

Our Mother of Divine Grace Church, Ballygall (1964 – 2024, 60 years as a Parish)

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

3rd Sunday in Lent 3rd March 2024

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Mass Intentions Monday 4th March to Sunday 11th March 2024

Monday	7.25	Pro Populo	10.00	Sr. Margaret Tarrant
Tuesday	7.25	Available	10.00	Susan Deegan
Wednesday	7.25	Deceased members of the Murphy & Deegan Families	10.00	Available
Thursday	7.25	Available	10.00	Bill Sheils
Friday	7.25	Thanksgiving	10.00	Aileen Traynor
Saturday	10.00	Available	Confessions Available after 10.00 Mass	
	6.30pm	Michael & Phil Downey, Mary Kelly.		
Sunday	10.00	Special Intention.		
	11.30	Available.		

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

After 10am Mass Thursday Mornings, until 11.30 the Blessed Sacrament will be on the Altar for Adoration. This takes place in the Oratory.

Adoration in Our Lady of Victories Church, every Monday during lent 12.00pm to 9.00pm

My Lenten Prayer for Forgiveness

O my God, I thank you for loving me
I am sorry for all my sins, for not loving others and not loving you. Help me to live like Jesus and not sin again. Amen.

Ballygall Parish celebrates its 60th Anniversary 1964 - 2024

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 14th March at 7.30pm

Bishop Dermot Farrell has confirmed that he is available to say Mass on the 16th June @ 11.30am to mark this Celebration.

Trócaire Reflection

In Malawi, longer and more severe droughts in recent years have dried up small streams and water holes.

Unfortunately, some areas are also affected by cyclones and flooding. When this happens, the simple mud houses are badly damaged. The water that falls is not suitable for drinking or farming but causes a huge amount of destruction. Trócaire is working with local partners to help communities to rebuild after these events and to be better prepared for the future. To learn more, go to: <https://www.trocaire.org/our-work/working-in-ireland/parishes/>

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words; be silent and listen.



Lenten Reconciliation Service with the Franciscan Fathers.

Wednesday 27th March @ 7.30pm

Recently Deceased

We remember in our prayers, recently deceased Una Vivion and Paul Mulcahy.

Novena of Grace Gardiner Street.

The Novena of Grace in honour of St Francis Xavier begins on March 4 and continues until March 12. Our preacher this year is Fr Michael Simone SJ. Mass times: Mon-Fri: 11 am, 1 pm & 7.30 pm. Sat: 11, 1 & 6pm. Sunday: 11 am, 3.30 & 7.30 pm.

Dublin Diocesan Knock Pilgrimage

Archbishop Dermot Farrell will lead our annual pilgrimage to Knock on **Saturday, April 27th**. This year we are celebrating 145 years since the apparition in 1879. We are glad to say that the Choir of Many Voices from throughout the Archdiocese will be back this year. **Our Lady of Victories** is organising a bus on the day. Leaving OLV at 7.45am, bring a packed lunch; leaving Knock 4.30pm after the Mass, €25. Contact Grainne 8420346 weekdays 10 – 1pm. See olv.ie for more details.

Family Offering Envelopes

Boxes of family offering envelopes for the next year have been distributed throughout this week. If you would like to contribute to this fund, by standing order, please contact the parish office for a standing order form and our Bank Details.



The Bar is High

While we live on earth, however, it's easy to forget this astonishing fact because our intelligence is darkened and our wills are weakened by sin. The first commandment seems like an impossible task for an ordinary person, so we imagine that it only applies to the saints, and consequently, we ignore it as an unachievable goal.

Therefore, in the hope of finding happiness, we set our hearts on things that are not God. The bible wisely calls these things 'idols' because it recognises that they are false gods that easily take the place of the one true God.

Chief among these idols is the idol of money or material riches. The Lord calls this idol 'mammon' and reminded His disciples that they cannot serve both God and mammon. The story of the rich young man who could not give up his wealth to follow Christ (Mt 19:22) teaches us that the idol of mammon is incapable of making us truly happy.

The Temple

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus Christ arrives in the Temple in Jerusalem and sees that it had been defiled by the money-changers who had more concern for their material wealth than for their love of God. In this story, the Temple is understood as an image of the human soul, insofar as both are the dwelling place of God ... where God is worshipped "in spirit and in truth" (John 4:23). However, the money-changers set their hearts upon acquiring wealth, and so forgot about the true purpose of their lives.

As we journey through life, the Lord tries to detach our hearts from things that ultimately have little value and will one day return to dust. Through our daily prayer the Lord teaches us how to be truly wise and how to see the real value of heavenly treasures – in comparison to the passing value of this world's riches. He encourages us to look to the things of heaven rather than those of earth, conscious that where our treasure is, there will our heart be also (Luke 12:34). ■

Summary

The vision of God face-to-face will fulfil the deepest desires of every human heart.

The first commandment can seem like an impossible task for the ordinary person.

The Temple can be understood as an image of the human soul.

Question

If money does not lead us to happiness, then what does?

Prayer

Lord, help me to see that the pursuit of wealth is worthless.



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Sat 2 Mar Weekday : Sun 3 Mar Lent 3 : Mon 4 Mar St Casimir : Tue 5 Mar St Kieran : Wed 6 Mar Weekday : Thu 7 Mar St Perpetua and Felicity : Fri 8 Mar St John of God / St Senan : Sat 9 Mar St Frances of Rome : Sun 10 Mar Lent 4.



SUNDAY LETTER

Series: Morality; Third Sunday of Lent, Year B; 3 Mar 2024

In the past, it was normal for every child in primary school to learn the Ten Commandments. In each of the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke (called "The Synoptic Gospels") the Lord Jesus says that the first and greatest commandment of all is to:

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind."

(Luke 10:27)

As a child, I skipped quickly over this commandment as I thought it was all very obvious and, therefore, not very interesting. I thought to myself:

"We are meant to love God. That's to be expected. But what about the other commandments? What about the things we are not supposed to do?"

For some reason, those commandments seemed much more interesting because there is always something more intriguing about what is forbidden than what is our duty to do.



Clearing the Temple

The First Commandment

Listening to the First Commandment as an adult, however, brings a fresh perspective and a more profound understanding of its importance. Every creature in heaven – every angel and every human being – spends all of eternity worshipping God with all of their being. This makes the true meaning of the first commandment much clearer.

The first commandment describes our ultimate destiny – the very purpose for which each one of us was created. The vision of God, face-to-face, will fulfil the deepest desires of every human heart. This is the central belief of our faith and the one on which all our hopes of happiness depend.