

## Church of Our Mother of Divine Grace, Ballygall

Part of the Glasnevin Partnership of Parishes

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

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024

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### Mass Intentions Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb to Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024

Monday	Bank Holiday – There will be no 10.00am Mass in our Church <b>10.00am Mass in Our Lady of Dolours, Glasnevin.</b>			
Tuesday	7.25	Sr. Benignus McDonagh	10.00	Special Intention
Wednesday	7.25	Michael & Maisie Boland	10.00	Olive Maguire
Thursday	7.25	Rhona Dargle	10.00	Stephen Moylan
Friday	7.25	Ken Clarke	10.00	Frank Mitchell
Saturday	10.00	Margaret Nolan & Alice O'Sullivan.	Confessions available after 10.00am & 6.30pm Mass.	
	6.30pm	Available		
Sunday	10.00	Thomas & Catherine Byrne & deceased family.		
	11.30	Maurice Walsh, Matt & Mary Bohan, James & Christina Kearns.		

### Recently Deceased

We remember in our prayers, recently deceased, Sean Eustace & Parick Devoy.

### Bank Holiday Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb.

This Monday is a Bank Holiday in honour of our National Saint Brigid. There will be no 10.00am mass in our Church. Mass will be celebrated in our Glasnevin Grouping of parishes in **Our Lady of Dolours Parish at 10.00am.** You are invited to attend.

### St Vincent de Paul

Our local Vincent de Paul Conference will hold their monthly Church Collection next weekend, **10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> February.** Your continued support to this local charity is much appreciated and you can be assured that it is put to very good use to soften the burden to families in need of support.

### Baptisms

Our Saturday dates are filling up quickly, if you would like to arrange a Baptism please phone the Parish Office. Please note the Parish office is closed on Monday due to the Bank Holiday.

### Heating Update

We have recently had all the heaters serviced in the church, and we are currently awaiting delivery of some parts for the ones that are currently not working. It is not ideal and we apologise for the delay but assure you it is getting our utmost attention.

### Some Dates for your Diary

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb

Ash Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February

Accord Special Collection Weekend of 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> February

### Ballygall Active Retirement Group

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

### 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](http://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 [aware.ie](http://aware.ie)

### Can you help support the Parish?

**Please complete and return your details to the Parish Office before Feb 16<sup>th</sup>**

Tick Here If You Would Like to Receive a Box of Parish Envelopes

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Tick Here If You Would Like to Receive a Standing Order Form  
To Pay Directly into Our Parish Bank Account.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

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## Purpose in the Drudgery

Amidst his trials, Job experienced profound sorrow. The difference between Job and a Christian believer is that Jesus Christ has revealed the place of suffering in human life. Christ has transformed the drudgery of life – its sufferings and tedium – by revealing the purpose of that suffering. On the Cross, Christ transformed the dilemma of human suffering: he converted human suffering into life-giving grace.

As Christians we offer our suffering in union with the suffering of Christ. This reality gives Christians a tremendous sense of purpose, even in the worst of afflictions. It is the difference between suffering “with despair” and “suffering with faith, hope and love”. The smallest suffering offered to God with love is a source of great grace for the Church and for the world.

## A Modern-Day Job

The testimony of Colleen Willard has gone viral on YouTube. She had been diagnosed with over 20 illnesses. Like Job, her world was shattered. Tempted to despair, she turned to the rosary. It was in praying the rosary that she discovered the strength to offer her suffering in Christ. For her, this transformed her whole attitude.

However, like Job, God not only healed her of all her illnesses, he blessed her with graces beyond telling. In hindsight she saw in her unbearable suffering the wisdom of God at work. It is true, however, that many won't experience Job's or Colleen's miracle and restoration in this life. It will be from the vantage-point of eternity that we will see how the drudgery of life leads to a weight of glory beyond all telling. ■



## Summary

*It is from the vantage-point of eternity that we will see how the drudgery of life leads to a weight of glory beyond all telling.*

*On the Cross, Christ transformed the dilemma of human suffering; he converted human suffering into a means of life-giving grace.*

## Question

*How does Jesus' suffering transform our suffering?*

## Prayer

*Lord, help me to see my suffering as part of your plan for my life.*



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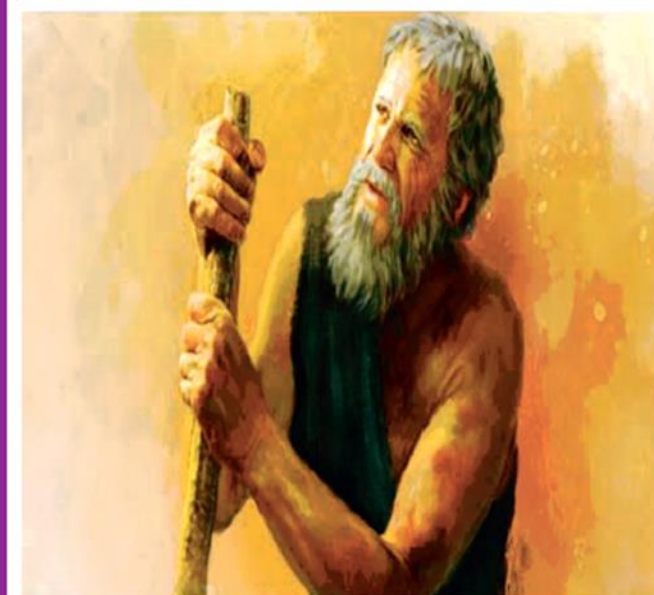
Sat 3 Feb St Blaise / St Arogar : Sun 4 Feb Ordinary 5: Mon 5 Feb St Agatha : Tue 6 Feb St Paul Miki and companions : Wed 7 Feb And & Clonr : St Mel : Thu 8 Feb St Jerome Emiliani / St Josephine Bakhita : Fri 9 Feb Weekday : Sat 10 Feb St Scholastica : Sun 11 Feb Ordinary 6



# SUNDAY LETTER

Series: Morality; Fifth Sunday of Year B; 4 February 2024

## JOB'S DILEMMA



*"Is not man's life on earth a drudgery?"*  
(Job 7:1)

*This is Job's question! In the chaos of his life, when he was steeped in the suffering of great personal loss, Job could not find a glimmer of hope.*

*Job's experience is the experience of many who are facing unbearable anguish. In such anguish, many questions arise:*

*Does God care?*

*Does God exist?*

*Is there any purpose to my suffering?*

*It is good for us to remember that through his suffering, Job eventually experienced a theophany – an understanding of God's presence to him.*

God appeared to Job in his pain. On seeing God, Job's dilemma was solved. In one glimpse of God, Job understood everything. He repented of his questioning, and surrendered to the divine wisdom he saw in the vision of God. He came to a fresh understanding, not by arguments, but by knowing God. The same is true for us in our pain.

Rather than asking questions that we cannot answer, we turn instead to God in prayer. God slowly comforts us and helps us surrender to what we do not understand. It is in prayer that God's wisdom makes sense of the situation. It is in prayer that we come to know God as good and faithful. Whatever God shows us, ultimately, in humility, we are called to trust.