

Church of Our Mother of Divine Grace, Ballygall Parish

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

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 13th August 2023

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Mass Intentions Monday 14th August to Sunday 20th August 2023

Monday	7.25	Patrick Keating	10.00	May Wheeler
	6.30pm	Vigil Mass Feast of the Assumption Jerry Devoy		
Tuesday	7.25	-- Available --	10.00	Tom, Maura & May Cullen.
Wednesday	7.25	Special Intention	10.00	Funeral Mass Frances Slator
Thursday	7.25	-- Available --	10.00	-- Available --
Friday	7.25	Special Intention	10.00	John Reynolds
Saturday	10.00	-- Available --	Confessions available after 10.00am & 6.30pm Mass.	
	6.30pm	Nora & Kieran Holland, Eamonn O'Donnell, Joe Mooney.		
Sunday	10.00	Mary O'Donohoe		
	11.30	Gerry O'Reilly, Bridget and Patrick Coyle, Sean Coyle.		

Recently Deceased

We remember those who have died recently, especially Teresa Halpin and Frances Slator, and Monsignor Peter Briscoe. May they Rest in Peace.

Assumption of Our Lady – Holyday

15th August is the Solemnity of the Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary.

We worship God who brought Mary to the glory of heaven this day. We celebrate her Assumption, the tangible reminder that the resurrection of Jesus brings victory over death for all who believe. One of the few Holy days where we are obliged to attend Mass. Vigil Mass Monday @6.30pm and on Tuesday itself 7.25 & 10am.

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.

Knock Novena 14 – 22 Aug

The annual Novena takes place on Knock from Monday. 3pm & 8pm are the times of the ceremonies. We encourage you to join for maybe one or more sessions. See www.knockshrine.ie for more details.

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

Knockpilgrimages@gmail.com

Associate Membership of Lourdes

Help send a sick pilgrim to Lourdes by becoming an associate member. Enquire in the church shop for more details. All your donations helps to send sick

pilgrims to Our Lady's Shrine at Lourdes. Donor's intentions are also remembered at all Masses celebrated during the Pilgrimage.

Trocaire

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Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that was never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help or sought your intercession was left unaided.

Inspired with this confidence, I fly to you, O virgin of virgins my Mother, to you do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the word incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer me. Amen.



Yet another passage unique to Matthew's gospel is the account of Jesus walking on water (Mt 14:22-33; compare Mk 6:45-52). In it, Peter responds to Jesus' reassurances of safety in the storm by asking Jesus to bid him come to him across the water. Peter's faith is again highlighted, but when confronted by the "strong wind", the limitations of Peter's faith was again seen, and once more Jesus reprimanded him:

You of little faith, why did you doubt? (Mt 14:31)

Peter went from being "the Rock" to being "You of little faith"!

Seventy-Seven Times

A third significant addition occurs in the discourse on the Church in chapter 18. In this discourse Peter is the only disciple referred to by name, and this is where Jesus devolves authority to Peter in making decisions for the community (Mt 18:18-20). It is Peter who seeks clarification with regard to the number of times one should forgive. In his own attempt to answer the question by suggesting "seven times", we see his readiness to heed Jesus' call to be ready to forgive. But Jesus again calls on him to look further by replying "Not seven, I tell you but seventy-seven times".

Peter's Denials

Therefore, the name "Rock", given to Peter at his first calling, together with the additions in Matthew's gospel, point to the importance of Peter's faith as a foundational element of the early Church. They also point to Peter's limitations which would be clearly revealed with Peter's threefold denial of Christ in the Passion story (Mt 26:33-75). This limitation, however, would later be overcome profoundly by his encounter with the Risen Jesus (See: Mt 28:16-20; Lk 22:31ff.; Jn 21:15ff.). ■

Summary

Here was a powerful affirmation of Peter's faith as the foundation of the Church, and of his authority within it, vested in him and his successors.

The limitations of Peter's faith were exposed.

Question

What do Peter's denials teach us about our own faith?

Prayer

Lord, help me to build on the faith I have inherited from Saint Peter.



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1Kings 19:9,11-13, Psalm 84, Romans 9:1-5, Matthew 14:22-33; Next Week: A Deeper Faith.

Sat 12 Aug Jane Francis de Chantal; Muredach, Attracta; Lelia (Cloyne, Killala Dedn Cathd) : Sun 13 Aug Ordinary 19 : Mon 14 Aug Maximilian Kolbe : Tue 15 Aug Assumption : Wed 16 Aug Stephen of Hungary : Thu 17 Aug Our Lady of Knock : Fri 18 Aug (Tuam Dedn Cathd) : Sat 19 Aug John Eudes : Sun 20 Aug Ordinary 20.



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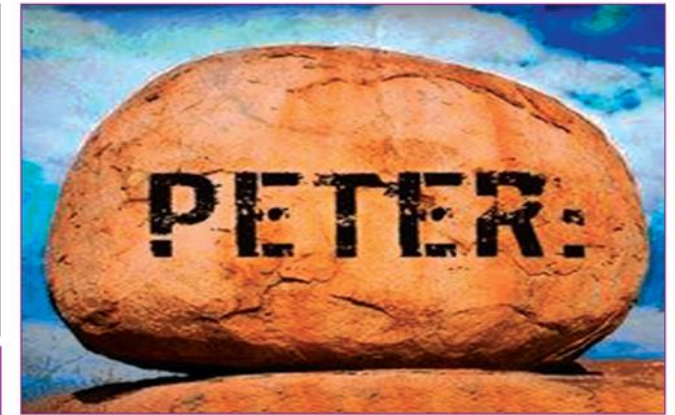
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Saint Peter's Faith

The evangelist St Matthew, in his account of the calling of the first apostles, refers to Peter as: "Simon who is called Peter" or "Petros" in Greek, meaning "rock" (Mt 4:18-22).

In most places, the gospels of Mark and Luke share the account of Peter's life with Matthew. But this does not happen here. With Mark and Luke, it is only much later in their gospels that we learn of him being given the name Peter.

Peter's faith is given special attention by St Matthew.



There are three other significant differences between Matthew's gospel and the other gospels in regard to Peter.

Caesarea Philippi

In the account of Peter's confession of faith at Caesarea Philippi, Matthew adds a passage in which Jesus blesses Simon for his faith which, he says, was given him by the Father. He then gives him the name "Peter" (Mt 16:13-20 compare Mk 8:27-30). Jesus would build his church solidly on Peter, reminding us of the practical faith recommended at the end of the Sermon on the Mount, a faith which is likened to a house built on rock (Mt 7:25).

This faith gave Peter the authority of "binding and loosing", a Jewish expression for exercising discipline in matters of community membership and doctrine (Mt 16:16-19). This was a powerful affirmation of Peter's faith which became the foundation on which the Church was built, and of the authority within it being vested in him and his successors.

Walking On Water

In the passage immediately following, however, the limitations of Peter's faith are exposed, and he was severely reprimanded by Jesus:

Get behind me Satan!

(Matt 16:23)