

Church of Our Mother of Divine Grace, Ballygall

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

29th Sunday Ordinary Time (Mission Sunday) 22nd October 2023

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Mass Intentions Monday 23rd to Sunday 29th October 2023

Monday	7.25	Carol Seery	10.00	May Wheeler
Tuesday	7.25	Special Intention	10.00	Greta O'Neill
Wednesday	7.25	Margaret & Thomas Ryan	10.00	Johnny Smith
Thursday	7.25	Aiden, Magdalen, Sean, Michael & Louise O'Donnell	10.00	Michael & Catherine Smith
Friday	7.25	Sr. Rosalie Lee	10.00	Sean Murray
Saturday	10.00	Mairead Ní Liatháin	Confessions available after 10.00am & 6.30pm Mass.	
Saturday	6.30pm	Month's Mind: Maureen Smith, Julie Smith, Maura Sweetman, Colette Scully, Dean Fairbrother, Jordan Myler, Seamus O'Flaherty, Vera Rice, Kathleen Corcoran.		
Sunday	10.00	Christopher Scully		
	11.30	Christina Brady, Mick Gilligan, Kathleen Hanratty, Tommy Blennerhassett.		

Recently Deceased

We remember in our prayers, recently deceased, Deirdre Clancy, Margaret Smyth (funeral Mass Tuesday 10am) & Gerard Corcoran (funeral Mass Wednesday 10am). May they rest in peace.

Those Baptised

We welcome to our parish community those who were baptised during October: Ellie Kayley Boyle, Kyle Brendan Caffrey, Demi Rae Gorman-Doyle, Arthur James Murphy; Nainsí Blathnaid Milton, Katie Rita Redmond, Caelan Peter & Clara Mae Rushe and Teddy Michael Sheerin.

Baptism Meeting - Note change of details.

Please note that the meeting of parents for all children getting baptised in November will take place on Monday 23rd October at 7.30pm here in the church.

World Mission Sunday – This weekend 21/22 October

World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual appeal for spiritual and financial support so that the life-giving work of overseas mission and missionaries can continue. Like the Good Friday collection for the Holy Land and Peter's Pence, it is one of three yearly universal Church collections.

World Mission Sunday collections take place in every single parish where the Church is present. This includes not only Ireland and Europe, but also in poorer parishes in developing countries. It is a moment of universal solidarity when each member of the Church family, regardless of location or background, play their part in supporting each other. This is what makes it such a special celebration.

The needs of overseas dioceses vary greatly. Anything from a motorbike so a priest can celebrate Mass in a remote village, to a community hall to allow people to gather and celebrate in safety. Or more urgently, vaccinations and medicines to protect the vulnerable.

Your support is greatly appreciated. Envelopes are also available in the porches and can be returned during the week.

In Ireland, Missio Ireland is responsible for coordinating World Mission Sunday. For more details see www.missio.ie.

Liturgical Music Workshop

Led by Marie Dunne CHF, will take place on Saturday 4th November from 10am – 3pm in the Margaret Aylward Centre, Glasnevin. The workshop (for choirs/music groups, and interested individuals), will offer music for a variety of liturgical events, including resources for the season of Advent.

Come On In – October 23rd St Alphonsus Monastery (8pm)

You are welcome to join in our reflection on the theme of inclusion in our church. Music & Poetry led by the Dublin Diocesan Music Group. (www.rednuns.com)

Sacred Heart Boys National School

Enrolment for the Academic School Year 2024/2025 is now open. For more information visit www.sacredheartballygall.ie or call, 01 8379586.

The school are also looking for excellent quality second hand books and games for their annual Christmas fair. Contact the school for more details.

St Kevin's College & Zamba Ireland

Christopher Carroll, a third-year student in St. Kevins college will be going with a group of students to South Africa, to volunteer for a charity called Zamda Ireland. As part of his fund-raising initiative he is selling Christmas cards. 10 designs, each hand-made and are full of colour. You can buy 1 card for €2, and a pack of cards (5 designs of your choice from the selection) for €5.00. You can buy as many as you like, any donation will help!! If you would like to order Christmas cards, please contact: deidreclarke@stkevinscollege.com

Synod Update

The fourth newsletter is available in the sacred space or on our parish website & the Dublin diocesan website under the "synod 2023" tab.

Due to God, Due to Society

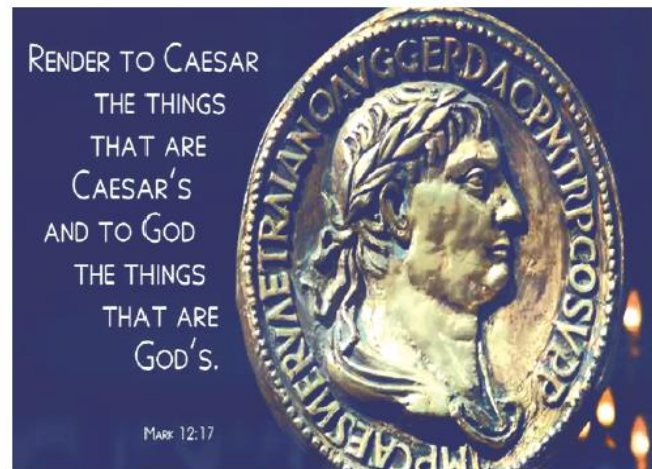
Instead, Jesus focused on the issue of justice. He challenged the Pharisees to recognise that by constantly opposing Him they were not giving the proper worship that is due to God alone. This is the first and most important commandment – to love God with all our hearts and all our souls.

At the same time, Jesus was advocating a non-violent approach to societal life by counselling his listeners to “give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar” and so to accept civil laws regarding paying taxes. This attitude was contrary to what many of the revolutionary Jewish groups at the time were saying (e.g. the Zealots who wanted to overthrow the Roman Empire by violence).

Striving For Peace

We can be sure that Christ saw the injustice of Roman rule – he was eventually condemned to death by the Roman official, Pontius Pilate. Nonetheless, he advised his listeners that a true way of life strives for peace and not conflict. This may require patient suffering for a time, like the Jews experienced during their exile in Babylon. Ultimately, God knows how to set His people free without violence or bloodshed. If the Jewish exiles had risen up against King Cyrus in bloody revolution then he would never have been inspired to free them.

In the Gospel, Christ teaches that if we trust in God and always give him his due then he will also see justice done in our lives when the time is right. ■



Summary

God's law is implicitly written on every human heart by the law of natural reason.

By counselling his listeners to “give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar” Jesus advocated a non-violent approach to social life.

Question

How does God set his people free without resorting to violence?

Prayer

Lord, give me the patience to wait for liberation.



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This Sunday's first reading refers to Cyrus, King of Persia from 559 to 530 BC, the man responsible for freeing the Jewish people from captivity in Babylon.

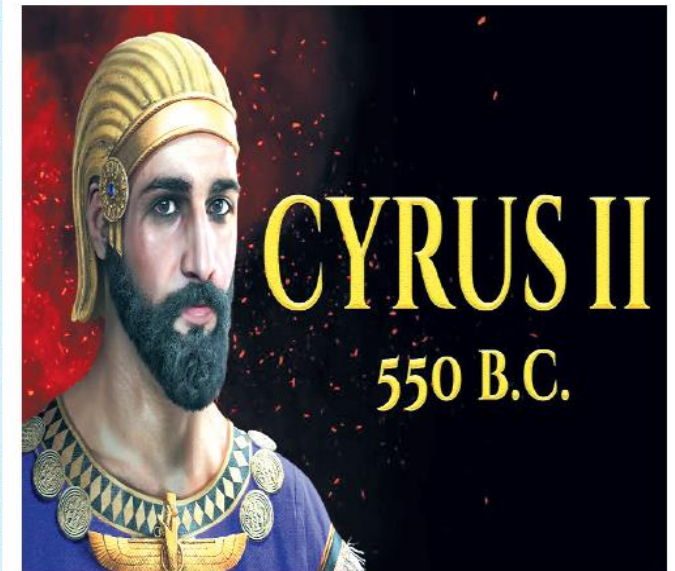
After Cyrus had conquered Babylon from the Assyrians, he issued a decree that enabled the Jews to return to their homeland and rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem. Because of this, The Book of Isaiah refers to Cyrus as having been anointed by God, and portrays him as a kind of Messiah figure, chosen by God to liberate his people.

Cyrus was not a Jew himself; however, even though he personally did not know Yahweh, God used him as his instrument of salvation because he was a man of justice and integrity who was open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

In this way, the Scriptures illustrate that God can appeal to the conscience of any man or woman to do the right thing and to follow God's law, even though that person themselves may not be explicitly aware of God's existence.

SUNDAY LETTER

Series: Justice; Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Year A [Mission Sunday]; 22nd October 2023



Following God's Law

Saint Paul declared that by means of the law of natural reason God's law is implicitly written on every human heart. In this sense, any just civil laws that follow the dictates of reason can never be in conflict with true morality or true religion.

A Good Jew or a Good Roman?

This is the conflict we meet in this Sunday's gospel. Here, we see that the Pharisees and the Herodians trying to trap Jesus by forcing Him to take sides between Jewish law and Roman law – between following the Jewish religion and being a good citizen of the Roman empire. The question “Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?” has no correct answer. It was an attempt to trap Jesus.