

Church of Our Mother of Divine Grace, Ballygall Parish

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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 3rd September 2023

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Mass Intentions Monday 4 th September to Sunday 10 th September 2023				
Monday	7.25	Gus & Susan Murray	10.00	Paddy Dowdall.
Tuesday	7.25	Special Intention	10.00	Anne Fitzsimons
Wednesday	7.25	John Bourne	10.00	Available
Thursday	7.25	Special Intention	10.00	Available
Friday	7.25	Noel Watkins	10.00	Donal Kelly
Saturday	10.00	Available	Confessions available after 10.00am & 6.30pm Mass.	
Saturday	6.30pm	Noel Watkins, Jim Murphy, Ted & Phyllis Murray, Annie & John Riley, Frank McMahon, Patrick Lynch, Elizabeth Ryan.		
Sunday	10.00	Nicky Maher		
	11.30	Joe & Frankie Sloan. Marie, Amanda and Kevin Fields.		

Recently Deceased

We remember those who have died recently, especially Brid Moore & all those who have died tragically on our roads this week. May they Rest in Peace.

St. Vincent de Paul will hold their monthly collection next 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.

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

The Meaning of Life Programme on RTE is on Sunday night and will be an extended interview with our local Archbishop Dermot Martin. Starts at 10.30pm.

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

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.

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.

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>

AWARE – Support & Self Care Groups

If you or those with whom you work wish to connect with people in relation to your mental wellbeing, consider using Aware's phone-in and Zoom support and self-care groups, support line or support mail. For more information, visit www.aware.ie.

There's a striking phrase in John's gospel,

You will have sorrow, but your sorrow will turn into joy. (Jn 16:20)

He did not say "Your sorrow will be replaced by joy." No, your joy will somehow be born out of the heart of your sorrow. Then it will be able to endure; it will not see sorrow as a threat or an enemy; it will not be at the mercy of sorrowful circumstances. Sorrow itself gives birth to a strange, deeper kind of joy.

A great meditation teacher was weeping at the death of her daughter. Someone expressed surprise that such a person would weep. "Yes, I weep," she said, "but every tear is a jewel." Her suffering was real suffering, yet it did not lead her into desolation, but into greater depth.

Jeremiah and Jesus

The Prophet Jeremiah said:

The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. (Jer 20:8)

For Jesus, it meant crucifixion. But neither Jesus nor Jeremiah turned back; neither of them was silenced. Jeremiah said,

There seemed to be a fire burning in my heart. (Jer 20:9)

And Jesus said,

I came to bring fire to the earth. (Lk 12:49)

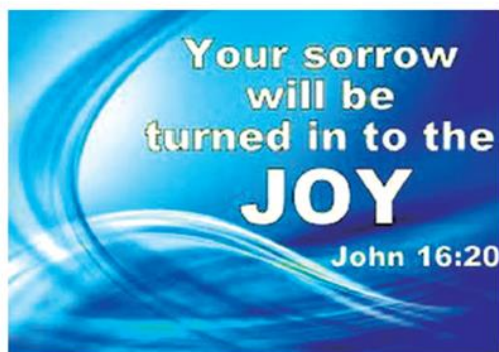
It was that inner urgency that drove them forward in the teeth of great suffering.

The Path to God

Jesus did not turn back from death; he went through the heart of it, and by doing so, his death was transformed into resurrection.

"Your Son, the royal path of suffering trod,"

says the hymn. Our faith does not hold us back from life or from life's sorrows; it enables them to be a royal path to God. ■



Summary

We have two ways of living with suffering: we can take it on our shoulders and walk with it; or we can just sit down under it and feel like victims.

The Gospel tells us to face our suffering, to not treat it like an enemy, but like a friend.

Question

Are there different kinds of suffering?

Prayer

Lord, may I learn to accept my suffering in the knowledge that you accepted your suffering, even to the cross.



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Sat 2 Sep Weekday : Sun 3 Sep Ordinary 22 : Mon 4 Sep St Mac Nissi : Tue 5 Sep Weekday : Wed 6 Sep Weekday : Thu 7 Sep Weekday : Fri 8 Sep Nativity of BVM : Sat 9 Sep Ciaran; Bl Frederick Ozanam (Clonmacnoise-St Ciaran) : Sun 10 Sep Ordinary 23.



SUNDAY LETTER

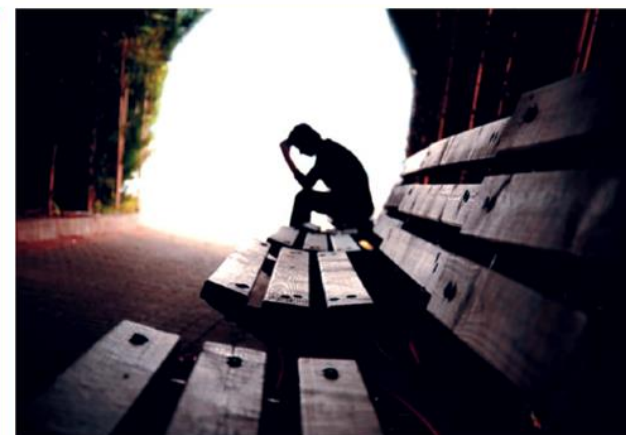
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The word 'suffer' comes from two Latin words, 'sub' (under) and 'ferre' (to bear). There's a sense of something being supported from underneath. It's an active, vigorous word.

It lets you imagine some human being who has taken up his or her burden of pain, and carries it bravely.

There are related words that look at the matter from a different side – from the outside. The Latin origins of these words tell their own story: 'depression' ('to press down'), 'grief' (also 'to press down'), 'affliction' ('to knock around').

If I may put it this way: these words seem to look at human life from the point of view, not of the sufferer, but from the point of view of the burdens that bear down on us. They suggest incapacity and weakness.



Suffering— A Path to God

If things were only about words, how easy it would be! But it is about us. We have two ways of living with suffering: we can take it on our shoulders and walk with it; or we can sit down under it and feel like victims. No one pretends that either way is easy. If it were easy it wouldn't be suffering.

Our instinct is to run away from suffering, and if we can't escape from it, to treat it as an enemy that has defeated us; then we are full of complaints and self-pity. In the end, this is the harder way: harder for ourselves and for everyone else around us.

Embrace Our Suffering

The wisdom of the Gospel tells us to face our suffering, not to treat it like an enemy but like a friend – to learn from it, to let it draw us away from self-centred thoughts and feelings, and ultimately to see it as a sharing in the Passion of Christ.