

Church of Our Mother of Divine Grace, Ballygall Parish

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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 10th September 2023

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| Mass Intentions Monday 11 th September to Sunday 17 th September 2023 | | | | |
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| Monday | 7.25 | Helen Moroney | 10.00 | Joan Trimble |
| Tuesday | 7.25 | Joan Hughes | 10.00 | Des Nolan |
| Wednesday | 7.25 | Robert Griffin | 10.00 | Nora & Ned Hanrahan |
| Thursday | 7.25 | Special Intention | 10.00 | Edward O'Dea |
| Friday | 7.25 | Special Intention | 10.00 | The Greene Family. |
| Saturday | 10.00 | B'day Mass – Kit Collins | Confessions available after 10.00am & 6.30pm Mass. | |
| Saturday | 6.30pm | Barney Malone, Mary Shields, Eileen Murphy, Pauline Doyle. | | |
| Sunday | 10.00 | Available | | |
| | 11.30 | Elsie Black, Jimmy Donnelly, Aileen Traynor. | | |

Recently Deceased

We remember those who have died recently, especially, Colette Scully, Maura Sweetman & Maureen Smith. May they Rest in Peace.

St. Vincent de Paul will hold their monthly collection this weekend, 9th & 10th September. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Summer Dues

Sincere thanks to all those who have contributed to this special collection for the support of the clergy of the diocese throughout the summer.

Grouping Meeting of PPCs takes place on Tuesday 12th September @ 7.00pm in The Margaret Aylward Centre.

Ballygall Active Retirement Group

Keep Fit Classes will resume on Thursday September 14th at 3.00pm. Classes are every week in the Fr. Maloney Centre. All new members welcome.

Sunday Evening Mass will resume in Our Lady of Victories Church on **Sunday 10th September** with our Gospel Choir at 6.00pm.

Friends Of the Elderly

Friends of the Elderly, a charity dedicated to alleviating loneliness and isolation among older people urgently requires volunteers. We have numerous volunteering roles available, home visitation, friendly callers, shop volunteers, social club events and hamper delivery drivers. If you are interested, please contact Jodie at 01 8731855 or jodie@friendsoftheelderly.ie.

The Pathways programme, run by the Archdiocese of Dublin, begins this year in DCU St Patrick's Campus, Upper Drumcondra Road, Dublin 9, on Thursday, September 28 (7pm – 9.30pm).

There are just a few places left in this year's Pathways programme and applications are closing shortly.

For more information please visit www.missionministry.ie or contact Eileen Houlahan, CHF, PhD, Director, Pathways Programme, at 01 8087594 or pathways@dublindiocese.ie.

St Kevins College, Ballygall

Part time caretaker required for St Kevin's College, Ballygall in Dublin 11. Duties will include working with Caretaker in situ and day-to-day school set up, light maintenance, painting, cleaning, safety checks and general care taking duties. All candidates must be willing to be Garda vetted. Afternoon hours needed as existing caretaker works mornings. Job Type: Part-time, Part-time hours: 20-25 per week, Monday to Friday. Please contact School Office expressing your interest in vacant Caretaker position @ 01 8371423 and give your name and details. Or email : info@stkevinscollege.com with your name and details.

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.

RTE Video

RTÉ has marked the fifth anniversary of Pope Francis's visit to Ireland for the IX World Meeting of Families with this wonderful video:

<https://www.rte.ie/player/movie/aerial-footage-pope-francis-in-ireland/88847912321>



Face the Problem Squarely

As Christians, whenever we feel wronged, we should be prepared to 'have it out with others, precisely because we love them and would want them to do the same for us. As St Paul reminds us:

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love ... Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.
(Rom 13:10)

The Role of the Community

The Christian community is a community of people whose sins have been forgiven by God, and who should, consequently, bear witness to this. Every Christian has a responsibility for their fellow Christian's salvation. He or she must bring others back to the way of salvation ... with the personal touch, or even a discrete approach.

Community with God

God draws us into communion with himself. Despite our sins, he does not push us away. In his boundless forgiveness and compassion, we have, in Christ, the example we are asked to live by. Christ's teaching is about keeping the community of the Church united, living in true peace (and not just the absence of conflict). True Christian living is deeper than superficial niceness, something that can be a cover for indifference, dishonesty and even cruelty.

We must pray, gently and persistently, for sinners, including ourselves, that all may repent. ■

Summary

Our aim is not to humiliate others, but rather to get beyond the offending remarks and enquire into the motives behind these actions, to seek the truth of the matter.

Question

How can we ever convince others that they are wrong?

Prayer

Lord, help me to walk the extra mile and not give in to premature judgement.



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Sat 9 Sep Ciaran; Bl Frederick Ozanam (Clonmacnoise-St Ciaran) : Sun 10 Sep Ordinary 23 : Mon 11 Sep Weekday : Tue 12 Sep Holy Name of Mary; St Ailbe (Kilmore Dedn Cathd) : Wed 13 Sep John Chrysostom : Thu 14 Sep Triumph of the Cross : Fri 15 Sep Our Lady of Sorrows : Sat 16 Sep Ss Comelius & Cyprian : Sun 17 Sep Ordinary 24.



SUNDAY LETTER

Series: Morality; Twenty-Third Sunday of Year A; 10 Sep 2023

Resolving Conflict



Social media works in two ways. On the one hand, it can be a place for genuine sharing of ideas and deep discussion. However, as we are well aware, it can also descend into a platform for shaming and humiliating others. Faced with someone of a different view, the response can be one of ridicule and exclusion, pushing others into obscurity.

Conflict, tensions, misunderstandings and wrongs are common among people who live or work together. However, the teaching of Christ runs counter to the trend in modern society where the offended is not the one who should make the first move, but rather the offender. "I am entitled to an apology"; "I was wronged by you"; the onus is on you to make the first move, not me". But this is not Christ's way.

In this Sunday's gospel Christ is quite clear that our first response, when someone has wronged us, is not to push the other away, but to draw them closer, to reason with them, to engage with them, to have a conversation with them ... even if the problem may have started with malicious gossip or some silly misunderstanding.

The Starting Point

If the other person is genuinely in the wrong, we must try to convince them of this and show them what the wrong is. Only if this does not work does Christ tell us to bring others into the conversation. Throughout this process one's default position is always one of charitable engagement. The aim is not to humiliate someone in the presence of others, but rather to get beyond the face of the offending actions, and to enquire more deeply into the motives behind these actions ... to seek the truth of the matter. It involves walking the extra mile, and of not giving in to premature judgement.