

## Church of Our Mother of Divine Grace, Ballygall Parish

Part of the Glasnevin Partnership of Parishes

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

### 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 27<sup>th</sup> August 2023

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#### Mass Intentions Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August to Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023

Monday	7.25	Annie Bourne	10.00	--Available--
Tuesday	7.25	Special Intention	10.00	Pat Brennan
	11.30	Funeral Mass Brigid Moore.		
Wednesday	7.25	Thomas & Margaret Ryan	10.00	Olive Aulnett
Thursday	7.25	Deceased members of the Bryan, Buckley & McCarthy Families.	10.00	Brendan Tully.
Friday	7.25	Altar List of the Dead	10.00	Altar List of the Dead.
Saturday	10.00	Thomas, Bridget & Maurice Walsh.	Confessions available after 10.00am & 6.30pm Mass.	
Saturday	6.30pm	Paul Wright, John Toal, Kay Bolger, Mary, Jim, Paddy, John & Sean Downey		
Sunday	10.00	Bill Gale.		
	11.30	Joe Grennan.		

#### Recently Deceased

We remember those who have died recently, especially, Gerry Molloy, Brigid Moore, Rosalinda Bontoy, Mel Hamill. May they Rest in Peace.

#### Associate Membership of Lourdes

Sincere thanks to all who donated to the Lourdes fund, in total, we collected €1055. The Association were delighted with your generous donation.

#### Back to School

We think of all the children in our Parish who will be returning to school after their long summer break & also for those starting school for the first time. We hope that your school journey will be a happy and healthy one.

Also, we remember those who have just received their Leaving Cert Results, may they be guided by the Holy Spirit in whatever decisions they have to make over the next couple of weeks. You are all in our prayers and we wish you well.

#### University Church

We are all are invited to a special Mass at Dublin Castle on Saturday, August 26, at 11am. The Newman Vocare Ensemble, will be singing, Archbishop Dermot Farrell will be celebrating and Fr John Jenkins CSC, president of the University of Notre Dame, will be preaching. There are no tickets necessary.

#### 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](mailto: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](http://www.hospicefoundation.ie) for more information.

#### Office Hours

Please note that our office hours have 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](mailto:ballygallparish@outlook.com) or leave a voicemail on 01 8369291.



#### Perpetual Help, Solemn Novena

22<sup>nd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> August

Monastery of St. Alphonsus,  
St Alphonsus Road Upper, Dublin 9.

Masses 9.30am & 8.00pm

Led by: Fr Laurence Gallagher,  
C.Ss.R

Jesus saw this as a sign from the Father that Peter would be the one to lead his Church into the future, a man who would lead the people in believing this most essential truth: that Jesus of Nazareth was the Messiah, the Son of the living God.

### Leadership in Humility

In Jerusalem, many centuries before this, on a cliff overlooking the Kedron Valley, Shebna, the royal steward to King Hezekiah, carved a fine tomb for himself which can still be seen today. Shebna held the key of the royal palace, and so he controlled everything under the king himself. This tomb was so grandiose that it got Shebna fired. God wanted a more humble man to hold those keys.

Jesus, the “King of kings,” then chose a fisherman, and gave him the keys. And the keys of this kingdom were not those of the tiny kingdom of Judah. These were the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven.

### Following the Spirit

We read in *The Acts of the Apostles* that as soon as Jesus ascended into heaven, Peter was the one to take over leadership of the community. In the power of the Holy Spirit, Peter personally directed the newborn Church and opened it up to the nations as a universal, truly “catholic”, Church. Every New Testament author, Matthew, Mark, Luke, John and Paul, all singled out Peter as standing at the foundation of everything else.

### Apostolic Succession

Four centuries later, Pope Leo the Great sent a letter to the bishops gathered in the Greek city of Chalcedon to discuss the Christian belief in Jesus. And when they read this remarkable letter, the bishops shouted together, “Peter has spoken through Leo!”

The power of the keys did not die with Peter, but is still alive in the Church today, such that the Church of today is united under the successor of Peter, in the same faith that inspired Peter to say:

*“You are the Christ,  
the Son of the living God.”* ■



#### Summary

*Jesus of Nazareth is the Messiah, the Son of the Living God.*

#### Question

*Who would dare answer the question?*

#### Prayer

*Lord, help me to believe in you in the way that St Peter did.*



# SUNDAY LETTER

Series: The Church; Twenty-First Sunday of Year A; 27 Aug 2023

## Keys of the Kingdom



*The land to the north of ancient Israel is beautiful and fertile. The Jordan river rises there from many springs. At the time of Jesus it was pagan territory, but like today, it was well watered, well wooded, and a beautiful place to be. In the middle of this land there rises a great rock, a huge cliff. At its base, there is a spring rising up from within a small cave.*

*Jesus brought his apostles there and asked them about the rumours concerning his identity. How were people interpreting this wonder-worker and preacher?*

*There were many answers:*

*“Some say you are John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” (Matt 16:14)*

*Then he turned the question around:*

*You: who do you say I am? (Matt 16:15)*

*... and they were silent.*

Jesus had raised more questions than he had given answers. How can a man who looks like any other man, a carpenter from Nazareth, work miracles, signs, wonders, and preach with such authority as he did? To speak about him was to speak about themselves, about how they dealt with this man who was at once so ordinary, and yet so wonderful. Who would dare answer the question?

### Not Flesh and Blood

Peter dared, and from the depths of grace in his mind, he spoke,

*You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. (Mt 16:16)*

Seeing his faith, Jesus knew that in Peter, God had spoken, and so he said to Peter,

*It was not flesh and blood which told you this, but my Father who is in heaven. (Matt 16:16)*