

Church of Our Mother of Divine Grace, Ballygall Parish

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

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9th July 2023

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Mass Intentions Monday 10th to Sunday 16th July				
Monday	7.25	William & May Kelly	10.00	----
Tuesday	7.25	-----	10.00	----
Wednesday	7.25	-----	10.00	-----
Thursday	7.25	-----	10.00	-----
Friday	7.25	Benedict Whelan	10.00	-----
Saturday	10.00	-----	Confessions available after 10.00am & 6.30pm Mass.	
	6.30pm	Jimmy Malone; Sean Keating.		
Sunday	10.00	-----		
	11.30	Frank Hanratty; Patricia & James Flannery.		

Recently Deceased We remember those who have died this week, especially Sean McKeown, Willow Park, Thomas Crawley Tolka, Br. Lucian Phelan. May they Rest in Peace.

Peters Pence Thank you for your support last weekend. €1,500 was raised in the plate collection.

St. Vincent de Paul Monthly church gate collection takes place this weekend.

Thank you.

St Laurence O'Toole Anniversary

The Archbishop of Rouen has invited the Archbishop of Dublin and the people of the Dublin Diocese to join him in the town of Eu in Normandy in **May 2025** for the celebration of the 800th anniversary of St Laurence O'Toole's canonisation with the Diocese of Rouen. Those interested in participating in, or organising a group for, this pilgrimage celebration, can contact Fr Ivan Tonge, Ringsend (ivan.tonge@gmail.com), or Fr John Flaherty, Portmarnock

(john.flaherty@dublindiocese.ie), so that the planning can advance. This visit will be co-ordinated by Marian Pilgrimages.

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/>

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. The programme costs €8,000 to be paid over two years. With the scholarship, that would be €4,000 over two years (or €2,000 per year). For more information contact Dr Joseph Rivera at joseph.rivera@dcu.ie.

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.

'Under Mary's Mantle' Conference

Young Adult Catholic Conference – Sat & Sun, 19/20th August – a conference on faith and culture for young adults (18-35) with talks, prayer, Mass, Confession, workshops, food and social in All Hallows college. Keynote speakers include poet and convert Sally Read, a one-time radical feminist who embraced the Faith, Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan, Cistercian Fr Aelred McGee, Marian theologian Professor William A Thomas and many more. The talks and workshops range widely from poetry to reading the Bible, vocations and Mary in the Liturgical Year. Mass and Confessions take place both days. Two-day ticket (Saturday & Sunday) – €60. Day rates – Saturday €40; Sunday €30. Students get a 10% discount – contact deusetpatria@gmail.com for discount code.

Parish Office

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



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

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Question

How do I keep my emotions properly nourished?

Prayer

Lord, help me to love you naturally.



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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."