

Church of Our Mother of Divine Grace, Ballygall

Part of the Glasnevin Partnership of Parishes

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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 14th January 2024

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Mass Intentions Monday 15th to Sunday 21st January 2024

Monday	7.25	Bill & Carmel Kieft	10.00	Funeral Mass. Frank Tobin
Tuesday	7.25	Available	10.00	Betty Holloway
Wednesday	7.25	Available	10.00	Noel Watkins & Mary Dollard
Thursday	7.25	Available	10.00	Paddy Dowdall
Friday	7.25	Harry & Anne Ryan	10.00	Bill Hanrahan
Saturday	10.00	Nancy Casey	Confessions available after 10.00am & 6.30pm Mass.	
	6.30pm	Michael Sexton, Willie Graham, Fíona Haughton, Joan Curley, Michael Curley, Maureen & Denis Byrne, Bertie Boland.		
Sunday	10.00	May O'Reilly		
	11.30	Patrick & Teresa Monahan, Joan & Carla Monahan, Gerry Gillen, Michael Murphy.		

Recently Deceased

We remember in our prayers, recently deceased, Fidelma Meighan, Patrick Kearns, James Bourke, Fr Sean Quigley, Bishop William Lee (served in Finglas West 1969-71) and Frank Tobin.

Parish Finance Committee Meeting, Wednesday 17th January @ 7.30pm

Parish Liturgy Group Meeting, Friday 19th February @ 2.00pm

Ballygall Active Retirement Group

Keep Fit is back! Thursdays at 3.00pm in the Fr. Maloney Centre, All are welcome.

Confirmation Dates for 2024

Friday 17th May – Mother of Divine Grace School @ 12.00pm

Thursday 30th May – Sacred Heart Boys School.

First Holy Communion 2024

Saturday 27th April – Sacred Heart Boys School.

Saturday 25th May – Mother of Divine Grace School.

Baptisms in Our Church

Baptisms are here on the First Saturday (4pm) and the Third Sunday (12.30) of each Month. A preparatory meeting takes place monthly generally on the Monday before the first Saturday. If you would like to arrange a Baptism, please ring the parish office.

Family Offering Collection.

If you would like to contribute to the Family Offering Envelope Collection, please contact Parish Office 01 836 9291 or email ballygallparish@outlook.com

Diary Dates - January 2024:

Annual Laudate Music Festival

Tuesday 30 January - Our Lady of Victories Church, Ballymun Road & 7pm.

Year of Prayer

In preparation for 2025 Jubilee year 2024 has been designated as a year of prayer. To help us be more aware of this on Monday 29th January an evening of prayer and song will take place entitled, "Journeying in Prayer with the Desert Mothers and Fathers", and takes place in The Monastery of St Alphonsus – 8.00p.m All are welcome to attend or to join online www.rednuns.com The reflective Music will be led by Dublin Diocesan Music Group.

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.

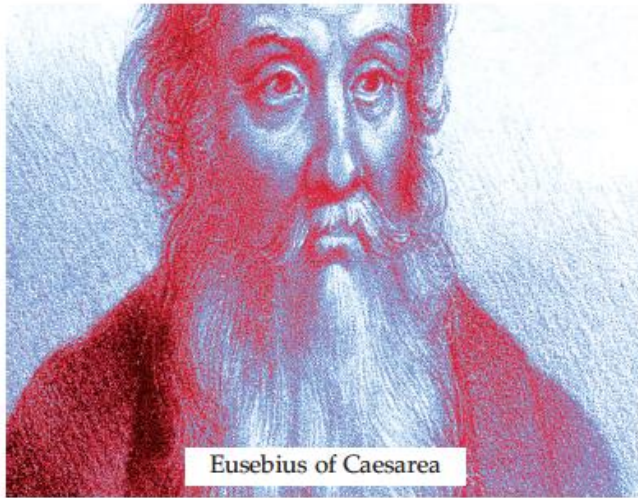
Aware - Support & Self Care Groups

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.

Church Unity Week 18 – 25 January 2024

The theme for this year's week of prayer is 'You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself'. In Dublin it will be launched in Our Lady Mother of the Church, Castleknock on 18th Jan at 8pm. See www.ctbi.org.uk for resources that can be used this week. The Vatican has similar resources on www.christianunity.va

Archbishop Dermot Farrell reminds us that 'This week is a privileged moment of prayer, encounter and dialogue. An opportunity to recognise the richness and value that are present in the other, the different and to ask God for the gift of unity'.



Eusebius of Caesarea

“He endured in an extraordinary fashion all the outrages inflicted on him. While the torturers hoped to wring something from him which he ought not say, he girded himself against them with such firmness that he would not even tell his name, or the nation or city to which he belonged, or whether he was a slave or a freeman, but answered in the Roman tongue to all their questions, ‘I am a Christian’ (Latin: Christianus sum). He professed this, instead of his name and city and race and everything besides, and the people heard from him no other word.”

This new identity was the only one this Christian claimed, and as an identity it was indestructible.

Indestructible

It’s a fundamental question for every person in every age: which of the many identities that I claim (and of the many that are thrust upon me) is indestructible? The consumerist society identifies me as a consumer, politicians as a voter, lawyers as a client, shopkeepers as a customer, television companies as a viewer, football clubs as a fan ... All of these, singly, are highly volatile and easily destructible; but together they can be a great distraction from the real question: to what or to whom do I give my life?

These identities are the new “crowd”, the rush-hour that never ceases. Like Andrew and his companion, I need a quiet hour, a quiet evening, in which the Lord can ask me, “What are you looking for?” ■

Summary

Whatever happened with Jesus that afternoon changed the lives of Andrew and his companion forever.

Their relationship with Jesus would become their new identity.

Question

To what or to whom do I give my life?

Prayer

Lord, give me the courage to wear my Christian identity publicly.



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Sat 13 Jan St Hilary : Sun 14 Jan Ordinary 2 : Mon 15 Jan St Ita : Tue 16 Jan St Fursa : Wed 17 Jan St Anthony : Thu 18 Jan (Christian Unity Week begins) : Fri 19 Jan Weekday : Sat 20 Jan St Fabian; St Sebastian : Sun 21 Jan Ordinary 3.



SUNDAY LETTER

Series: The Church; Second Sunday of Year B; 14 Jan 2024

This Sunday’s gospel is like a rush-hour ... it’s full of people passing by, bumping into one another, overhearing a few words by chance. The snippets of conversation are brief in the extreme, and practical: “What are you looking for?” “Where are you staying?” – like a conversation on a crowded street. And just like people at rush-hour, they were conscious of the time:

“It was about the tenth hour.”

Then suddenly, there was silence. “They remained with him that day.” There is no crowd, no consciousness of time, no account of what they talked about, no description of the place where they sat.

However, whatever happened with Jesus that afternoon changed the lives of Andrew and his companion forever, and started a Church that has spread all over the world, twenty centuries later.



Christian Identity

They remained with him that day. (Jn 1:29)

In fact, these apostles remained with Jesus for the rest of their lives. Their relationship with Jesus would become their new identity, as it would become the new identity of Andrew’s brother, Peter, and of their entire circle of friends. We know of that now, but, of course, the apostles didn’t know it at that time. Nor could they have known then that countless others through the ages would cling to this new identity and disclaim all other identities.

Profession of Faith

In the second century, under the reign of Roman Emperor Lucius Verus, the historian, Eusebius of Caesarea, described the martyrdom of a Christian believer in Gaul.