newspaper, watch television or glance at our computer or phone, there is always somebody either selling us something or trying to convince us of their view of the world.*

*We feel social pressure to conform to these prevailing world-views. However, the call of Jesus makes us turn away from the world's dominant voices, even when we find it hard to stand up for ourselves and disagree with these widespread worldviews. We risk encountering opposition and scorn.*



## Life's Vocation

When, over two thousand years ago, Christ began to preach, his first message was:

*Repent, and believe the Gospel.* (Mk 1:15)

The word "repent" means "to turn away from", so it automatically implies a new way of life, one that is different from a former life. But it's not always easy to hear the voice of God and make the necessary changes to our lives. That is because the voice of God is challenging, and that's why the Psalmist warns us,

*O that today you would listen to His voice, harden not your hearts.* (Psalm 94)

When we hear God's voice in our conscience, we can either harden our hearts and ignore it, or we can choose to listen, to accept it, and to change our ways.

