

# Church of Our Mother of Divine Grace, Ballygall Parish

Part of the Glasnevin Partnership of Parishes

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

**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023**

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## Mass Intentions Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July to Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July

|           |        |   |  |                        |
|-----------|--------|---|--|------------------------|
| Monday    | 7.25   | Dan Byrne   | 10.00  | Martin Moran           |
| Tuesday   | 7.25   | -Available-   | 10.00  | -Available-            |
| Wednesday | 7.25   | Special Intention   | 10.00  | -Available-            |
| Thursday  | 7.25   | Bernard & Rita Kavanagh   | 10.00  | -Available-            |
| Friday    | 7.25   | Altar List of the Dead  | 10.00  | Altar List of the Dead |
| Saturday  | 10.00  | Available.  | Confessions available after 10.00am & 6.30pm Mass. |                        |
|           | 6.30pm | Kathleen O'Connell, Eamonn Crawley, Margaret & Daniel Haughton. |  |                        |
| Sunday    | 10.00  | Fran Higgins, Stuart, Marie & Terry Lynch. Esther Bichler       |  |                        |
|           | 11.30  | Elizabeth & Harry Barry   |  |                        |

## Peters Pence

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

## 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. The choirs will be taking a well-deserved break during July & August. We are looking for volunteers to lead the singing from time to time. Also, our stewards may be absent and if you see the need your help with the collections during mass would be greatly appreciated. .

## Prayer Intention Box

Now that the exams have finished some of you have expressed an interest in using the prayer intention box near the Sacred Heart Statue for other intentions. Feel free to leave in intentions and these will be remembered at Masses throughout the summer months. Donations can be left in to the shrines if wanted. After 10am Mass each weekday the rosary is recited and our thanks to those who take part regularly.

## CROSSCARE – Support Service for those in need.

Crosscare have food collection and casework centres across Dublin – in Finglas, Ronanstown, Jobstown, Nutgrove, Bonnybrook, Blanchardstown, and Dublin 1 – with plans to establish more where needed. Close to 500 families and individuals, including 300 children, have needed help with food from us since the start of the year, and we know many more need our support, Please share details of this service so they can reach as many people in need as possible.

## Cemetery Masses & Blessings of Graves.

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

## 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.

## World Day For Grandparents And The Elderly

“His mercy is from age to age” (Luke 1:50) is the theme chosen by the Holy Father for the third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly and for the Message, that bears the date of the Feast of the Visitation. This year's celebration dedicated to grandparents and the elderly will take place on **Sunday, July 23**, just days before the start of World Youth Day in Lisbon.

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. For more information see [www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org](http://www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org).

## Parish Office

Our Parish Secretary is on holidays for the next two weeks, so phone & office services are limited. Mass cards etc can be purchased in the shop after 10.00am mass, Tuesday to Friday.

The poster features the Crosscare logo at the top, followed by the text 'FOOD POVERTY SUPPORT SERVICE'. Below this are three speech bubbles asking 'Are You ... finding it hard to have a warm, healthy meal every day of the week?', 'Are You ... cutting back on food for yourself so your family can eat?', and 'Are You ... always worried about paying bills and the cost of food?'. In the center, there is an illustration of two hands holding a family silhouette. Below the illustration, it says 'We can help.' and 'One of our team will meet with you, help with food and plan for a better future for you and your family.' At the bottom, contact information is provided: 'Contact us today and get the help you need: Phone 01-8913022 E-mail: foodcaseworkservice@crosscare.ie'. A small red circular badge in the bottom right corner states 'This service is confidential'.

## New Life in Christ

I once knew an old priest who believed that everyone went to heaven because there never was anyone on the face of the earth who had not at some stage given a cup of water to someone in need. Because of Christ's act of love (his dying on the cross) we believe that something new has been born. The old world is over, and a new way of being human has been brought to life in Christ.

## Daily Practice

Because we have been baptised into Christ, this is the way we are called to live. We share in his life – a life that, through death, brings more life. Each day we are given ample opportunities to turn the other cheek, to walk the extra mile.

If we are without Christ, we attempt to make ourselves important in other ways, so we start collecting things, and allow other peoples' opinions dictate how we live. On the other hand, Jesus' call to love gives us a new freedom. We live from our hearts, not from what others say about us. Because of our faith in Jesus, it is in the act of giving that we receive.

## A New Way of Seeing

Christ's death has turned everything on its head. The way we look at others, at the world, wealth, positions, even death itself has been radically changed by Christ. This new way of looking at the world involves our dying to the opinions of others. We don't have to think like them, or act like them. It is as if we are living in a parallel universe. The person who acts out of love, for instance, acts differently from the one who acts only for money.

## Saint Francis

When St Francis of Assisi gave his life over to Christ, his father thought he had gone mad. When Francis started giving all his possessions away, his father tried to stop him and had him put into prison. He even denied that Francis was his son. He said that, in his opinion, his son was dead to him. Indeed, he had died ... he had died to one way of living and had begun to live in a new way. He had been baptised into Christ's death and was now living a new life. The old way had no power over him any more.

When you or I allow the love of Christ to shape our lives, we too start something new. Giving a cup of water to someone in need is enough to change the world, and to get us into heaven. ■



### Summary

*We share in Christ's life, a life that in dying, brings life.*

*The way we look at others, at the world, wealth, positions, even death has been radically changed by Christ.*

### Question

*What motivates us to start anew?*

### Prayer

*Lord, may I practise loving in the way you taught us.*



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Year A; 2 Jul 2023; Readings: 2Kings  
4:8-11,14-16, Psalm 88, Romans 6:3-4,8-  
11, Matthew 10:37-42; Next Week:  
Love is Simple.  
Sat 1 Jul Armagh, Meath St Oliver  
Plunkett (Elphin: Dedn Cathd) : Sun 2  
Jul Ordinary 13 : Mon 3 Jul St Thomas  
: Tue 4 Jul Elizabeth of Portugal : Wed  
5 Jul Anthony Zaccaria : Thu 6 Jul  
Maria Goretti; Monine : Fri 7 Jul  
Maelruain : Sat 8 Jul Killian : Sun 9 Jul  
Ordinary 14.



# SUNDAY LETTER

Series: Jesus-Human & Divine; Thirteenth Sunday of Year A; 2 Jul 2023



## BAPTISED INTO CHRIST'S DEATH

*Some of you might recall the story of St Maximilian Kolbe, the Franciscan friar who volunteered to die in place of a man named Franciszek Gajowniczek in the German death camp of Auschwitz, in German-occupied Poland during World War II. At the end of July 1941, a prisoner escaped from the camp, prompting the deputy camp commander to pick ten men to be starved to death in an underground bunker in order to deter further escape attempts. When one of the selected men cried out, "My wife! My children!" Fr Kolbe stepped forward and volunteered to take his place. He was then numbered among the ten and led off to be starved to death. Why would someone do such a thing?*

When Pope Paul VI beatified Kolbe in 1971 he gave him the unofficial title "martyr of charity." Moved by love – the love of Christ in his heart – when the man cried out, Maximilian offered his life in his place. This was an act of true Christian love. He witnessed to the power of love, even over death.

### Love/Hate

We have been baptised into Christ's death, that is to say, that since Christ died out of love, we are baptised into that love. We were not saved from sin by the bloody slaughter carried out by the Roman executioners. It was the love in the heart of Christ, expressed by his obedience to his Father, that saved the world from sin.

Love is more powerful than hate. Love is the ingredient that changes everything. Love is what changed the execution on calvary into an act that saved the whole world.