

# Church of Our Mother of Divine Grace, Ballygall Parish

Part of the Glasnevin Partnership of Parishes

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

**15th Sunday in Ordinary Time** **16th July 2023**

Parish Website [www.ballygallparish.ie](http://www.ballygallparish.ie) Email [ballygallparish@outlook.com](mailto:ballygallparish@outlook.com)

Registered Charity RCN 20016166

## Parish Team

Fr. Joseph Ryan Co-P.P: Ph 8573776 Fr. Harry Gaynor Co-P.P: Ph 8342248

Fr. Paul St. John PC: Ph 086 2250689 Office 01 8369291

### Mass Intentions Monday 18th to Sunday 23rd July

Monday	7.25	Sr Rosa Stack	10.00	Dermot & Paula Bodley
Tuesday	7.25	Kevin Mulligan & Margaret Cavanagh	10.00	James Mulligan
Wednesday	7.25	Special Intention	10.00	Sean Moylan
Thursday	7.25	Jimmy & Mary Doyle	10.00	Betty Tallon
Friday	7.25	Frank & Kathleen Waters	10.00	Special Intention
Saturday	10.00	Joe & George Caffrey	Confessions available after 10.00am & 6.30pm Mass.	
	6.30pm	Barry O Mahony; Irene Jones		
Sunday	10.00	-----		
	11.30	-----		

### Recently Deceased

We remember those who have died recently, especially Vera Rawl, Cedarwood Grove. May she Rest in Peace.

### St. Vincent de Paul

Thank you for your generous support last weekend in our church gate collection.

### Tap & Go Machine

During June 2023 the Tap and Go machine in Ballygall Parish collected €688. This is split 60% to the Common Fund and 40% to Share. Thank you for your continued support.

### 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.

### Church Cleaning Team

We could do with some help with keeping our church clean. If able to help, leave contact details into the parish office.

### World day for Grandparents & the Elderly

The **National Grandparents' Pilgrimage** will take place in Knock on Sunday, July 23. All are welcome for this wonderful celebration of family and faith through the generations. The principal celebrant and homilist will be Bishop Denis Nulty, Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin and chair of the Bishops' Council for Marriage and the Family. Music will be by the combined choirs of Knock Shrine who will be joined by Dana for 'Lady of Knock' and her new hymn 'Light the Flame'. For more information see [www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org](http://www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org).

### Pathways: Exploring Faith and Ministry Programme (Know your Faith)

*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. September to May (7.00 p.m. – 9.30 p.m). Application is now open. Contact: *Pathways* Director, Eileen Houlahan at 01 8087594 or [pathways@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:pathways@dublindiocese.ie). Web:

[www.missionministry.ie](http://www.missionministry.ie)

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

### Season Of Creation 2023 Resources (Message from Bishop Martin Hayes:)

In recent days, Met Eireann released statistics to say that the past month of June was the warmest June in 83 years. We are being impacted by global warming which is having a particular effect on Europe.

We may feel overwhelmed by these scientific facts and that we can do nothing to reverse this global trend of rising temperatures. However, as individual Christians and as parish communities we take actions to address the impact of the current climate crisis. The Laudato Si' Working Group and Animators have prepared two sets of resources (see [www.catholicbishops.ie/laudato-si/](http://www.catholicbishops.ie/laudato-si/)); firstly, to return 30% of our parish grounds to nature and secondly, those for the 2023 Season of Creation (1st Sept – 4th Oct) in accord with the theme of 'let justice and peace flow'.

In his message for the 2023 Season of Creation, Pope Francis highlights our interconnectedness with God, with each other, with ourselves and with all of creation. These resources offer the opportunity for parishes to pray, discuss and take practical actions to address global warming at a local level. Our little actions together can have a global impact for the future of our Common Home.

### Youth 2000 Summer Festival

Join young people between 16 and 35 this August at the **Youth 2000 Summer Festival**. The festival takes place in Clongowes Wood College, Clane, Co Kildare from **Thursday 10th August to Sunday 13th August 2023**. The festival includes inspiring talks, music, prayer, concert, workshops, dramas, share groups, reconciliation and healing service and Mass. Donation only and we have buses going from all over Ireland. For more information and to book your place go to [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)

(As always our retreats are **donation only**, we want to make sure any young person who wants to attend can do so, if you or your parish would like to sponsor a young person please make a donation to <https://youth2000.ie/donate/>)



### Violence on TV

Neglecting our other faculties costs us dearly. If we neglect the mind to the same degree that we neglect the other faculties, we would be called barbarians. But we tolerate, we even cultivate, a barbarism of feeling and will. Look at the depravity that is frequently held up before us in the entertainment industry. Is it not barbarism?

### Children Taken Apart

If we neglect our feelings and our will, we will never learn to love; we will learn only a caricature of love: greed. To love is to respect, to care about. Its deepest meaning is “to become one with” someone. The word “analysis” means just about the opposite: “to take apart”. Sometimes, unintentionally, our education system “takes apart” something that children are born with, and we give them instead whatever it takes for them to fit into society, leaving many as damaged as the society itself.

### Keep it Simple

It was only when the towns of Chorazin, Bethsaida and Capernaum had rejected Jesus that he exclaimed,

*I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and intelligent, and have revealed them to infants.* (Mt 11:25)

Perhaps there were many intelligent people in those towns, but Jesus was tired of arguing with them. Their intelligence left no mark on the history of the world. Of Chorazin and Bethsaida there is no trace left; Capernaum is only a couple of ruins. But the extraordinary love that Jesus embodied will never be forgotten. ■

### Summary

*If we neglect our feelings and will, we will never learn to love.*

*I have known people who were intellectually gifted but incapable of looking after themselves, or anyone else.*

### Question

*How do I keep my emotions properly nourished?*

### Prayer

*Lord, help me to love you naturally.*



Issued "Cum Permissu Superiorum" by Rollebbon Press, Dominican Priory, Tallaght Village, Dublin 24; Tel: (+353-1) 404 8100 or (+353) 087 284 1341; Fax: (+353-1) 404 8192.; email: rollebbonpress@eircom.net  
Nihil Obstat: John Harris OP; Printed in Ireland; some graphics are copyright 123RF.

Vol.45; No.33; Fourteenth Sunday of Year A; 9 Jul 2023; Readings: Zechariah 9:9-10, Psalm 144, Romans 8:9, 11-13, Matthew 11:25-30; Next Week: The Power of Word.

Sat 8 Jul Killian : Sun 9 Jul Ordinary 14 : Mon 10 Jul Weekday : Tue 11 Jul Benedict, patron of Europe : Wed 12 Jul Weekday : Thu 13 Jul Henry : Fri 14 Jul Camillus : Sat 15 Jul Bonaventure : Sun 16 Jul Ordinary 15.



# SUNDAY LETTER

Series: Spirituality; Fourteenth Sunday of Year A; 9 Jul 2023



## LOVE IS SIMPLE

The French mystic, Madame Guyon (1648-1717) wrote, “Through being given a rule and method on how to love God, people have in great measure been estranged from God. How unnecessary it is to teach an art of loving! The language of love, though natural to the lover, is nonsense and barbarism to one who does not love. The best way to learn the love of God is to love God.

*The ignorant and simple, because they proceed with more heart and greater simplicity, often become better at it.*

*The Spirit of God needs none of our arrangements and methods; when it pleases him, he turns shepherds into prophets.*

*And so, far from excluding anyone from the Temple of Prayer, he throws wide the gates that all may enter, while Wisdom cries aloud in the streets:*

*‘You that are simple turn in here’ (Proverbs 9:4).”*

When I was in Iceland some years ago I asked an 8-year-old American girl how long it took her to learn the Icelandic language (she was the best in her family at it). She replied, “A day, or two days ... or a week.” In other words she didn’t think about it at all; she just played with her Icelandic friends. Children learn spontaneously, but adults proceed “by rule and method.” Because we have lost the capacity for direct experience, we need handbooks for everything. While an adult stands back to analyse something, a child just becomes one with it.

### Unreal Gifts

We have so venerated the analytical mind that our other faculties are scarcely taken into account. I have known people who were intellectually gifted but incapable of looking after themselves, or anyone else for that matter. Far from seeing this as an embarrassment, we almost make it a badge of honour: we may laugh at the absent-minded professor, but secretly we revere him. However, as Chesterton said, “A madman is not someone who has lost his mind; he is someone who has lost everything except his mind.”