

# Church of Our Mother of Divine Grace, Ballygall Parish

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

## Transfiguration of the Lord 6<sup>th</sup> August 2023

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Mass Intentions Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> August to Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> August 2023				
Monday	Bank Holiday		10.00	Tom Olin.
Tuesday	7.25	Special Intention	10.00	<b>Funeral Mass</b> Teresa Halpin
Wednesday	7.25	Available	10.00	Frank & Teresa Martin
Thursday	7.25	Available	10.00	Pat, Kevin & Breda Sampson Marella O'Brien.
Friday	7.25	Ellen Arnold	10.00	Ian Kane
Saturday	10.00	Available	Confessions available after 10.00am & 6.30pm Mass.	
	6.30pm		Noel Michael Walsh.	
Sunday	10.00	May Wheeler		
	11.30	Helena McGill, Martin O'Connor, Tommy Monahan.		

**Monday is a Bank Holiday, Mass at 10.00am. Parish Office Closed.**

### Recently Deceased

We remember those who have died recently, especially Teresa Halpin and Frances 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](mailto: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.

### Trocaire

Over the past few weeks, you might have seen Trócaire' ad on tv about the One Day Campaign. For over fifty years, Trócaire have been working with supporters, Irish Aid, partners, and communities to create positive and lasting change. Our One Day campaign highlights the profound impact of these collective efforts, working together for a just world. To parishes across the island of Ireland, Trócaire would like to say 'thank you' for making "One Days" happen. To learn more, go to [www.trocaire.org/oneday/](http://www.trocaire.org/oneday/)

### 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](http://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/>)

### Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine & Co. Mayo.

Train Transport to Knock. Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August to Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:Knockpilgimages@gmail.com)



### The Noise of Noise

C.S. Lewis, in his famous book, *“The Screwtape Letters”*, depicts the fictional letters of a senior demon to his nephew on how to draw people of faith away from God. In one of the letters, the senior demon encourages the junior to make sure that the lives of the faithful are filled with noise; silence was to be avoided at all costs. Their plan was to make the world a place of total noise, thus making sure that the gentle voice of God would be drowned out by noise.

Though fictitious in concept, the reality is overwhelmingly true. Our lives and the entire world have become so busy, so noisy, that we rarely pause to be silent. Hence, many people even dread silence.

### The Gift of Silence

We are called to enter deliberately into the gift of silence because it is in stillness that God is found. This is profoundly true of the presence of the Eucharist.

St Teresa of Calcutta reminds us that the fruits of silence are prayer, faith, love, service and peace. How are we to hear the cry of the Lord from the Cross, ‘I Thirst’, unless we take the time to listen.

St Catherine of Siena encourages us to bring our contemplation – our still and silent awareness of God – into our hearts and every part of our lives. Our task is ‘to contemplate and share with others the fruits of our contemplation’.

Following the example of the monks of *Le Grand Chartreuse*, we gift ourselves the space to listen well and, by definition, to become more obedient to the call of God. Let us ‘Listen to Him’ ... to the one who calls us by name. ■

### Summary

*The fruits of silence are prayer, faith, love, service and peace.*

*It is in silence that the voice of the Father is heard.*

*Noise drowns out the gentle voice of God.*

### Question

*How do we enter into silence with a willingness to hear?*

### Prayer

*Lord, I want to see you in others, and hear your voice in the silence of my heart.*



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Sat 5 Aug Dedin St Mary Major’s :  
Sun 6 Aug Transfiguration : Mon 7 Aug Ss Sixtus II and co; Cajetan : Tue 8 Aug St Dominic : Wed 9 Aug Teresa of the Cross (Edith Stein), patron of Europe : Thu 10 Aug St Lawrence : Fri 11 Aug St Clare : Sat 12 Aug Jane Francis de Chantal; Muredach; Attracta; Lelia (Cloyne, Killala Dedin Cathd) : Sun 13 Aug Ordinary 19.



# SUNDAY LETTER

Series: Jesus–Human & Divine; The Transfiguration Year A; 6 Aug 2023

*In 1984, the film-maker Philip Gröning wrote to the monks of the Carthusian Monastery of Le Grande Chartreuse in the French Alps asking for permission to document their way of life. Receiving a positive reply after 16 years, Gröning spent 6 months filming the lives of these monks, and after a further two and half years of editing, the film ‘Into Great Silence’ was released in 2005.*

*This multi-award winning movie had no film crew, no special effects, and no spoken commentary. It used only natural lighting; it recorded the sounds and pictures of the monks’ austere, silent, faith-filled life. Yet this film drew millions of viewers into packed cinemas all over the world, drawn into stillness and silence ... an unexpected mini-retreat for the soul. As one commentator said,*

*“Here is a film that dares to explore the possibility of finding God, a God who is there for those who seek him with their whole hearts’.*



## LISTEN TO HIM

This Sunday’s Gospel of the Transfiguration draws the hearer into the rich imagery of God’s presence ... the mountains, the cloud of God’s presence, and the light-filled manifestation of the divinity of Christ. This would be a tempting script for any discerning film-maker. However, it was in the silence that the voice of the Father was heard. It was in stillness that the apostles received the profound instruction to ‘Listen to Him’. For us the challenge is to enter into this silence with a willingness to listen.