

Church of Our Mother of Divine Grace, Ballygall Parish

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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 24th September 2023

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Presentation Bene Merenti Medal.

The new Papal Nuncio Archbishop Luis Mariano Montemiyor is coming to Ballygall next Sunday. He succeeds Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo who was appointed as Apostolic Nuncio in Prague, Czechia. Born in Argentina Archbishop Montemiyor has been Apostolic Nuncio in different countries for over 30 years bringing plenty of experience to the role.

We look forward to welcoming him to celebrate the 11.30 Mass on Sunday 1st October and invite you to join us in light refreshments after to Mass to mark the occasion.

Also, at the 11.30 Mass will be presenting Paddy Vivion, with a Bene Merenti Medal for his outstanding contribution to our parish over the last 50+ years.

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.

Botanic Hockey Club

Car Boot Sale, Sunday 1st October 8.00am to 2.00pm, St. Marys Secondary School, Old Finglas Road, Glasnevin. More details ph. Helen 085 7666541

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.

Chaplain At DCU St Patrick's

We are currently seeking to fill the role of Chaplain in the University. This is a three-year contract. The Chaplain will form part of a larger team within the wider Unit, which plays a key role in student support in the University.

Visit www.dublindiocese.ie/vacancies for more information.

If you think this role is for you, please email your CV with a cover letter to Cintia Mota (cintia.mota@dublindiocese.ie). The closing date for applications is October 2, 2023.

Blessing of School Bags

Our Lady of Victories Parish invite children to bring their school bags to their 11.00am Mass next Sunday (1st October) for a Start of School Blessing.

Parish Shop Opening Hours – Tuesday to Friday 9.45-10.00am & 10.30-10.45am.

Recently Deceased

Mass Intentions Monday 25 th September to Sunday 1 st October 2023				
Monday	7.25	Anne, Dennis & Kevin Griffey.		
	No 10.00am Mass			
Tuesday	7.25	Available	10.00	Funeral Mass – Dean Fairweather.
Wednesday	7.25	Available	10.00	Available
Thursday	7.25	Available	10.00	Paul, Fran & Eileen Curry
Friday	7.25	William, Liam Leo Gavin.	10.00	Peggy & Eddie Dempsey, Gerry Lyons.
Saturday	10.00	Nuala Flynn	Confessions available after 10.00am & 6.30pm Mass.	
Saturday	6.30pm	Months Mind Remembrance Imelda Cummins, Frances Meehan, Teresa Halpin,		
		Helen Devoy, Frances Slator, Derek Dunne, Pauline Doyle, Gerard Molloy, Brid Moore, Mel Hamill.		
Sunday	10.00	Available.		
	11.30	Matt Bohan, Elizabeth Moran & deceased members of the Moran & Moffat Families. Breda Ryan, Joan Hughes,		

We remember in our prayers, recently deceased, Francis Abberton, Jordan Myler and Dean Fairbrother.

CrossCare Homeless Prevention Appeal

Last weekend, Crosscare held its **Annual Appeal for Homeless Prevention Services**. The amount collected was **€2200**, your generosity is very much appreciated. Thank you.

This year's Safeguarding Sunday will take place on September 24.

This year marks the twentieth anniversary of the formation of the Diocesan Child Safeguarding & Protection Service and consequently the theme of the occasion is very much "reflection". We reflect on the journey that all of us have been on over the last twenty years, especially the victims of abuse in our Church. It is also a time to reflect on the ongoing commitment by all in our parishes to ensure the safety of children and vulnerable adults. A lot has been achieved; however, this work is never done. The safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults in our diocese is central to the Gospel values that we embrace on a daily basis.

The Fruits of Unity

By working together, the Church at Philippi will enter into the fulness of Gospel unity, living the depths of the Gospel message, and proclaiming the Gospel to a world enmeshed in crookedness and perversity. The Church will, therefore, counter the forces that Paul believes are at the root of their disunity: namely, selfish ambition and vainglory.

In the heart of his exhortation Paul makes it clear that the only medicine which will transform these deadly passions is the medicine of humility, one that regards others as being better than themselves, together with a charity that looks ...

not to [their] own interests, but to the interests of others.
(Phil 2:3b-4)

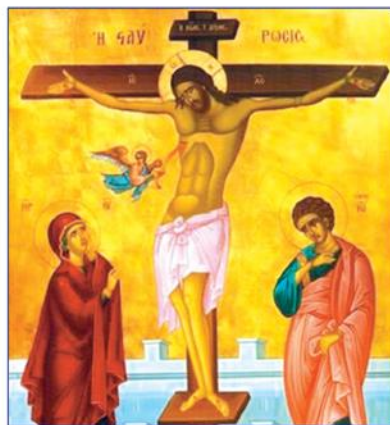
He then goes on to illustrate this in the hymn to Jesus' incarnation in which Christ is seen to humble himself and so be glorified by his Father.

Paul's Own Struggle

St Paul invites the Philippians to join his own struggle to proclaim the Gospel. When he was among them, he showed them his suffering, and he is now displaying his "suffering" again by his imprisonment in Ephesus. Ultimately, he is calling on them to strive side-by-side with himself, and be joined to the self-emptying of Christ Jesus. Thus, it is their unity, humility and charity, and their partnership in the sharing of the gospel alongside Paul, that will make his joy complete, even in his prison cell in Ephesus!

Slaves of God

Thus, the image of the galley-slaves striving together that Paul proposes to the Philippians becomes the image of them having the same mind as Christ (the slave of God) and Paul (the slave of Christ). It is this that will enable them all (Christ, Paul and the Philippians) to work for God's good purpose. The image of the slaves, rowing together, beautifully supports this exhortation for unity. ■



Summary

In calling on them to pull together, he invited them to join with him in his own "struggle" to proclaim the Gospel. He is calling on them to strive side-by-side with the self-emptying of Christ Jesus.

Question

What is the central concern of Paul in the Letter to the Philippians?

Prayer

Lord, preserve us from the sins of selfish ambition and vainglory.



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Sat 23 Sep Padre Pio; (Raphoe: St Eunan) : Sun 24 Sep Ordinary 25 : Mon 25 Sep St Finbarr : Tue 26 Sep Cosmas and Damian : Wed 27 Sep Vincent de Paul : Thu 28 Sep Wenceslaus; Lawrence Ruiz & Cm : Fri 29 Sep Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael : Sat 30 Sep St Jerome : Sun 1 Oct Ordinary 26.



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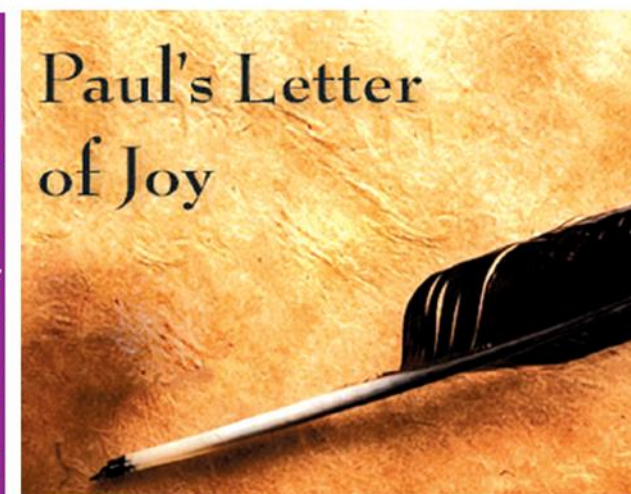
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Paul's Letter of Joy

The Letter to the Philippians is thought to be a conflation of at least three letters that Paul wrote to the church community in Philippi in the mid to late fifties of the first century AD. The most extensive of these letters was probably written while he was in prison in Ephesus, and in it Paul expressed his very close relationship with the community at Philippi:

"I yearn for you with the affection of Christ Jesus."
(Phil 1:8)

He appealed to the depth of their personal relationships to address the problem of disunity in the Church in Philippi. This exhortation takes up the long section which sits at the centre of the letter
(Phil 1:27-2:18).



Letter to the Philippians

At the very beginning of the central exhortation in *The Letter to the Philippians* Paul uses the phrase:

With one mind striving side-by-side for the sake of the Gospel.
(Phil 1:27)

This image of "striving side-by-side" gives us the key to understanding the whole passage. We are transported back to the ancient maritime world of galley-slaves, rowing together to propel their ship to its destination.

Paul is calling on the community at Philippi to "pull together" in working for the success of the Gospel. Success meant that the Gospel would flourish among them, and that a wonderful unity would emerge. This would lead them to respond to the call of Christ, even to the extent of them "suffering for him", and so be able to offer the word of life to the world. This is the central concern of Paul in the letter.