

Church of Our Mother of Divine Grace, Ballygall

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

30th Sunday Ordinary Time (Mission Sunday) 29th October 2023

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Mass Intentions Monday 30th October to Sunday 5th November

Monday		Bank Holiday	10.00	Ita Colette Conlan
Tuesday	7.25	Deceased members of Murphy & Doheny families.	10.00	Funeral Mass Patrick Purdy
	6.30p m	Vigil Mass for Feast of All Saints		
Wednesday	7.25	Kathleen Mongan	10.00	Feast of all Saints
Thursday	7.25	Altar List of the Dead	10.00	Altar List of the Dead
Friday	7.25	Altar List of the Dead	10.00	Altar List of the Dead
Saturday	10.00	Carmel Byrne	Confessions available after 10.00am & 6.30pm Mass.	
Saturday	6.30p m	Bridie & Chris Tevlin, Michael & Tom Tevlin, Michael Brady, Alan Hannigan, Linda Cleary-Parnell.		
Sunday	10.00	Carmel Byrne		
	11.30	Nuala Morahan, Anthony Richard & Essie Bunce, John McEvelly, Tommy Blennerhassett.		

Recently Deceased

We remember in our prayers, recently deceased, Margaret Smyth, Gerard Corcoran, Patricia McCann, Maura Walsh, Breda Healy & Patrick Purdy. May they rest in peace.

World Mission Sunday

Many thanks for your generosity last weekend in support of our annual World Mission Sunday Collection, the amount donated by our parish was €2000.

Synod Update

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

Bank Holiday

Monday is a bank holiday. There will be no 7.25 Mass. (10am as usual)

Parish Shop

Mass Cards, The Irish Messenger, The Irish Catholic, St Martin Magazines along with other religious items are available in the Church Shop.

Winter Time Begins this Weekend!

Don't forget that winter time begins this weekend so turn your clocks **back** 1 hour before you go to bed on Saturday night!

NOVEMBER – Month of the Holy Souls

By now most people in the parish will have got their "Altar Lists of the Dead". These can be brought back to the church and our loved ones will be remembered in a special way during November and on the First Fridays throughout the coming year.

All Saints Day

Wednesday 1st November, is the Feast of All Saints. This is one of the few Holy days when we are obliged to attend Mass. Masses for the Holy day in our Church are as follows:

Tuesday 31st October 6.30pm – Vigil Mass

Wednesday 1st November 7.25 & 10.00am.

All Souls Day

(The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed)

On Thursday 2nd November, we mark All Souls Day. On this day and for the first week of November we are invited to **visit a church or cemetery** and pray for the dead and gain a Plenary Indulgence applicable only to the Holy Souls. (Mass as usual 7.25 & 10.00)

Parish Remembrance Mass

Friday (10th November) at 7.30 PM for deceased Parishioners and all whose funerals were celebrated in the Parish during the past 12 months

Diary for next year.

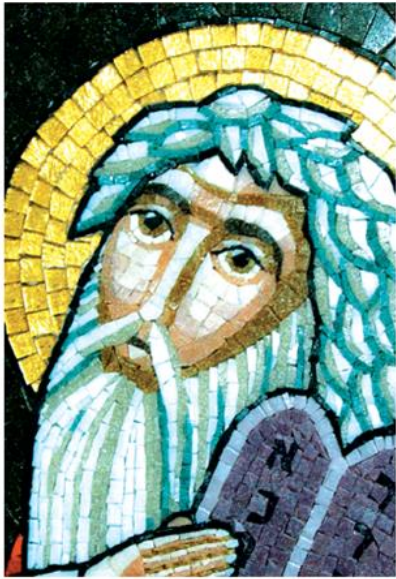
The Diary to book masses for next year will open on November 6th. Please phone the sacristy during office hours to book.

Fundraising Appeal

Christopher Carroll, is a third-year student in St. Kevins college is going with a group of students to South Africa, to volunteer for a charity called Zamda Ireland. they provide aid to children in the city of Kabwe, Zambia. Many of the children that they help come from the streets of Kabwe and Lusaka; they have lost their parents to HIV/AIDS, have been rejected by their families and are forced to steal or beg to get by. He wishes to raise money by selling Christmas cards. There is an option of 10 designs, each made by hand 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 Thank you.





They have sold the upright for silver and the poor for a pair of sandals ... [they] have crushed the heads of the weak into the dust. (Amos 2:6,7)

The Lord promised retribution in all such case (Amos 2:13).

The Law of Love

Jesus, like the prophets, saw the moral life of an individual as one of true justice and spiritual obedience to God's

commandments. He expressed this clearly in his inaugural discourse in the gospel of Matthew where he outlined his concept of true justice (Mt 5:17-48; 6:1-18).

As believers, we reflect on the "justice of God" through our care for others, and thus we fulfill his Law. Jesus expressed this in the golden rule:

So always treat others as you would like them to treat you, that is the Law and the Prophets. (Mt 7:12)

And again in this Sunday's Gospel (Mt 22:39) he tells us that the general commandment to love God above all else takes precedence over obedience to the law.

First and Second Commandments

In the gospel of Matthew Jesus' final words before his passion, death and resurrection state clearly that the criterion by which we will be judged at the end of our lives will be how we have responded to the needs of the poor:

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you made me welcome ... in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me. (Mt 31:35-40)

The ultimate criterion for keeping the *First Commandment* as revealed in this Sunday's Gospel, will be in fulfilling the *Second Commandment* (Mt 22:39) ■

Summary

The criterion by which we will be judged at the end of our lives will be on how we have responded to the needs of the poor.

Question

How did Jesus connect the Commandments with the moral life?

Prayer

Lord, help me to always be aware of injustice, like the prophets of old.



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Sat 28 Oct Simon and Jude : Sun 29 Oct Ordinary 30 : Mon 30 Oct Weekday : Tue 31 Oct Bl Dominic Collins : Wed 1 Nov All Saints : Thu 2 Nov All Souls : Fri 3 Nov St Malachy; Martin de Porres : Sat 4 Nov Charles Borromeo : Sun 5 Nov Ordinary 31.



SUNDAY LETTER

Series: Justice; Thirtieth Sunday of Year A; 29th October, 2023

When, in The Book of Exodus, the Lord revealed his "Law" (the way he wanted his people to live) he placed a strong emphasis on care for the poor:

"... You shall not afflict the widow or orphan. If you do afflict them, and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry ..."
(Ex 22:21-27)

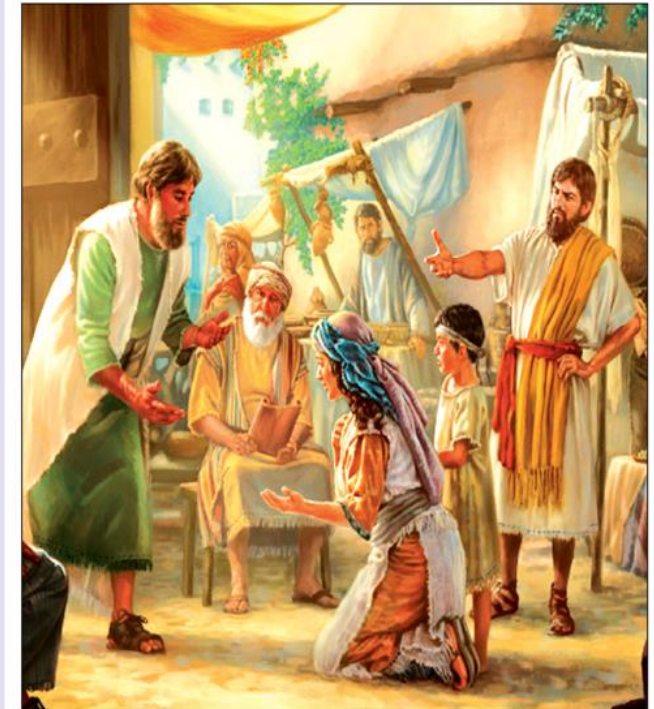
Whether it be the widow or the orphan, the weakest members of society or the stranger, or the one who has fallen into debt, God will judge in their favour.

His "wrath will burn" against those who wrong them. He will exercise justice on their behalf, and the basis of this is his love:

"And if (they cry) to me, I will hear, for I am compassionate". (Ex 22:27)

And in a beautiful passage in The Book of Deuteronomy God calls on us, not only to refrain from wronging the poor, but to actively assist them in their plight:

"Do not harden your heart or close your hand against that poor brother of yours but be open-handed with him and lend him enough for his needs." (Deut 15:7-8)



Care For The Poor

The Jewish elders used to come together at the city gate to hold court and to dispense justice. They handed down verdicts on behalf of the defenceless who had been wronged. But what the Lord expected of these elders themselves was to have an integrity of their own, :

Do not rob the poor because he is poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate. (Prov 22:22)

At the time of the monarchy in Israel and Judah, the commandments of the Law defending the poor were abused, so the prophets exposed these crimes: