

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)

Fifth Sunday of Easter 28th April 2024

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Mass Intentions Monday 29th to Sunday 5th May 2024

Monday	7.25	Pronσίας O'Bradaigh	10.00	Michael Kietty
Tuesday	7.25	Johnny Smith	10.00	Months Mind Remembrance
Wednesday	7.25	Annie Ennis	10.00	Annie McKenzie
Thursday	7.25	Special Intention	10.00	Paddy Dowdall
Friday	7.25	Altar List of the Dead	10.00	Altar List of the Dead
Saturday	10.00	Brendan O'Meara	Confessions available after 10.00am Mass.	
	6.30pm	Paul Roddy, Phil & Des Whelan, Eddie & Theresa McGrath.		
Sunday	10.00	Michael Dorgan.		
	11.30	Imelda Pluck, Ann & John Madden, Denis & Evelyn O'Brien.		

Lay Ministry Collection, takes place this weekend at all masses, (April 27/28) and will replace the Share collection. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Lough Derg

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

60th Anniversary Celebrations.

Many thanks to all those who are helping out and organising this special event. Our next meeting is Tuesday 7th May at 7.30pm. All support is greatly appreciated.

Recently Deceased

We remember in our prayers all those that have died recently.

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.

Glasnevin Tidy Towns

If you would like to lend a helping hand, this volunteer group meets up every second Saturday to tidy specific areas in our locality. The next date to meet is on Saturday 27th April. The meeting point is at the shops at St. Pappins Road/ Ballymun Road at 9.30am. It takes about an hour.



If you can, please donate online or over the phone. Donations can be made online at

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

This is the final week that boxes can be left into the sacristy after Mass.

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 help. Phone SeniorLine 1800 80 45 91, open every day of the year 10am-10pm.

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.

May, The Month of Our Lady.

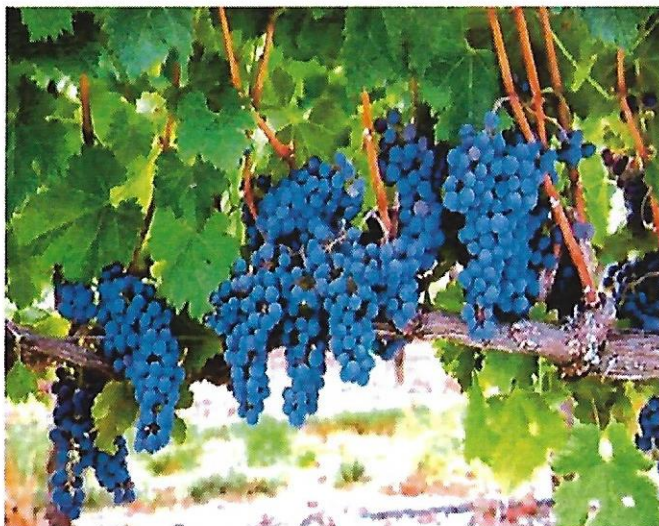
Bring Flowers of the Rarest
(Hymn for the Month of May)

O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today!
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.
O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.

Bring flowers of the rarest bring blossoms the fairest, from garden and woodland and hillside and dale; our full hearts are swelling, our glad voices telling the praise of the loveliest flower of the vale!

O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today!
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.
O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.

Their lady they name thee,
Their mistress proclaim thee,
Ah, grant that thy children on earth be as true as long as the bowers are radiant with flowers, as long as the azure shall keep its bright hue.



Saint Paul

The unity of Christ with his disciples was also taught by St Paul. Christ, he said, is the head, and we, the body.

We, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. (Rom 12:4)

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. (1 Cor 12:12)

Wealth and Independence?

I remember a magazine article some years ago entitled, "After affluence, What? Individualism!" It was ever only a dream of course – one from which the world is now waking up.

Nobody can really be an independent individual, least of all a wealthy person. Wealth tends to separate people, one from another, while poverty often brings them together. Wealth traps people in a complex, financial web, the very caricature of closeness.

The dream of individualism is just a bad dream because we depend on one another in a thousand ways. Our Christian faith celebrates this, and reveals its ultimate depth. Even the Persons of the Trinity depend on one another. To live, through Christ, in the heart of that mystery, is our destiny. ■

Summary

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Question

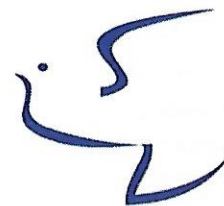
Why is individualism seen as something bad?

Prayer

Lord, help me to realise that I am completely immersed in you and in the Christian Church.



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 Sat 27 Apr (Elphin: St Asicus): Sun 28 Apr Easter 5 : Mon 29 Apr St Catherine of Siena : Tue 30 Apr St Pius V : Wed 1 May St Joseph the Worker : Thu 2 May St Athanasius : Fri 3 May Ss Philip And James : Sat 4 May (Kildare: St Conleth): Sun 5 May Easter 6.



SUNDAY LETTER

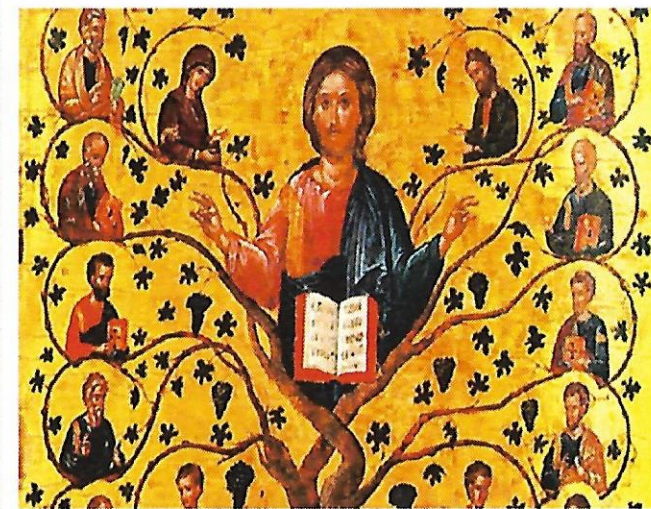
Series: Morality; Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year B, 28th April, 2024

In last Sunday's gospel Jesus was referred to as the good shepherd, and we were the sheep. This Sunday's image expresses an even closer relationship: a vine and its branches. This relationship is so close that you could say it is beyond relationship: it expresses identity.

"I am the vine ... you the branches."

But a vine is all branches! It is not like a tree or a big shrub where you have a substantial trunk and a profusion of branches. The vine is just branches.

It's obvious that a branch cut off from the vine (or from any tree or shrub) will wither. In the case of the vine, not only is the branch destroyed but the vine itself is diminished. To destroy a branch is to destroy the vine in some measure; to cut off a brother or sister in Christ is to cut off Christ. Jesus identifies himself with us.



I Am The Vine

Abiding in Unity

A favourite word in both John's gospel and his letters is 'abide' (or, the rather colourless translation, 'remain'): abiding in God, abiding in Christ, abiding in his word ... I counted thirty-seven uses. To abide is not to be a visitor, it is even more than being a friend, it is to be at home.

It seems that no image can go far enough in expressing our union with Christ and God. German mystic, Meister Eckhart, said,

"If anyone put water in a barrel, the barrel would surround the water, but the water would not be in the barrel [i.e., it would not occupy the same space as the wood of the barrel], nor would the barrel be in the water: but the soul is wholly one with God... In spiritual things there is no separating of one from another."