

Church of Our Mother of Divine Grace, Ballygall

Part of the Glasnevin Partnership of Parishes

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

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 11th November 2023

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Mass Intentions Monday 13th to Sunday 19th November

Monday	7.25	Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary	10.00	Martin Moran.
Tuesday	7.25	Kathleen Ryan and deceased family members	10.00	Jimmy Lynch.
Wednesday	7.25	Joan Gilsenan	10.00	Frank Loughlin
Thursday	7.25	Tom Hayes	10.00	Tom, May & Maura Cullen.
Friday	7.25	Rhona Doyle & Deirdre Farrell.	10.00	Special Intention
Saturday	10.00	Special Intention	Confessions available after 10.00am & 6.30pm Mass.	
Saturday	6.30pm	Noel & Mary Scarlett, Patrick Scarlett, Joan Purdy, Kathleen, Bertie & Ann Jacob, Matthew, Mary, Stephen & Veronica Nolan, Deceased members of the Ryan and Hunt families.		
Sunday	10.00	Deceased members of the Cullen & Rowe families.		
	11.30	Bernadette Moran,		

Share Sunday

Share Appeal Sunday takes place **this weekend**. Share helps parishes, priests, deacons and lay people working together on their shared mission. Share also continues to provide much needed financial support to disadvantaged parishes where alternative funding cannot be secured.

Pledge For November

Many people offer spiritual support to a relation who is struggling because of alcohol or an addiction problem. Parishioners who wish to



take a short-term Pioneer pledge during the month of the Holy Souls are invited to visit www.pioneers.ie/pray/.

St. Vincent de Paul Monthly collection takes place after every mass this weekend. This collection brings a great source of financial support for families who are struggling with the rising cost of living. Your donations are very much appreciated by all.

Annual Service of Remembrance Sunday 12th November 3.00pm, St Teresa's Church, Donore Avenue, D8. For all Parents, siblings,

grandparents and friends affected by the loss of a baby are very welcome to attend.

Parish Shop

Mass Cards, along with other religious items are available in the Church Shop.

Christmas Mass cards will go on sale next week, they will cost 3 for €6 or 6 for €12.

St Laurence O'Toole

The feast of St Laurence O'Toole, one of the patron saints of the parish, is celebrated on Tuesday, November 14.

Pick up your Share Newsletter in the Porch

Parish Remembrance Mass

Sincere thanks to all our volunteers who helped at our Parish Remembrance Mass on Friday evening, your support to the parish is greatly appreciated.

"Say Goodnight not Goodbye"

This year's theme for the Annual Remembrance Service in the Monastery of St. Alphonsus is inspired by a contemporary song. Join us for an hour of music and reflection as we remember our dead on Monday 20th November at 8.00pm in our chapel or online www.rednuns.com

Faith Development Worker Vacancy, Iona Road

The Parish of St Columba Iona Road has a vacancy for a Faith Development Worker (35 hours per week). The successful candidate will ideally hold a Master's degree in a theological discipline, with ideally a minimum of 1 year experience, ministering in a parish setting, experience of parish catechesis, training teams and ideally at least one year of pastoral training. If you are interested in this position, please email your letter of application and current CV only to pastoralcolumba@gmail.com. Closing Date: 5pm on Friday, November 24. **For more information and a full job description, visit www.dublindiocese.ie/vacancies/.**



Eternal Life and Glory

However, God has greater plans, and on that first Easter morning Jesus broke this cycle of despair so that, as St Paul says, *We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.* (Rom 6:9)

Having defeated death himself, Christ can now extend that victory to all who wish to join themselves to him. Though we must die,

and our bodies decay in the earth, our souls will go to judgment before Christ. Nevertheless, on the Last Day, we will be restored to completeness when we rise again to eternal life and glory.

Old Adam, New Adam

For Paul, there is an unbreakable logic in the resurrection. In rising from the dead, Jesus brings about a whole new creation whose chief characteristic is that death no longer has the last word.

In this new creation, says Paul, Christ is the New Adam, the head and origin of it all. Because we are descended from the old Adam and so bear his likeness, on rising, we shall bear the image and likeness of the New Adam, that life of grace which flows from the resurrection. We will be bearers of the image of God, while still deeply wounded by Original Sin.

Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven. (1Cor 15:49)

Death will have no dominion over us because victory has been handed to us. God's view of us is restored in a form greater than we have ever imagined: body and soul reunited. ■

Summary

The ancient Greeks saw the body as a prison for the soul. Jesus, when he rose from the dead, broke the absolute hold of death over the human race.

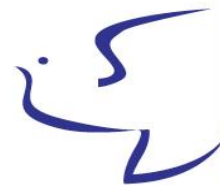
In the new creation death no longer has the last word.

Question

What is the basis of our faith in the next life?

Prayer

Lord, may your grace bring me to resurrection.



SUNDAY LETTER

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The Resurrection of the Dead



The amazing thing is this: when Jesus sent out the apostles to proclaim the Good News of the resurrection of the dead, this Good News was not welcome. Greeks – who were the first to hear the preaching of the apostles – had been trained for centuries by their philosophers to see the body as a prison for the soul. The soul was pure and destined for immortality, but the body degraded it, changed and decayed it; so, good riddance to the body!

In Athens, St Luke describes Paul's preaching as going perfectly well (Acts 17) until he mentioned the resurrection of the dead. They then started to laugh at him!

However, God has a vision for the human body greater than any could have imagined. We think of our bodies as assets we possess, or liabilities we have to endure, but for God they are precious and sacred. We look on our bodies and souls as one, and God wants to see us in glory in heaven, both body and soul.

Every Sunday, in the Creed, we say,

"I look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen!"

This is an essential Christian doctrine. Jesus, when he rose from the dead, broke the absolute hold of death over the human race. As the old Irish saying goes, we are twenty years a-growing, twenty years a-blooming, twenty years declining, twenty years a-stooping, and then we are finished. Some even claim our immortal souls will go forward to some unknown existence, but our bodies will corrupt in the grave.