

Church of Our Mother of Divine Grace, Ballygall

Part of the Glasnevin Partnership of Parishes

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

Feast of Christ the King 26th November 2023

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Mass Intentions Monday 27th to Sunday 3rd December

Monday	7.25	Jackie Allen Catherine Mulligan	10.00	Bridget & Christopher Donohoe & deceased family
Tuesday	7.25	Derek Clarke	10.00	Dennis Bourke
Wednesday	7.25	Available	10.00	Nora & Michael Tormey
Thursday	7.25	Special Intention	10.00	Patrick Feeley
Friday	7.25	Altar List of the Dead	10.00	Altar List of the Dead
Saturday	10.00	Joe Ryan	Confessions available after 10.00am & 6.30pm Mass.	
Saturday	6.30pm	Winnie & Seamus Quinn, Vera Meyler, Lisa Hussey, Eddie Kearns.		
Sunday	10.00	Confirmation Enrolment Mass.		
	11.30	May Kane, Harry Montgomery, Sarah & Anthony Lyons & deceased family, Patrick Scanlon, Patrick Carroll		

Recently Deceased

We remember in our prayers, recently deceased, Michael Rooney & Anne Quinlan.

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

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**.

First Friday

Friday is the first Friday of December, we offer both masses for all those on our Altar List of the Dead. Our priests will also be calling to those who are unable to attend mass & receive Communion.

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.

Parish 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.



Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart

The 2024 Pioneer calendar is available from Pioneer centres and from Central Office (01 805 4226).

The calendar is designed to offer spiritual support and encouragement to families which are being impacted by alcohol and addiction.

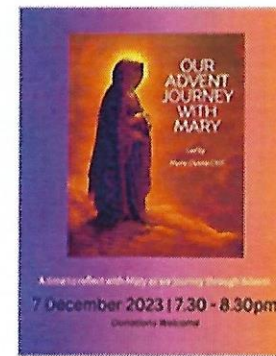
The calendar is priced at €5.
www.pioneerassociation.org/calendar.

Our Lady of Dolours Christmas Market Saturday & Sunday 16th & 17th December
9.00am to 4.00pm



Tree of Life Ceremony, which will take in St. Francis Hospice, Blanchardstown on Thursday, 7th December at 8.00 pm.

Margaret Aylward Centre



Sacred Heart Boys School Annual Christmas Fair Sunday December 3rd

11.00am - 3.00pm in the school complex.

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



Jesus as Judge

I ask myself if the atmosphere in my own mind isn't sometimes like the atmosphere in Pilate's judgment chamber? Cold, shallow, judgmental, merely tactical. The real King, the Lord, is the accused, not the accuser.

But wait! In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus is portrayed at the end of time as a judge sitting on a throne! And furthermore, he places the whole human race in just two categories! Can anyone put the whole human race into just two categories: the good and the bad? Surely there are shades of goodness and badness in all of us, and to ignore this is a great injustice.

Love God, Love Others

But that is not the point of the parable. Unlike an allegory, a parable makes only one point, but we often read parables as if they were allegories, that is, stories whose every single element points to some moral truth. No, the single point of this Sunday's parable is that there can be no love of God without love of other people.

Faith and Service

The English novelist and playwright John Galsworthy (known to many as the author of "The Forsyte Saga") once complained that religion was now being replaced by service ... "social service – the ants' creed, the bees' creed." But this is to make little of what the Gospel writes large. Other passages in the New Testament make it equally clear:

The religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world. (James 1:27) ■

Summary

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Question

Why should we not divide the world into good people and bad people?

Prayer

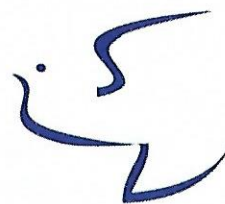
Lord, may my love of you shine through my love of others.



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Sat 25 Nov Catherine of Alexandria; Colman : Sun 26 Nov Jesus Christ, Universal King : Mon 27 Nov St Fergal : Tue 28 Nov Weekday : Wed 29 Nov Kildare & Loughlin DedinCathd : Thu 30 Nov St Andrew : Fri 1 Dec Weekday : Sat 2 Dec Weekday : Sun 3 Dec Advent 1.

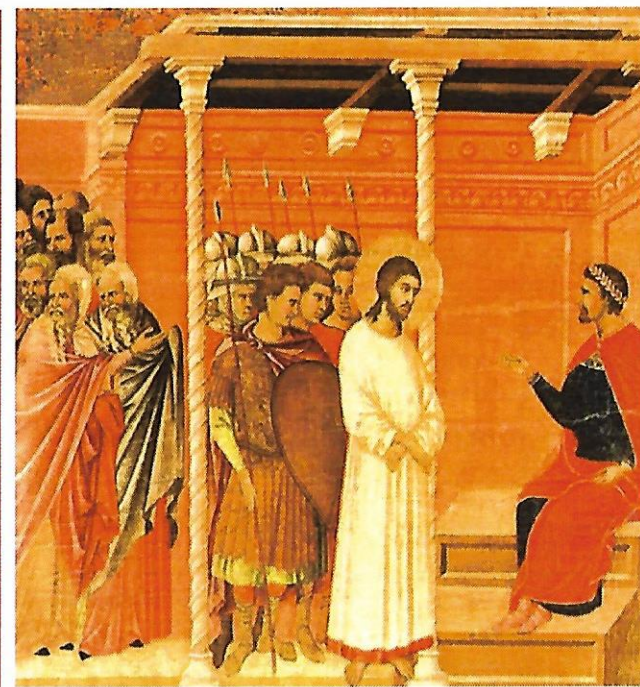


SUNDAY LETTER

Series: Jesus-Human and Divine; Jesus Christ, Universal King; Year A; 26th November, 2023

Anyone born in a Republic finds the language of royalty quite alien: kings, queens, princes, thrones, etc. We have a great deal of adjusting to do. When the feast of Christ the King was introduced in 1925 it was with a definite polemical intent: it was in defiance of secular governments which, at the time, were increasingly anti-clerical. They were setting up a principle of opposition between Christ and 'the world'. Good, if by 'the world' you mean what the Scriptures meant (not the physical world, but the structures of evil in the world; the word 'worldly' retains some of this meaning).

However, it is fatally easy to imagine that because we are members of the Church we are automatically on the side of Christ. In reality, members of the Church often represent 'the world' far better than non-members. Like Jesus, we have been sent into the world not to judge the world, but to save it (John 3:17).



Christ the King

"Yes, I am a king," said Jesus (John 18:37). Can you imagine him sitting there beside King Herod (one of the most vicious men who ever lived)? No, no! Jesus was parodying the very idea of kingship. The very moment when he said "Yes, I am a king!" he was a prisoner standing before Pilate's judgment-seat!

"What is truth?" Pilate asked him, but got no answer. How could anyone ever answer a person sitting on a throne of judgment? When you yourself are sitting on your own throne of judgment, don't expect to come across any truths!