

Church of Our Mother of Divine Grace, Ballygall Parish

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

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 20th August 2023

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Mass Intentions Monday 21st August to Sunday 27th August 2023

Monday	7.25	Joe & Phil Graham	10.00	Funeral Mass – Gerard Molloy
Tuesday	7.25	Available	10.00	Peter Feeley
Wednesday	7.25	Ann O'Donohoe	10.00	Laurie O'Donnell
Thursday	7.25	Special Intention	10.00	Frank Gilchrist
Friday	7.25	Gerry & Gabrielle Power	10.00	Fergus McDermott
Saturday	10.00	Mel Hamill	Confessions available after 10.00am & 6.30pm Mass.	
	6.30pm	Months Mind Remembrance Veronica Rawl, Sean McKeown, Henry Flanagan, Bridget Doyle		
Sunday	10.00	Con & Maura O'Leary, Margaret Callan.		
	11.30	Eugene, Fran & Helen Walsh, Carmel Chaney, Jack Nolan. Annie Bourne.		

Recently Deceased

We remember those who have died recently, especially Frances Slator, Derek Dunne, Pauline Doyle & Gerard Molloy. May they Rest in Peace.

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.

To date we have collected €400, please note this will be our last week for collecting donations.

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.

Diocesan Youth Leadership Course

Beginning in September, a new Diocesan Youth Leadership Course will take place. This course will equip young adults to take on leadership roles in their parish setting and for peer-to-peer ministry, as well as training those looking to accompany young adults in their parish. Each month, new skills are learnt and will be put into practice at the retreat day which will be shaped and organised by the course participants. For more information email natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie.

Bereavement Support

The Irish Hospice Foundation provides a free Bereavement Support Line. This National Freephone Service is available from 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday, by calling 1800 807077. Visit www.hospicefoundation.ie for more information.



Our Lady of Knock,
Queen of Ireland,
you gave hope to our people in a
time of distress
and comforted them in sorrow.
You have inspired countless pilgrims
to pray with confidence to your
Divine Son,
remembering His promise:
"Ask and you shall receive,
Seek and you shall find".

Help me to remember that we are all
pilgrims on the road to heaven.
Fill me with love and concern
for my brothers and sisters in Christ,
especially those who live with me.
Comfort me when I am sick or lonely
or depressed.

Teach me how to take part ever
more reverently in the Holy Mass.
Pray for me now, and at the hour of
my death. Amen.



Turning the Tables

What happened to the woman next was another surprise. Jesus did not respond to her need. Or did he? She had come and asked for healing for her daughter. Instead of healing the daughter, he preached a little parable to her:

It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs. (Mt 15:26)

How often have we come to Jesus, knowing what we need, asking for it fervently of the Lord, only to be met with more words ... with parables and prophecies rather than solutions?

A Response of Faith

Christ bluntly revealed to the woman precisely where the Canaanites stood in God's plan of salvation. However, she was not repelled by his parable; she engaged with it. Such a woman of faith! She recognised that God was in her world. She humbly accepted God's judgment upon her world, and then opened herself again and replied to the parable:

Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters. (Mt 15:27)

And then she heard Jesus' reply:

O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish. (Mt 15:28)

What is Faith?

Faith is the recognition that we are in the presence of someone not of this world. The Canaanite woman saw only a prophet, but she perceived God's presence within him. First, she opened herself to God beyond the man, and received a word, a teaching, the good news of salvation, the gospel. Once she opened herself to this, she was healed. What is faith? We perceive; we open; we listen; we receive, and we live. ■

Summary

The Church produced the Gospels as a way of encountering Christ and sharing him with the world.

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Question

How do we encounter Jesus in the story of the Canaanite woman?

Prayer

Have pity on me, Lord, for my needs are great.



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 Sat 19 Aug John Eudes : Sun 20 Aug Ordinary 20 : Mon 21 Aug St Pius X : Tue 22 Aug Queenship of Mary (Cork Kerry Dedn Cathd) : Wed 23 Aug Rose of Lima; Derry, St Eugene : Thu 24 Aug Bartholomew, Apostle : Fri 25 Aug St Louis; Joseph Calasanz : Sat 26 Aug Weekday : Sun 27 Aug Ordinary 21.



SUNDAY LETTER

Series: Scripture; Twentieth Sunday of Year A; 20 Aug 2023

A Deeper Faith

The gospels tell us the story of Jesus ... but this was not simply to convey information about his life. The gospels want us to encounter Jesus. The church produced the gospels as a way of encountering Christ and sharing him with the world.

At Mass, we stand up for the reading of the gospel because we believe we are welcoming Jesus, the living Word of God, who has come to address us.



The Canaanite woman spoken about in this Sunday's gospel was a model of faith. She approached Jesus, even though she was not a Jew. So what was her faith? This story teaches us a wider concept of faith: faith is an experience of God.

Approaching The Prophet

Jesus travelled far away from his home country to be among the Gentiles. He was, therefore, a complete stranger to this woman. She had only heard about him, yet she was sure that God had entered her life in the person of this Jewish prophet. Think of her resolution, and the risk she took in approaching him. How would she address this man, a man who was both a stranger and her saviour? Nonetheless, she opened herself up to him:

Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon. (Mt 15:22)

This is what we, also, should do. At Mass we stand when the gospel is read because we are welcoming Jesus, the living Word of God, who has come into our midst.

