

Church of Our Mother of Divine Grace, Ballygall Parish

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

The Most Holy Trinity 4th June 2023

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Mass Intentions Monday 29 th to Sunday 4 th June				
Monday	Bank Holiday		10.00	Kieron Byrne
Tuesday	7.25	Anne Griffey Ann Vasey	10.00	-Available-
Wednesday	7.25	Special Intention	10.00	John Hickey
Thursday	7.25	Margaret Riley	10.00	Jack & Mairin Lynch
Friday	7.25	Mary & Edward Carroll	10.00	Harry Cunningham
Saturday	10.00	-Available-	Confessions available after 10.00am & 6.30pm Mass.	
	6.30pm	Rita Mathilda Gaffney, Ann Hannah.		
Sunday	10.00	Kieron Byrne, Josie Behan, Deceased members of the Boyle family.		
	11.30	Ena, Peter & Brendan Mahon.		

Recently Deceased

We remember those who have died this week, especially Mary Shields, Joan Sweeney, Milo Connolly, Fr. Martin Farrell & Richard Cleary. May they Rest in Peace.

Volunteers Required.

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.

Congratulations to the children from Mother of Divine Grace who were confirmed during the week. We would like to thank all those involved in preparing the children for this special sacrament. Confirmation takes place this Thursday at

11.30am for the boys in Sacred Heart Boys National School.

Monday is a Bank holiday. There will be no early 7.25am Mass. The church will be open until late for those who wish to spend some time in quiet prayer over the weekend.

The **Prayer Intention Box** for those doing exams and other intentions is over near the Sacred Heart Statue. Prayer cards are also available to give to those doing the exams.

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.

Summer Dues This collection, for the support of priests, will be held throughout the summer, beginning on the weekend of 10th/11th June. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Parish Reading Group

The next gathering of the Group will be on **Thursday 15th June @ 7.30pm** in the Oratory. The Group will review and discuss the periodical "SPIRITUALITY". Copies are available from the parish office. Everyone welcome.

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. Web: www.missionministry.ie Brochures in the front porch. 4

Whitehall Seeks Parish Centre Manager

The Parish of the Holy Child, Whitehall, is currently seeking to fill the role of Parish Centre Manager on a full-time fixed term basis. The role is initially offered for a period of 6 months. The Centre is an integral part of an active and vibrant Parish. Along with pastoral activities it caters to such diverse community groups as Active Retirement, Bridge Clubs and Mother & Toddler Groups, to name a few. It also has the added facility of a Coffee Shop. **Full details are available at www.dublindiocese.ie/vacancies/** The deadline for applications is **Thursday, June 8.**



To Sit at the Table

We are drawn into the inner life of the Trinity, to sit in that empty place at God's table. Jesus is the way, but the Spirit is the inner urge to move us in that way.

None can come to the Father unless the Father draw them. (John 6:44)

Commenting on this in the fifth century, St Augustine wrote:

"He did not say lead, but draw ... Believe, and you come; love, and you are drawn. Do not suppose here any rough and uneasy violence. It is gentle, it is sweet, it is the sweetness that draws you. Is not a sheep drawn when fresh grass is shown to it in its hunger? Yet I imagine that it is not driven bodily on, but bound by desire. In this way, too, you come to Christ: do not imagine long journeyings; in the very place where you believe, there you come. For to him who is everywhere we come by love, not by sailing."

God's Life is Ours

The Trinity is living within us, and we in the Trinity (this contrasts sharply with the experience that many people have of God). But we are never to doubt it: the life of God is ours, and in the future, it is to be ours even more. Jesus once said,

It is the Father living in me who is doing this work. (Jn 14:10)

By our incorporation into Christ's Body, we are entitled to say the same. ■

Summary

The spirit of our Faith is as wide as the world – wider than the world.

It is our task to discern spirits, to see which aspect of each of them comes from God.

We are invited and drawn into the inner life of the Trinity, to sit at that empty place at God's table.

Question

What does it mean to say that "to him who is everywhere we come by love, not by sailing?"

Prayer

Lord, may I learn more about how I am incorporated into the Trinity.



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Week: The Body of Christ

Sat 3 Jun St Kevin (Dublin, feast) : Sun 4 Jun Trinity Sunday : Mon 5 Jun St Boniface : Tue 6 Jun St Norbert / (Tuam: St Jarlath) : Wed 7 Jun (Dromore: St Colman) : Thu 8 Jun Weekday : Fri 9 Jun St Columba (Derry / Raphoe: Feast) : Sat 10 Jun Weekday : Sun 11 Jun Corpus Christi. Vol.45; No.29; Corpus Christi, Year A; 11 Jun 2023; Readings: Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14-16, Psalm 147, 1 Corinthians 10:16-17, John 6:51-58; Next



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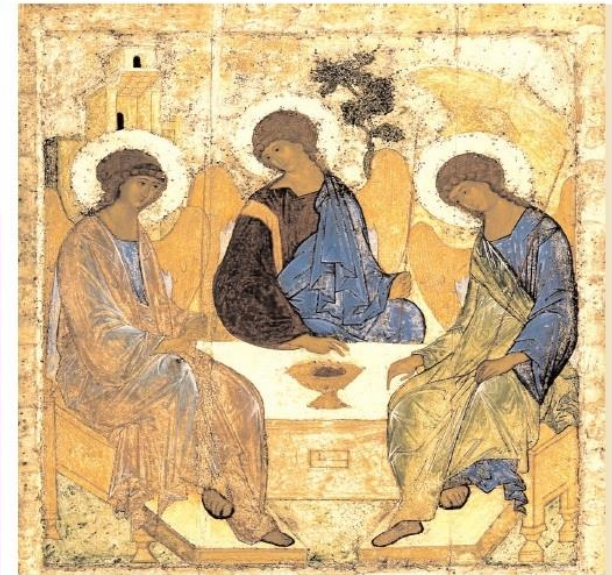
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The Blessed Trinity

Somewhere, you may have seen reproductions of the famous icon of the Blessed Trinity by the Russian artist, Andrei Rublev. The three persons are seated around a table in an attitude of deep harmony; the very lines of the icon create a circle within which the unity of the persons, the manner of their presence to one another, is visible. The same circle even subtly suggests a cup, or chalice, and at the focal point of the icon there is a cup between them on the table.

It's a wonderful use of symbols and suggestion. The Trinity hints at the Eucharist ... it is as if the divine persons were saying: 'be one with one another as we are one!' (See John 17:21).

To make the invitation even clearer, there is an empty place at the table.



Last Sunday was the feast of Pentecost, a feast that marks the end of the Easter liturgy. Today, having (as it were) collected all three Divine Persons, we celebrate the Trinity as a unity. We step back and take a wider look at our God, we admire the full scope of Christian revelation. It is vast! You can't miss God, no matter which way you point ('up' to the Father, 'out' and 'around' to Jesus, and 'in' to the Spirit). Whichever way you look, you get caught up in the vast web of the Trinity.

World Religions

In the course of its history, Christians have often ignored other religions; but that is not the spirit of Christianity. It is our task to discern spirits, to see if any aspect of each of these comes from God. The spirit of our faith is wider than the world, so it is only in the Trinity we are introduced into the communion of love which is God, the three persons of God.