

Church of Our Mother of Divine Grace, Ballygall

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Mass Intentions Monday 29th Jan to Sunday 4th Feb 2024

Monday	7.25	Fergus McDermott	10.00	Special Intention
Tuesday	7.25	Available	10.00	Funeral Mass
Wednesday	7.25	Carmel Byrne	10.00	Funeral Mass
Thursday	7.25	Ned & Maisie Bradshaw	10.00	Christopher & Christine Kane Annie Rogan
Friday	7.25	Altar List of the Dead	10.00	Altar List of the Dead
Saturday	10.00	Special Intention	Confessions available after 10.00am & 6.30pm Mass.	
	6.30pm	Jim Clinton, Donald Duff, Kathleen Harnett, Mary Ryan Patrick Redmond.		
Sunday	10.00	Mary Kinsella		
	11.30	William Kelly.		

Recently Deceased

We remember in our prayers, recently deceased, Peggy O'Neill, Sean Eustace (whose funeral takes place on Tuesday) & Parick Devoy whose funeral is on Wednesday.

Diary Dates - January 2024:

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 led by Dublin Diocesan Music Group.

Annual Laudate Music Festival

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

Ballygall Active Retirement Group

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

First Friday

Next Friday is First Friday of February when we pray for all the faithful departed at both 7.25 and 10 o'clock mass.

Blessed Margaret Ball - Feast Day 30th January.



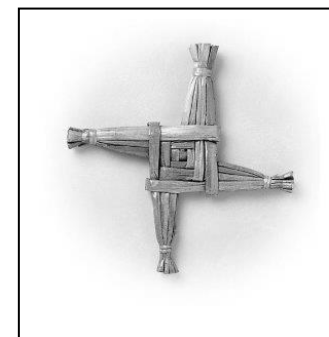
Born Margaret Bermingham about 1515 in Skreen, Co Meath, she married Bartholomew Ball, a prosperous Dublin merchant, where she came to live. Her eldest son, Walter, yielding to the pressure of the times, became a Protestant and an opponent of the Catholic faith. Margaret continued to provide 'safe houses' for bishops and priests passing through Dublin and would invite Walter to dine with them, hoping for his reconversion to Catholicism.

But Walter was not for turning. When he was elected Mayor of Dublin, he had his own mother arrested and drawn through the streets, on a wooden hurdle, as she could no longer walk, to Dublin Castle. Here she remained imprisoned for the rest of her life. If she had renounced her faith she could have returned home, but

she refused and died in prison aged 70 in 1584. The chapel-of-ease, called Blessed Margaret Ball Church, built in the 1980s on the Coolock Road at Santry in Larkhill parish, Dublin, was named in her honour.

St Brigid

One of our national saints St Colmcille is celebrated an Irish saint we owe a lot and leadership in the Irish the St Brigid's Cross made reminder that to make simple everyday items to greater.



along with St Patrick and on Thursday, 1st Feb. As to her for her example Church. The custom of out of rushes is a Christ known we can use point to something

Presentation Of the Day)

On this day there is a great tradition of getting a candle blessed and keeping it in the homes for prayer and in the event of sickness or death having one to hand. Some of these candles are used on the feast of St Blaise for the "Blessing of the throat".

St Blaise -Saturday 3rd February

" Through the intercession of St Blaise, bishop and martyr, may the Lord deliver you from all ailments of the throat and every other illness" is the traditional prayer

Lord (Candlemas

of blessing using the candles blessed from the day before. Throats will be blessed after the 10.00am mass on Saturday morning.



Prophecy of Nature

The prophetic voice of God speaks in many and varied ways. In the awe-inspiring series "Our Wild Islands" on RTE1, Eoin Warner's voice opened our eyes to the stunning beauty of our coastline, inviting us into a deeper appreciation of the hand of the creator, mirrored in exquisite sunrises and sunsets. He reminded us of our Christian heritage which can be seen in the ruins of monastic settlements on so many islands. He showed us how to rediscover the joy and value of silence, learning to face the grim reality of grief and heartbreak at his Dad's horrendous death in the Bantry Bay disaster, in January 1979. He clearly appreciates the priceless gift of family and the support of community.

Examples of Hope

Prophetic voices are full of hope and encouragement:

"So may we know the hope that is not just for some day but for this day – in this moment that opens to us: hope that has breath and a beating heart." (Jan Richardson: *Blessing of Hope*)

The terminally-ill teenager, Donal Walsh, touched the hearts of the nation with the strength of his deep faith, the power and challenge of his clarion call to seek help when tempted to commit suicide, and his amazing courage as he faced death, saying, 'I am not afraid, but nervous.'

Speaking Against Injustice

We are called to be prophets, to speak out against injustice, discrimination and prejudice, to act with integrity, tolerance and courage, making real and credible the mandate of Jesus to: "Love one another, as I have loved you."

At his installation as Archbishop of Dublin, bishop Dermot Farrell spoke some prophetic words:

"Faith is not an invitation to put up with life's difficulties and frustrations. Rather, faith asks us to see these as a time of grace – this very time with its frustrations and fear, is rich with possibilities, already carrying the future, overflowing with Christ." (+Dermot Farrell, 2nd Feb 2021) ■

Summary

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Question

How can a person be not afraid, but still nervous?

Prayer

Lord, help me to see your hand at work in the people and nature around me.



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Sat 27 Jan St Angela Merici : Sun 28 Jan Ordinary 4 : Mon 29 Jan Weekday : Tue 30 Jan Weekday; (Ferns-Aidan) : (Dublin /Meath-Margaret & Francis) : Wed 31 Jan St John Bosco : Thu 1 Feb St Brigid : Fri 2 Feb The Presentation of the Lord : Sat 3 Feb St Blaise/St Aresgar : Sun 4 Feb Ordinary 5.



SUNDAY LETTER

Series: Scripture; Fourth Sunday of Year B; 28 Jan 2024

Moses' Prophecy



This Sunday's first reading reminds me of the unforgettable performance by Charlton Heston as Moses in the film "The Ten Commandments". Moses was the one of whom God said:

"I will raise up for you a prophet like myself from among yourselves." (Dt 18:15)

The task of leading the People of Israel from the slavery of Egypt and into the freedom of the Promised Land was fraught with conflict, grumbling and quarrelling. Throughout that forty-year trek through the desert, the prophetic voice of Moses constantly reminded the Chosen People of God's covenant, his "love agreement",

"You shall be my people and I will be your God." (Jer 32:38)

In the spirit of Psalm 94 we can imagine Moses pleading on many occasions:

"Listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts." (Psalm 94:8)

There were, no doubt, times when Moses must have felt frustrated and discouraged; times when his faith in God was challenged. But he persevered with his prophetic mission. A prophet is God's spokesperson, one called and sent to proclaim the word of God. The call is a powerful summons; the task is challenging and formidable.

Over many years we have heard the prophetic voice of Pope Francis constantly challenging, encouraging, chiding, forgiving, discerning, pleading, raising issues of international concern, and focusing on his deep concern about global warming and the destruction of planet earth.

"Our insistence that each human being is an image of God should not make us overlook the fact that each creature has its own purpose. None is superfluous. The entire material universe speaks of God's love, his boundless affection for us." (Laudato Si, n 84)

