

Church of Our Mother of Divine Grace, Ballygall Parish

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

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 18th June 2023

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Mass Intentions Monday 19th to Sunday 25th June

Monday	7.25	Ken Clarke	10.00	Patrick Cullen
Tuesday	7.25	Deceased members of the Walsh & Grogan Families	10.00	Nora Rattigan
Wednesday	7.25	Milo Connolly	10.00	Available
Thursday	7.25	Cassie Ryan	10.00	Thanksgiving Mass
Friday	7.25	-Available-	10.00	Fran, Eileen & Paul Curry
Saturday	10.00	-Available-	Confessions available after 10.00am & 6.30pm Mass.	
	6.30pm	Months Mind Remembrance Myles Finnegan, David Massey, Helen Byrne, Aiden Brogan, Paul Malone, Danny Mahaddy, Kathleen Martin, Mary Shields, Joan Sweeney, Milo Connolly.		
Sunday	10.00	Tom O'Reilly		
	11.30	Maureen Horgan, John Montgomery, Jimmy Lyons and deceased members of Lyons and Montgomery families. Tony, Noel and Gerard Brady, Oliver Flanagan, James McQuaid.		

Recently Deceased

Your prayers are asked for Catherine (Kitty) Daly, late Cremore Heights whose funeral took place during the week.

Day for Life 2023

Day for Life is celebrated this year on Sunday 18th June. The theme is 'Listen to Her' and focuses on the experience of one Catholic woman in the aftermath of abortion. It tells of her journey towards healing. The hope is that this will help people to listen, to understand and to respond with compassion. You can read the message in full on www.councilforlife.ie.

Pope's Message for Day for Life 2023

The Holy Father Francis was informed of the celebration of the 2023 Day for Life in Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales under the theme "Listen to Her" and sends his greetings and good wishes to all the participants.

In listening to Mary, our Mother, and following her example, he invites us to discover our personal call from God who is the source of our existence, reminding us that, "Each human being is called by God to enjoy the fullness of life; and, is entrusted to the maternal care of the Church. Every threat to human dignity and life cannot but have an effect on her heart, on her maternal 'womb'. To defend life is not an ideology for the Church. It is a reality; a human reality which involves all Christians, precisely because they are Christian and because they are human". (General Audience, 25 March 2020).

With these sentiments in mind, I assure all who participate in this year's Day for Life of Pope Francis' prayers, particularly for all expectant mothers and their families. Through the intercession of the Mother of God, the Holy Father cordially imparts his Apostolic Blessing to all participants and invokes an abundance of Divine graces.

Summer Dues

This collection, for the support of priests, will be held throughout the summer months. Your support is greatly appreciated. Envelopes are available in all porches. Our thanks to those who took away envelopes and delivered them to neighbours.

Prayer Intention Box

The Leaving & Junior Cert for most pupils is almost completed and we wish those who took part a wonderful holiday. The box will remain close to the Sacred Heart and intentions will continue to be remembered in church.

Volunteers welcome in our Parish.

If you believe you can help in any aspect of the maintenance & growth of our Church either physically or spiritually, please see the leaflets in the porches, and complete the form and drop into the parish office.

Pathways: Exploring Faith and Ministry Programme

Pathways is a two-year, one evening a week, Adult Faith Development course. run by the Dublin Archdiocese, on Thursday evenings in DCU St. Patrick's Campus, Upper Drumcondra Rd, Dublin,9. September to May (7.00 p.m. – 9.30 p.m). Application is now open. **Early application advised.** Contact: *Pathways* Director, Eileen Houlahan at 01 8087594 or pathways@dublindiocese.ie. Website: www.missionministry.ie Brochures in the front porch. Ballygall parish offers to support parishioners in this programme by part – funding the cost.

Trocaire

We received confirmation from Trocaire this week to say that our recent Lenten contribution raised €3,768.80. They are more than appreciative of your generosity and thank you most sincerely.

First and Second Sunday Mass Collection.

The first collection for the priests of the Diocese last weekend was €990 and the second collection for the SHARE fund came to €765. Many thanks for your continued contribution to both collections.

The Best Way

Christ died for our sins; he redeemed us; literally, "he bought us back." Nobody, said St Paul, can be justified before God. But God himself justified us in his own eyes by the death of his Son:

Since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, they are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus. (Romans 3:23-24)

God could have saved us by merely saying a word! He could have saved us by a single drop of his blood! But he went the whole way, in case we'd ever doubt. "We know in this way how much God loves us," wrote St Thomas Aquinas, "and thereby we are stirred to love him in return." He quotes St Paul,

The Love of God moves us; for when as yet we were sinners ... Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)

Suffering and Love

The young nun's reaction was perfectly right when she saw the figure of Christ on the cross. Here was a love, in complete solidarity with a suffering world, conquering the sin which causes that suffering. And so she gave her life to him. ■



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Rule of the Gospel.

Sat 17 Jun Weekday : Sun 18 Jun Ordinary 11 : Mon 19 Jun St Romuald/(Limerick Dedn Cathd) : Tue 20 Jun The Irish Martyrs : Wed 21 Jun St Aloysius Gonzaga : Thu 22 Jun Paulinus of Nola; John Fisher; Thomas More (Cashel:Dedn Cathd) : Fri 23 Jun Weekday : Sat 24 Jun The Birth of St John The Baptist : Sun 25 Jun Ordinary 12.

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Summary

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Here was a man who could open heaven to him.

Question

Why did God send his only Son?

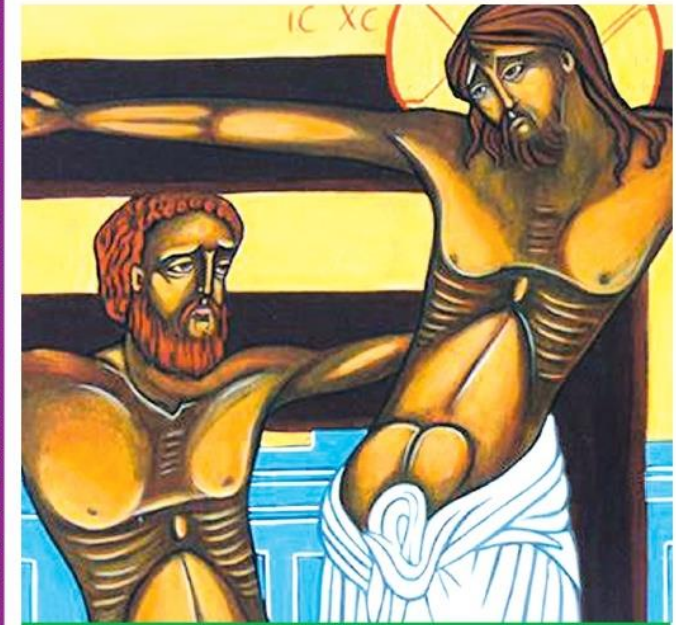
Prayer

Jesus, remember me.



SUNDAY LETTER

Series: Jesus-Human and Divine; Eleventh Sunday of Year A; 18 Jun 2023



Jesus died for Our Sins

I once met a young nun from France who quickly told me something of her conversion story. She had grown up in a family which had lost some members in the concentration camps of World War II. And so, she never gave God a second thought: if there was so much evil in the world, she reasoned, there can't be a God.

But she found herself in Jerusalem, staying with an elderly Jewish couple who themselves had also been in the concentration camps, but survived, with marks on their arms to prove it. Then one morning they took her to the Wailing Wall, the Jews' holiest site in Jerusalem, the only remaining part of the Temple in Jerusalem, and there she saw them praying.

She was astounded that someone who had suffered so much could be there praying the psalms, praising God. And I asked her, "If the Jews opened your mind to God, why are you a Catholic?" And she replied that a few days later, back home in France, thinking of this, she entered a church, and there was a huge figure of Christ on the cross in front of her, and she was struck: "That's where God is in a world with so much suffering!"

Christ died for our sins. In a world of evil, revenge, anger and violence, he took that suffering onto himself in a spirit of love, forgiveness, patience and peace ... right up to his last breath. And so, by his goodness, he conquered human sin.

The Good Thief who died beside him saw this, he accepted that he had been a thief, but that Jesus was innocent and that, though he was surrounded by people mocking and cursing him, like a pack of wild dogs, he reacted with complete goodness, saying "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." Maybe it was this that convinced the thief, there and then, that here was a man who could open heaven to him, since he was so sinless on earth, and he said,

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. (Lk 23:42)