

# Church of Our Mother of Divine Grace, Ballygall Parish

Part of the Glasnevin Partnership of Parishes

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

**12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 25<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

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Mass Intentions Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June to Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July				
Monday	7.25	Frank Casey	10.00	Ethna Ryan
Tuesday	7.25	Special Intention	10.00	-Available_
Wednesday	7.25	-Available-	10.00	John O'Toole
Thursday	7.25	-Available-	10.00	Christina & Vincent Brunton
Friday	7.25	Special Intention	10.00	William Hanrahan
Saturday	10.00	-Available-	Confessions available after 10.00am & 6.30pm Mass.	
	6.30pm	Bridget Toal, Kathleen & Liam Cradden		
Sunday	10.00	-Available-		
	11.30	Patrick Schweppe		

## Summertime

As the schools finish up this week and the summer holidays start. We wish all those travelling on holidays a safe and happy holiday.

## 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.

## Volunteers Required 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.

## Peter's Pence

The annual Peter's Pence collection will be taken up on the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, July 1 and 2. It will replace the normal share collection.

## The All-Ireland Rally for Life

Pro-life people from across the country join together to Stand for Life. & are marching to celebrate Life. Rally for Life 2023 will assemble at 1pm on Saturday, July 1, at the Garden of Remembrance on Parnell Square in Dublin city centre.

## Cemetery Masses & Blessings of Graves.

Annual Mass, Glasnevin Cemetery – 3pm, June 25;

Annual Mass, Dardistown Cemetery – 3pm, July 2;

## Trocaire

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

## DCU Course & Scholarships

Are you interested in learning more about theology and religion, but wonder if you have the time to do a degree programme? If so, then Dublin City University has an exciting opportunity for you. The **DCU MA in Theology and World Religions** is a flexible programme that is suitable for those who are busy with jobs and other responsibilities. Lectures are held in the evening, one night a week, and the programme can be taken on a part-time or full-time basis. We have now **six half-fees scholarships** available for part-time applicants. For more information contact Dr Joseph Rivera at [joseph.rivera@dcu.ie](mailto:joseph.rivera@dcu.ie).

## 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](mailto:pathways@dublindiocese.ie). Web: [www.missionministry.ie](http://www.missionministry.ie)

Brochures in the front porch. Ballygall parish offers to support parishioners in this programme by part – funding the cost.



### Deformed by Sin

However, the beauty of our nature, created “good” by God (Gen 1:31), has been deformed by sin. Our reason has been darkened, our will weakened and through repetition of sinful acts we become inclined towards evil. Our capacity to co-operate with

the eternal law of God has been dealt a mortal blow by the abuse of our reason and will. If I go against my own nature, then I am sinful, I miss the goal for which I was created.

### The Path to Freedom

The Old Testament gives us a deep insight into the reality of sin. However, more profoundly, it introduces us to the beginnings of the beautiful grace of redemption by which God, our Redeemer, rescues us from our slavery to sin through “the first stage of revealed Law... summed up in the Ten Commandments” (CCC 1961). This is the beginning of the restoration of the order which was broken. However, it is only by this Law being brought to perfection in the words, actions and radical obedience of Jesus Christ, that the grace of the New Law brings the work of God to perfection:

*For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.* (Jn 1:17)

### Justified, and Glorified

In the moment of our creation, the natural law was inscribed on our being. This is our capacity for knowing God’s will and acting according to the eternal law. It is not only restored, it is restored in an unimaginably more wonderful way. We are now not only able to live by the natural law, but can go beyond it by living the life of grace – the law of the Gospel. Paul sums this up by saying of God in our regard:

*Those whom he called, he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.* (Rom 8:30) ■

### Summary

*Our reason has been darkened, our will weakened and we have become inclined towards evil.*

*The Old Testament introduces us to the beginnings of the grace of redemption by which God rescues us from our slavery to sin .*

### Question

*What has darkened our reason, weakened our will and inclined us towards evil?*

*What was it that started the restoration of the order which was broken?*

### Prayer

*Lord, may I learn how to live by the natural law, and even more, may I live a life of grace.*



# SUNDAY LETTER

Series: Scripture; Twelfth Sunday of Year A; 25 Jun 2023

*Chambers dictionary defines “law” as “a rule of action established by authority”. Therefore the “divine” or “eternal law” is the plan of God, established by God in his creation, and which determines how all creatures function or behave.*

*When we speak of “the law of nature” we are referring to how creatures behave according to their own nature. Obviously, the capacity to behave will vary greatly when applied to inanimate creatures like a rock, or animate creatures like animals.*



## THE RULE OF THE GOSPEL

When used in relation to human beings the phrase “the law of nature” becomes more complex, because human beings have a rational nature. In this context we speak of “the natural law”. This acknowledges our capacity to act with reason and freedom, a capacity shared only by the creator and our fellow spiritual creatures, the angels.

### Cooperation With God

Through the gift of reason, human beings comprehend the plan of God in regard to human nature, and comprehend the gift of free will which allows us to act in accordance with this reason. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says:

*“human reason [becomes]... the voice and interpreter of a higher reason to which our spirit and our freedom must be submitted” (CCC 1954).*

Thus we co-operate with God in bringing his purpose for creation to its end. This is the call of every human being, whether he or she is a Christian or not. All human beings are subject to the “natural law”.



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