

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

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

Third Sunday of Easter 14th April 2024

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Mass Intentions Monday 15th to Sunday 21st April 2024

Monday	7.25	Carmel O'Connell	10.00	Patrick Gleeson
Tuesday	7.25	Leo Menley	10.00	Available
Wednesday	7.25	Catherine Murphy	10.00	Bernie Fitzpatrick
Thursday	7.25	Sheila Conroy, Carmel Dunlea, Una Conboy	10.00	Bernie Lawless, Louise Roycroft, Brenda & Denis Edwards.
Friday	7.25	Frank Corbett	10.00	Eddie Byrne
Saturday	10.00	Available	Confessions available after 10.00am Mass.	
	6.30pm	John & Sheila Cunningham, Gerard & Deirdre O'Connell, Carmel Boland, Cian Dowd, Declan Foley.		
Sunday	10.00	First Holy Communion Preparation Mass.		
	11.30	Jack & Eileen Chaney, Patricia & Irene Chaney.		

Recently Deceased

We remember in our prayers, recently deceased, Dermot Downes, Elizabeth Harris, Annie Ennis & Marie Winters.

“All in the April Evening”

An evening of song, featuring the Holy Faith Past Pupils' Choir will take place at the Margaret Aylward Centre, Glasnevin on April 17th at 7.30pm. Donation of €5 towards mission Solidarity in South Sudan. Booking recommended at 01-7979364.

Easter Dues

The priests of the Parish wish to express their sincere thanks and gratitude to all who have sent in their Easter Dues, your support is greatly appreciated.

Volunteer Evening

Many thanks to all who attended our volunteer evening and for all those who made it happen.

Our next celebration, will be our 60th Anniversary, so for all those who missed Wednesday evening we look forward to seeing you on the 16th June when we all have another opportunity to express our appreciation to all the volunteers that made and continue to make our Parish what it is today.



If you can, please donate online or over the phone.

Donations can be made online at

<https://www.trocaire.org/donate/make-a-donation>.

Boxes can also be left into the sacristy after Mass

Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

Archbishop Dermot Farrell will lead the diocesan pilgrimage to Knock on **Saturday, April 27th**. This year we are celebrating 145 years since the apparition in 1879.

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. Cost is €25.

Contact Grainne 8420346 weekdays 10 – 1pm. See olv.ie for more details.

Lough Derg

2024 Pilgrimage Season is now available online. www.loughderg.org for more details.

Faith Development Worker – Iona Road

Iona Road Parish has a vacancy for a Faith Development Worker. For more details see www.ionaroadparish.ie. The closing date for application (Friday 5th April) has just passed so a prompt application would be appreciated.

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.

SeniorLine

Would like someone to talk to? SeniorLine is Ireland's national telephone service for older people open every day of the year 10am-10pm, Freephone 1800 80 45 91. Callers may feel isolated, alone, wish to discuss a problem in confidence, or for company during their day. SeniorLine's older volunteers are trained to listen, to support, to discuss options and to refer caller to other helpful services if necessary. So don't be alone if sharing a problem would

Firstly: In the Scriptures

Firstly, Jesus is present in the words of Scripture as they are read aloud in the liturgy. Vatican II teaches that ...

"The Church has always venerated the divine Scriptures just as she venerates the body of the Lord, since, especially in the sacred liturgy, she unceasingly receives and offers to the faithful the bread of life from the table both of God's word and Christ's body ... [The Scriptures] make the voice of the Holy Spirit resound in the words of the prophets and Apostles ... In the sacred books, the Father who is in heaven meets his children with great love, and speaks with them."

(Dogmatic Constitution on on Divine Revelation #21)

I love reading and praying the Scriptures privately as it prepares me for the public participation in the liturgy. I also love our weekly *Lectio Divina* group where we look, read, pray and discuss the readings for the following Sunday. It is often here that I experience the Father meeting his children with great love, and I hear him speaking with us as a small community.

Secondly: In the Breaking of Bread

Jesus is present to us in a tangible way in the breaking of bread. In Holy Communion we have an experience of his presence which is different from all others. In the gospel this Sunday we hear Jesus say that he is not a ghost, so he invited his followers:

Touch me and see for yourselves. (Lk 24:39)

Jesus' touch is important; it is a healing touch. In receiving him in Holy Communion we touch and see Jesus in a unique way.

Thirdly: In the Community

The real presence of Jesus is experienced in the community, gathered with the celebrant. By our full, active participation through our bodies, by our responses to the prayers, by singing, by movements and gestures, all who participate in the liturgy reveal the real presence of Jesus in the community.

Contemplation and Action

The Christian life is about contemplation and action. If we understand that Jesus is truly present with us and in us, we offer ourselves by mediating Christ's presence to others. The very word "Liturgy" means "the work of the people". So I pray that Christ may rise in us, and that we may rise with Him. ■



Summary

All who participate in the liturgy reveal the real presence of Jesus in the community.

Question

What significance has the historical reality of Christ have for my life?

Prayer

Lord, help me to see your presence in the Scriptures, the host, and in the community.



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Sat 13 Apr St Martin : Sun 14 Apr Easter 3 : Mon 15 Apr Weekday : Tue 16 Apr Bernadette Soubirous : Wed 17 Apr Weekday : Thu 18 Apr (Leighlin:St Lasarian) : Fri 19 Apr Weekday : Sat 20 Apr Weekday : Sun 21 Apr Easter 4.



SUNDAY LETTER

Series Jesus: Human & Divine : Third Sunday of Easter, Year B, 14th April 2024

When I was a young woman I struggled with the idea of Jesus as a historical figure. I often asked myself: "Was he really a man born in a certain place and time; and if he was, what significance has that for me?"

Back then, the world was full of heroes. Was Jesus just another hero, a social activist murdered because he threatened the status quo?

I felt a bit like the disciples on the road to Emmaus: What did it all mean? Do we know Jesus now only as a memory ... as a historical figure who lived a little over 2000 years ago?



THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Real Presence

When I was growing up I learned from my parents that Jesus is present to us now in realtime. We never had a bible in our house; our encounter with the Risen Lord came through prayers like the Rosary and the Mass, even though this was still in Latin. In many ways I wonder if this was a deprivation, as we were not hearing the Scriptures in a language that made sense. I believe Vatican II changed all that for the better.

As a young person I knew in my heart, more than in my head, that the risen Jesus was really present in the Eucharist, but I held the narrow view that it was only in the physical host that Jesus was really present.

Over my lifetime I have learned that in the Mass, Jesus is present to us in three ways, and all three are important.