

Church of Our Mother of Divine Grace, Ballygall Parish

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

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 30th July 2023

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Mass Intentions Monday 29 th July to Sunday 6 th August				
Monday	7.25	Ger Clerkin	10.00	Barry Kelly
Tuesday	7.25	Kathleen Mongan	10.00	Funeral Frances (Patsy) Meehan.
Wednesday	7.25	Available	10.00	Special Intention
Thursday	7.25	Available	10.00	Special Intention
Friday	7.25	Altar List of the Dead	10.00	Altar List of the Dead.
Saturday	10.00	Kathleen Nolan	Confessions available after 10.00am & 6.30pm Mass.	
	6.30pm	Bettie & Paddy Galligan, Paddy Farrell, Lily Dwyer, Bridie Woods, Maura Flannery.		
Sunday	10.00	--- Available ---		
	11.30	Yvonne Alford, Philp & Gertie Quinlan, Cathal Byron, John, Collette & Enda Kinsella.		

Recently Deceased

We remember those who have died recently, especially Henry Flanagan & Frances (Patsy) Meehan. May they Rest in Peace.

Office Hours

Please note our office hours have now changed. Our Parish Secretary is now available on Monday, Thursdays and Fridays. If you have an urgent enquiry, please see contact details for our priests above. Alternatively, if your query is non-urgent you can email our office ballygallparish@outlook.com or leave a voicemail on 01 8369291.

Our Lady of Dolours Parish have opened a Preloved Labels Pop Up Charity Shop in our Lady of Dolours Parish Centre on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10AM - 1PM until Sat 26th August. We look forward to welcoming the parishioners from Ballygall.

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. Web: www.missionministry.ie Ballygall parish offers to support parishioners taking part in this programme by part – funding the cost.

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

(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/>)

Weekly Ezine

Sharing the Good News is the newsletter of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference. If you would like receive this weekly ezine, you can do so at <https://catholicnews.ie/newsletter/>. You are encouraged to invite others to do so too. Send articles and photographs for use in *Sharing the Good News* to info@catholicbishops.ie.

Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine & Co. Mayo.

Train Transport to Knock. Saturday 19th August to Tuesday 21st August. Package Includes 3 nights accommodation on Full Board basis in 3* Knock House Hotel. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours. Assistance from Knock Pilgrimages representative. Single Room Supplement of €150. For more details see poster in the shop and porch. Contact Patricia 087 1890236 Knockpilgimages@gmail.com

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.

Incarnation

At the heart of God's power is Jesus Christ. In becoming human in Christ, God entered the Paschal Mystery of his passion, death and resurrection. Through this paschal mystery, God communicates his power to his creation. We call this power *The Kingdom of God*. It is a whole new way of living. This power is the new creation of the risen Christ which is communicated to us in the life of grace which begins with baptism and is nourished by the other sacraments. Grace is God's power in so far as it recreates us by sharing in God's very nature. Hence, wherever there is grace, there is the *Kingdom of God*.

Fruits of the Kingdom

To live in God's kingdom is to avoid sin (especially mortal sin) which robs us of this new life and cuts us off from God, leaving us to fall back into the old existence which cannot attain heaven.

Whenever we avoid sin, the Kingdom takes an ever greater hold of our lives, and the fruits of the Kingdom become more present in us: peace, joy, kindness, forgiveness, generosity, humility. To live in the Kingdom is essentially to let the Risen Lord live in us and through us. ■

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

love,
joy,
peace,
patience,
kindness,
goodness,
faithfulness,
gentleness,
and self-control



Galatians 5:22-23

Summary

*What is God's power?
It is his capacity to give life and to master the unfolding of reality. God's power is his capacity to hold all things in being.*

Question

How does grace relate to the Kingdom of God?

Prayer

Father, may your risen Son live within me.



SUNDAY LETTER

Series: The Church; Seventeenth Sunday of Year A; 30 Jul 2023

There is an ancient practice in the Church for discerning the truth. It is called "The Via Negativa", the way of negation. Such a practice helps clarify particular ideas by saying what they are not.

This Sunday's Gospel calls on us to contemplate the Kingdom of God, so we start by asking what this Kingdom is not. This is important, because there is a temptation to interpret the Kingdom in purely earthly terms. For example when we think of a kingdom, we think of a ruler and his or her governing power.

However, God's Kingdom isn't powerful in the same way as an earthly kingdom is powerful. The power of the Kingdom is not the violence of a dictator or the military might of a ruler. It is not the coercive power of a King or Queen to strike fear into their subjects. It is not a physical power that exerts influence over another in the same way that earthly rulers do. The Kingdom of God is also not some secular notion of our efforts to bring about a utopia of peace and justice on earth.



The Kingdom of God

A true understanding of the Kingdom of God is found firstly in a correct notion of God's power. What is God's power? It is his capacity to give life and to master the unfolding of reality. God's power is his capacity to hold things in being. It is his power to govern all things, while developing them according to his plan. In short, it is what we mean by his "Lordship".



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Sat 29 Jul St Martha : Sun 30 Jul Ordinary 17 : Mon 31 Jul Ignatius Loyola : Tue 1 Aug Alphonsus Liguori : Wed 2 Aug Eusebius; Peter Julian : Thu 3 Aug Weekday : Fri 4 Aug John Vianney : Sat 5 Aug Dedn St Mary Major's : Sun 6 Aug The Transfiguration.