

# Church of Our Mother of Divine Grace, Ballygall Parish

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

## Sixth Sunday of Easter 14th May 2023

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Mass Intentions Monday 15th to Sunday 21st May.				
Monday	7.25	Michael Cumiskey	10.00	Bill Hanrahan
Tuesday	7.25	- Available -	10.00	Patricia Collins
Wednesday	7.25	- Available -	10.00	- Available -
Thursday	7.25	- Available -	10.00	Maisie & Nancy Curry
Friday	7.25	Mary Bailey	10.00	Margaret O'Brien
Saturday	10.00	Cecil & Elizabeth Deegan.	Confessions available after 10.00am & 6.30pm Mass.	
	6.30pm	Rory Geraghty, Joe Toal, Michael Hurley, Maureen & Christy O'Keeffe, Elizabeth Murray-Dunne, Daniel McGann, Niall Gaffney, Eddie McGovern.		
Sunday	10.00	Gerard Brady.		
	11.30	- Available -		

### Recently Deceased

We remember those who have died this week, especially Helen Byrne. May she Rest in Peace.

### Ballygall Parish Reading Group

Following on from the success of our first gathering to pray and reflect on the monthly Sacred Heart Messenger magazine, we invite you to join us once more on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in the Oratory towards the rear of the church.

If you need to pick up a copy of the Sacred Heart Messenger, copies are available in the sacristy after 10.00am mass.

### 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.

### Lay Ministry Collection

The Lay Ministry Collection took place last weekend and replaced the usual Share collection. The amount collected was €960. People can also donate via the 'Tap and Go' machine at the back of the church. During the month of April 2023 the Tap and Go machines in Ballygall Parish collected €1,097.00. This is split 60% to the Common Fund and 40% to Share.

### St Vincent de Paul

Our local Vincent de Paul conference 'St. Olivers' will hold their monthly church-gate collection this weekend.

### Let's Gather Again

Evening of Reflection for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist @ Our Lady of Victories Church takes place on May 29 @ 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm.

This is not a 'training' evening for new ministers but an opportunity to gather, reflect, pray and sing in the light of this special calling. The Dublin Diocesan Music Group will lead the music. It is hoped that the evening will nourish and deepen our appreciation of the gift of the Eucharist while affirming this aspect of the baptismal vocation to which so many have been called throughout the Diocese.

No need to book. All welcome. Why not come along? Although primarily geared towards Ministers of the Eucharist all those involved in ministry are welcome to come along. You can also join online at [www.olv.ie](http://www.olv.ie)

### Glasnevin Blessing Of Remembrance

The Blessing of Remembrance takes place in Glasnevin Cemetery at the Old Angels Memory Garden on Sunday, May 28, at 3pm. This special Blessing of Remembrance is for all parents, family members and friends whose baby is buried in Glasnevin Cemetery, whether through miscarriage, stillbirth, cot death or a baby who died shortly after birth. We extend a warm invitation to families whose baby is buried in other cemeteries and hope that they will find some comfort in coming together to remember their baby in a special way. For further information, call 01 8829030.

### 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.

### 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](http://www.aware.ie).



and John had success in converting people to Christ. In Samaria they prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit; and it happened! The apostles and the Samaritans together recognised something of the mystery of the Holy Spirit.

Just as our breathing sustains our lives, so the Holy Spirit moves us outwards from ourselves as surely and as swiftly as the wind drives Peter Lawless on his epic voyage.

### Jesus Did not Abandon His Followers

We are curious creatures, us humans: we seek certainty in science and even in religion. However, Jesus knew us better than we know ourselves so he promised to send the Advocate as a helper, to be with us always. Because he knew that his kingdom could not be built without help, Jesus did not leave his followers without the Spirit, then or now. Jesus, in John's gospel, reminds us that the Spirit is a ...

*Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, since the world neither sees her nor recognises her.*

Then Jesus says ...

*but you can recognise the Spirit, because she remains with you and will remain in you.* (John 14:17)

### With God in the Beginning

When did you last experience the power of the Holy Spirit moving you? Have you ever prayed for the gift of the Holy Spirit to come to you and remain in you?

I cannot see the Holy Spirit ... because the Spirit is like the wind; but I know the Spirit is there as an animating force in my life. The Spirit who was 'with God in the beginning' is that same Spirit within each one of us. I rest in the warmth of the Spirit, especially when I'm under the weather, knowing the Spirit will bring me healing and give me the energy for building the kingdom, just as the Spirit did for Philip, Peter and John in Samaria over two thousand years ago. ■

### Summary

*Jesus knew we couldn't build the kingdom without the help of the spirit.*

### Question

*How do you recognise the Spirit in your life?*

*When did you last experience the power of the Holy Spirit moving you?*

### Prayer

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*



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 Vol.45; No.25; Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year A; 14 May 2023; Readings: Acts 8:5-8,14-17, Psalm 65, 1Peter 3:15-18, John 14:15-21; Next Week: The Ascension.  
 Sat 13 May Our Lady of Fatima : Sun 14 May Easter 6 : Mon 15 May St Carthage : Tue 16 May (Kerry, Clonfert: St Brendan) : Wed 17 May Weekday : Thu 18 May Pope St John I : Fri 19 May (Ardagh & Clon: Dedn Cathd) : Sat 20 May St Bernardine of Siena : Sun 21 May Ascension.

On 1st August, 2022 a County Clare sailor, Peter Lawless, following in his late father's footsteps, set sail from Kiltrush Co Clare on a solo circum-

navigation of the globe. I believe it will take about three years to complete.

His yacht 'Waxwing', is powered by the wind, but Peter has also installed some solar panels to help him on his adventure.

Peter is a man who has experienced the wind. While wind cannot be seen, it can be experienced as it moves his yacht at speed through the waves.

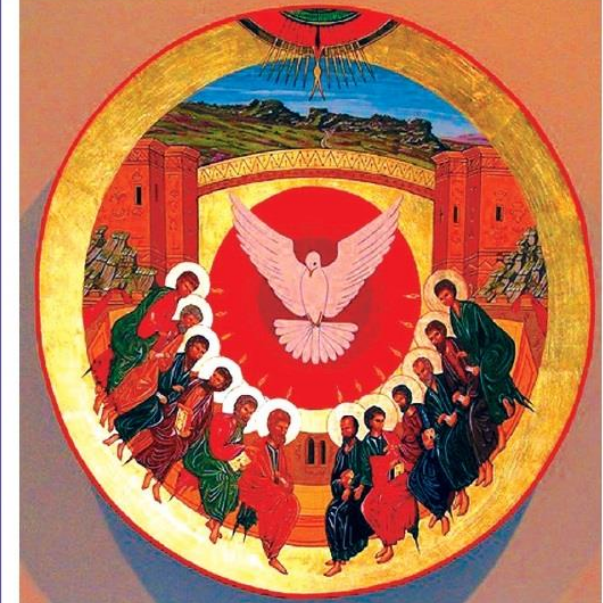
As I write, he has already moved from Madeira to the Canaries, and is moving on to the Cape Verde Islands ... weather permitting. I'm sure, being an experienced sailor, Peter has a good knowledge of the Trade Winds. However, the

reason Peter believes the wind exists has more to do with his experience than his scientific knowledge. He has been sailing since he was 4 years old, a time in life when experience is everything.

# SUNDAY LETTER

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## The Spirit Among us



### Gospel Writers

The gospel writers all share the belief that Jesus rose from the dead. That faith in the risen Jesus was founded by the Holy Spirit, even before Pentecost.

During this time before Pentecost, however, the disciples struggled to understand *why* Jesus had called them, and for *what* he was preparing them. They couldn't see the Holy Spirit in the way they had seen Jesus; but nevertheless they were energised by the Spirit.

### Power of the Spirit

The Spirit gave the apostles courage and confidence to travel to foreign places like Samaria, where Philip, Peter

