

# Church of Our Mother of Divine Grace, Ballygall

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## 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 5<sup>th</sup> November 2023

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### Mass Intentions Monday 6<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November

Monday	7.25	Paul Tattan	10.00	Maura Walsh
Tuesday	7.25	Michael Arnold	10.00	Special Intention
Wednesday	7.25	Pat & Ned Kearns	10.00	Peter Farrell
Thursday	7.25	Special Intention (shop mass bouquets)	10.00	Special Intention
Friday	7.25	Leo & Phyllis Kelly	10.00	Bernie Matthews
Saturday	10.00	Peter Kiernan & Francis Finlay.	Confessions available after 10.00am & 6.30pm Mass.	
Saturday	6.30pm	Bridie Webb		
Sunday	10.00	Paddy Dowdall		
	11.30	Brenda & Patricia Collins, Frank O'Neill, Andy Dunphy, Christy & Christine O'Neill,		

### Recently Deceased

We remember in our prayers, recently deceased, Patrick Purdy, John Bonney and Phyllis Hayes. May they rest in peace.

### Parish Shop

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

### 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.

### Parish Remembrance Mass

**Friday (10<sup>th</sup> 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 November 6<sup>th</sup> Please phone the sacristy during office hours to book.

### Share Sunday

Next weekend is Share Appeal Sunday. Your weekly support for Share helps to sustain the Life and Mission of the Church here in the Archdiocese of Dublin. In total last year we collected €38,228 from our weekly collections.

### St. Vincent de Paul

The Monthly collection takes place after every mass next 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.

### “Say Goodnight not Goodbye”

This years' 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 20<sup>th</sup> November at 8.00pm in our chapel or online [www.rednuns.com](http://www.rednuns.com)

### 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: [deirdreclarke@stkevinscollege.com](mailto:deirdreclarke@stkevinscollege.com) Thank you 😊

Paul's whole life had been changed when he encountered Jesus on the road to Damascus. From then on, his deepest desire was to share with all people the joy and peace of that encounter.



Having established the community, Paul and his companions moved elsewhere to share their faith in Jesus with others. Because he was concerned to know whether the faith of the Thessalonians was being sustained in his absence, he sent Timothy to them. Timothy returned with an assurance that their faith in Jesus was ...

*Still a living power among you who believe it.* (1Thess1:13)

### A Conundrum

However, there were some questions that concerned them. The core of the gospel that Paul preached was that the end of the age had come:— Christ, who died, has been exalted to heaven, and is soon to return.

*And now you are waiting for Jesus, God's son, whom God raised from the dead to come from heaven to save us.* (1Thess 1:10)

However, some people in the community had died without Christ having returned. How did that fit in with Paul's preaching? What would be the place of those who had already died when Jesus returned?

### Those Who Have Died

Paul assured them – and us – that when Jesus returns, no one who is still alive will have an advantage over those who have died. Paul wrote:

*We want you to be quite certain brothers and sisters, about those who have died, to make sure you do not grieve about them, like other people who have no hope. Jesus died and rose again, and it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus. God will bring them with him.* (1Thess 4:13-14)

Paul ends his letter by assuring the Thessalonians that "God has called you, and will not fail you". This is our comfort also. God has called each one of us and will not fail us. ■

### Summary

*When Jesus returns, no one who is still alive will have an advantage over those who have died.*

*God has called each of us and will not fail us.*

### Question

*What would be the place of those who had already died when Jesus returns?*

### Prayer

*Lord, may I always live in the hope of your second coming.*

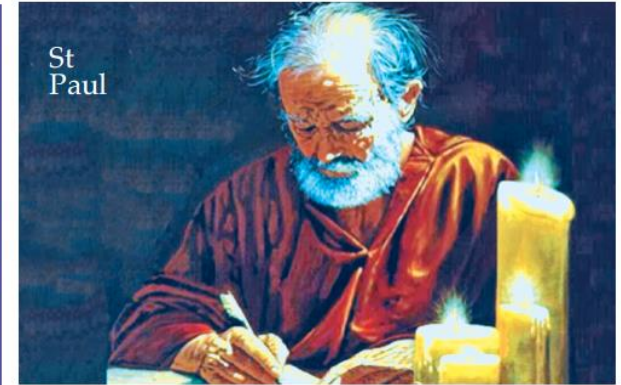


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Sat 4 Nov Charles Borromeo : Sun 5 Nov Ordinary 31 : Mon 6 Nov All Saints of Ireland : Tue 7 Nov St Willibrod : Wed 8 Nov Weekday : Thu 9 Nov Dedn of the Lateran : Fri 10 Nov Leo the Great : Sat 11 Nov Martin of Tours : Sun 12 Nov Ordinary 32.



# SUNDAY LETTER

Series: Scripture, Thirty-First Sunday of Year A; 5th November, 2023



St Paul

## First Letter to the Thessalonians

*During the last five Sundays of the Church's year, the second reading at Mass gives us extracts from St Paul's "First Letter to the Thessalonians", a city in Northern Greece.*

*This is the earliest of Paul's letters, thirteen of which have been preserved in the New Testament.*

*As the first and earliest to be written, it is an important witness to the presence of a Christian community in that city. The letter was written while Paul was in Corinth in southern Greece, in about the year 50AD, just twenty years after the death and resurrection of Jesus.*

*Faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus – and its meaning for our lives and our world – was the driving force of Paul's life and work.*

*Paul's letters were written to communities and individuals, to help build up the faith of the early church.*

When Paul, Silvanus and Timothy came to Thessalonika to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, they were understandably anxious. They had been arrested and expelled from Philippi, about a hundred miles away, for preaching Jesus. So, it required great courage to preach the gospel they had come to believe in. However, to their surprise, it seems that they found a real openness to God's good news among the people of Thessalonika.

The letter is notable for being full of thanksgiving and appreciation for the faithfulness of the Thessalonians. They not only accepted the message of Christ, but showed their faith in action, despite the difficulties they encountered (1Thess 1:3).

### The Gospel Received

In the section we read this Sunday, Paul compares himself and his companions to a mother whose concern for her children makes her work, day and night, to care for them. The fact that many of the Thessalonians accepted Paul and his companions as God's messengers, is a source of great joy for them.