

Church of Our Mother of Divine Grace, Ballygall

Part of the Glasnevin Partnership of Parishes

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

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 19th November 2023

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Mass Intentions Monday 20th to Sunday 26th November

Monday	7.25	Deceased Priests of Ballygall Parish	10.00	Robert Murphy
Tuesday	7.25	Special Intention	10.00	Special Intention
Wednesday	7.25	Sr. Assisi Tallan	10.00	Michael Jennings
Thursday	7.25	Available	10.00	For all those who sympathised with the family of the recently deceased Mary Shields.
Friday	7.25	Members of Ballygall Active Retirement Group	10.00	Maureen & Hugh Friel
Saturday	10.00	Special Intention	Confessions available after 10.00am & 6.30pm Mass.	
Saturday	6.30pm	Months Mind Remembrance Mass Kathleen Corcoran, Carol Seery, Anne Nolan, Deirdre Clancy, Margaret Smyth, Gerard Corcoran, Patricia McCann, Maura Walsh, Breda Healy, Paddy Purdy, John Bonney, Philomena Hayes.		
		John & Carmel Byrne.		
Sunday	10.00	John & Carmel Byrne.		
	11.30	Kim McGuinness, Maureen Rowan, Harry Cunningham, Kay & Bernard Howard, Joseph Harton.		

PPC Grouping Meeting

A meeting of the PPC Grouping will take place in the Margaret Aylward Centre, on Tuesday night at 7.00pm

Our Parish Finance Team will be giving an update on the parish finances at all masses next weekend.

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.

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.

Adoration Resumes

We are delighted to say that we will have Adoration in our Church on Thursday mornings, after 10.00am mass starting **December 7th**.

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/.



Parish Shop

Mass Cards, along with other religious items are available in the Church Shop. Christmas Mass cards are now available, they will cost 3 for €6 or 6 for €12. You can now also use your bank card in our shop.

Sacred Heart Boys School Annual Christmas Fair

Sunday December 3rd 11.00am – 3.00pm in the school complex.

Our Lady of Dolours Christmas Market

Saturday & Sunday 16th & 17th December 9.00am to 4.00pm

“Christmas with the Palestrina Choir” in the National Concert Hall on Wednesday 6th December at 8.00pm. Tickets available through NCH.ie



Out of Nothing

Since Christians are neither pantheists nor deists, then what are we? We believe that the three persons of the Trinity created the world out of nothing. We believe creation is separate from the Trinity, but not separate to the point that the Trinity is no longer involved in how it unfolds. In other words, Christians believe that God is actively involved in creation, not only in holding it in being, but also in how it is governed and brought to its ultimate perfection at the end of time. The Christian God is intimate to, and active in, our lives and the life of the world around us.



Co-Workers With God

In the act of creating the world, God planned that human beings would play a central role in the development of the earth. God wants us to have the dignity of being causes, together with him, in the completion of the cosmos.

Of course, God could do all this by himself, but God wants to share the work with us: we are his co-workers. To use the language of the Gospel this Sunday: God has given us many talents which he expects us to develop to the best of our abilities.

Working With God

Perhaps the deepest meaning of the development of talents concerns the supernatural work of salvation. St Augustine is famous for saying that while God created us without our help, he will not save us without our involvement. God's work of salvation – which is the new creation in Christ – requires our cooperation. Hence, God invites us all to work together with him for our salvation.

It is also true that, through us, others are saved as well. The most significant reason for God entrusting 'talents' to us, is that we might bring other souls to salvation also. This brings our role as co-workers with God to a whole new level. ■

Summary

At the heart of the parable of the talents is the mystery of the human role in God's unfolding work of creation.

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Question

What is the core of the Christian belief in creation?

Prayer

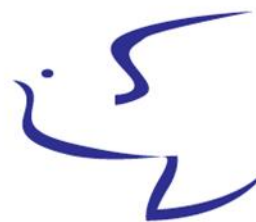
Lord, help me to play my part in the unfolding of creation.



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Sat 18 Nov Basilicas of Ss Peter & Paul : Sun 19 Nov Ordinary 33 : Mon 20 Nov Weekday : Tue 21 Nov Presentation of BVM : Wed 22 Nov St Cecilia : Thu 23 Nov Ss Clement; Columban; Colman : Fri 24 Nov Andrew Dung-Lac & Co : Sat 25 Nov Catherine of Alexandria; Colman : Sun 26 Nov Jesus Christ, Universal King.

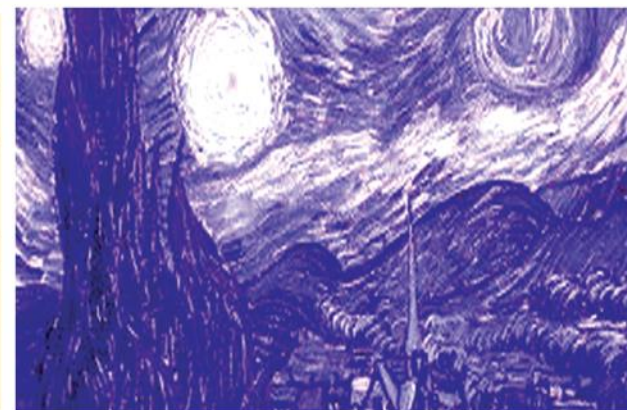


SUNDAY LETTER

Series: Understanding the Faith; Thirty-Third Sunday of Year A; 19th November, 2023

God and Creation

This Sunday's Gospel tells the story of the master entrusting talents to his servants. The master expects his servants to develop all they had been given according to their best abilities. At the heart of this parable is the mystery of the human role in God's unfolding work of creation. However, before we think of ourselves as co-workers with God, let us first look at the relationship between God and the whole of creation.



There are many competing views about God's involvement in the unfolding of creation. First of all, Christians do not believe that creation itself is God, as some religions and philosophies do. For Christians, creation has a certain autonomy from God, in the sense that it is separate from God, since God transcends it.

Christians are not pantheists, we do not worship creation as if it was divine. However, we do have a healthy respect for creation because God created it and continues to hold it in being.

Another belief, alien to the Christian understanding of God and creation, is that God created everything like a watch-maker who made a watch and left it to tick away on its own. In other words, Christians are not "deists", we do not believe that creation is completely autonomous from God, like the watch from the watch-maker. Creation isn't radically apart from God to the point that God has folded his arms and lets creation continue on its merry way, according to its own laws.