

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 Easter 7th May 2023

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Mass Intentions Monday 8th to Sunday 13th May.				
Monday	7.25	Patrick Healy	10.00	Christopher & Bridget O'Donohoe
Tuesday	7.25	Aine Ni Mhuruchu	10.00	Sr. Bernadette Dempsey
Wednesday	7.25	Special Intention	10.00	---
Thursday	7.25	---	10.00	---
Friday	7.25	Special Intention	10.00	Paddy Smyth & deceased Smyth & Connell family
Saturday	10.00	---	Confessions available after 10.00am & 6.30pm Mass.	
	6.30pm	Margaret Peyton; Kevin Fields; Michael Mooney.		
Sunday	10.00	---		
	11.30	Patricia & Brenda Collins; Mary Doyle.		

Recently Deceased

We remember those who have died this week, especially, Jack Thompson & Ann Duffy. May they 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 18th May at 7.30pm in the Oratory towards the rere 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. 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.

Lay Ministry Collection

The Lay Ministry Collection takes place this weekend and will replace the usual Share collection. People can also donate via the 'Tap and Go' machine at the back of the church.

St Vincent de Paul

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

Glasnevin Partnership of Parishes

The PPC members of our combined five parishes will meet on Tuesday evening in Margaret Aylward centre. This is the second meeting to take place with all PPC members present. At this meeting the main topic is a proposed restructuring of Masses in our parish partnership and the topic of Funerals preparing for lay led liturgies in the future.

Rosary Rally

The 'Ireland Needs Fatima' campaign invites you to join them in front of Our Lady of Victories Church, Ballymun Road on Saturday 13th May at 4pm as part of the rosary rally for the conversion of Ireland.

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.

First Holy Communions

Congratulations to the boys and girls from Mother of Divine Grace school who celebrated their first Holy Communion Mass yesterday!



Eucharistic Community

One particular moment of eucharistic ministry fills me with gratitude. As I went to receive Holy Communion from a lay minister, she offered me the host, looked into my eyes and with a huge smile, and proclaimed "The Body of Christ". Her conviction that what she was offering was a gift beyond all price, remains a blessing to me today, almost thirty years later.

Two women in a nearby parish set up a scripture reflection group. Over many years their ministry led neighbours and parishioners from nearby areas into a deeper relationship with Jesus through the scriptures.

As the community aged, others set up clubs for senior citizens whose mobility had become limited. Their commitment continues to witness to the compassion of Jesus. Then there are those who minister to each other by their participation in our Sunday Mass. We support and strengthen each other's faith simply by being there, by being part of the community. One young, heavily pregnant woman passed me having received Holy Communion; her face was full of the peace of the presence of God.

Many Ministries

Each of these ministries arose in response to some need of our community.

To have seen me, is to have seen the Father. (John 14:9)

These ministries, then, reveal the presence of Jesus in our community.

Before the calling of the Second Vatican Council by Pope John XXIII in 1962, the vast majority of the catholic population understood the term 'ministry' to refer exclusively to the ordained priesthood. Today we recognise that ministry extends far beyond the ordained. In fact, because of our baptism, all of us are called to serve one another by using whatever gifts God has bestowed on us. ■

Summary

I experienced the love of God through the ministry of the bereavement group.

Parishioners formed a group to deepen their relationship with Jesus through the scriptures.

Ministries reveal the presence of Jesus in our community.

Question

What things do I perform that might be described as a ministry?

Prayer

Father, help me to see your presence in the ordinary actions of the faithful.



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Sat 6 May Weekday : Sun 7 May Easter 5 : Mon 8 May Weekday : Tue 9 May Weekday : Wed 10 May St Comgall : Thu 11 May Weekday : Fri 12 May Ss Nereus and Achilleus / St Pancras : Sat 13 May Our Lady of Fatima : Sun 14 May Easter 6.



SUNDAY LETTER

Series: The Church; Fifth Sunday of Easter Year A; 7 May 2023

Church Ministries



In September, 2022, our parish celebrated its 50th anniversary. During those 50 years, the community of believers served by many priests and sisters who have ministered among us ... teaching, guiding, encouraging, challenging and listening. All have contributed to the building up of our faith and hope in the love of God. Many still have a place in our hearts, even long after they have left our parish to serve elsewhere.

There is another group however, who have equally contributed to building the body of Christ in our parish.

Just like the group of Hellenists in this Sunday's first reading, they are not people who came to us from the outside; they are members of our own community. They are people "full of the Spirit and of wisdom". None of these has ever been ordained or consecrated, though many, in one way or another, have been commissioned by the community for building up the body of Christ, the Church.

Months after my mother died, I joined our bereavement group. An open evening is held every Monday for anyone to drop by, anyone who needed, or wanted, to talk about their loss. I, too, received a listening ear, and I left feeling blessed by the compassion shown for my grief. I experienced the love of God through the ministry of our bereavement group.

Ministry of Prayer

When my children were young, some members of our parish prayer group set aside some space in their own homes to gather children together to pray. Each week, our children would be introduced to communal prayer, outside of the weekly Mass. Here they would listen to scripture readings suited to their age and comprehension, and sing hymns together (the knowledge that they would receive some sweets at the gatherings helped their participation).

Still others, who recognised that parents of teenagers need advice in guiding the young in a rapidly changing world, organised parenting courses. Some religious sisters who lived among us lent their support and considerable skills in facilitating these.