

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)

Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy 7th April 2024

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Mass Intentions Monday 8th to Sunday 14th April 2024

Monday	7.25	Mary Foley & Ann Connelly	10.00	Gertie & Philip Quinlan
Tuesday	7.25	Nora Meehan	10.00	Funeral: Dermot Downes
Wednesday	7.25	People of the Parish	10.00	Bernie Fitzpatrick
Thursday	7.25	Available	10.00	Available
Friday	7.25	James & Mary Doyle	10.00	Pronias O'Bradaigh
Saturday	10.00	Available	Confessions available after 10.00am Mass.	
	6.30pm	Thomas & Mary Cooke.		
Sunday	10.00	Available		
	11.30	Rosaleen Quinn, Gertie McPhillips, Maureen Lyons, Bridie Morgan		

Recently Deceased

We remember in our prayers, recently deceased, Rita Colfer, Mary Carpenter and Dermot Downes, funeral Mass Tuesday 10am.

Divine Mercy Sunday

St Canice's Church, Finglas: Ceremonies will commence at 2.45pm with Confession and conclude with Mass at 4pm. All Welcome

St Vincent de Paul Church, Marino: Holy Hour from 3.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. and Holy Mass at 4.00 p.m. Confessions will be available from 3.00p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

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.

Thanksgiving Prayer Service for all Parish Volunteers

The priests and members of the PPC invite all volunteers (past and present) to a special Thanksgiving Prayer Service on **Wednesday, 10th April at 7.30pm** in the church. Afterwards refreshments will be served. A chance to meet and chat. We may not have had the opportunity to gather over the past few years but things are looking up and we look forward to seeing you.

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.



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.

Thank you from Belarus

Dear Father and all parishioners of Ballygall, Our warmest Easter wishes and greetings. May this holiday season brighten you up with peace and joy!

We would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation for the decision to kindly grant us the permission to visit Your parish. We heartily thank the Lord for You and Your parishioners' hospitality and precious help during the visit of our sisters. We do appreciate all your efforts, concern, assistance and kind heartedness greatly.

Our sisters are incredibly grateful for the donation collected in your parish which will allow us to continue our outreach services and programs for orphanage children with psychophysical deficiencies, for people who were led astray by the rough and tumble of life (the homeless, drug and alcohol addicts, ex-prisoners and the less able) including food, shelter and clothing distribution.

Sister Olga and sisters of St Elisabeth Convent, Minsk, Belarus

Feast of the Annunciation

Monday 8th April is the Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord which has been transferred this year from 25th March which fell in Holy Week. We celebrate Our Lady's 'yes' to God's plan for her which gave us so great a Saviour.

Lough Derg

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



from sin and redeem us to become the sons and daughters he has called us to be. It is for this reason that God's Word took flesh in Mary. Jesus Christ is the living icon of what Divine Mercy looks like in human words and deeds. Jesus shows great mercy in his mission to save us from our sins.

Tribunal of Mercy

The Church, as the body of Christ, is really the continuation of the presence of Jesus Christ on earth. Jesus continues his saving grace in our lives through the sacraments. Above all it is in the sacrament of confession where the Lord manifests his merciful love to absolve us from our sins.

The Lord constantly told St Faustina of the wonders of the sacrament of reconciliation, the sacrament where he awaits souls as their healer and redeemer. We muster up awe, and meet Jesus Christ himself in the confessional. The priest, owing to his ordination to the priesthood of Christ, lends his voice and gestures to Christ. On leaving confession we can say in faith, with St Thomas in this Sunday's Gospel,

We have seen the Lord. (John 20:25) ■

Summary

Mercy is not simply a deep sympathy for another's pain; it involves real action to remove it.

Jesus Christ is the living icon of what Divine Mercy looks like.

It is through the sacraments that Jesus continues his saving grace on earth.

Question

Why were the followers of Jesus gathered in the upper room?

Prayer

Lord, forgive me my sins, so that I may come closer to you.



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Acts 4:32-35, Psalm 117, John 5:1-6,
John 20:19-31; Next Week: The
Presence of Christ.

Sat 6 Apr Weekday : Sun 7 Apr Easter
2 : Mon 8 Apr Weekday : Tue 9 Apr
Weekday : Wed 10 Apr Weekday :
Thu 11 Apr St Stanislaus : Fri 12 Apr
Weekday : Sat 13 Apr St Martin : Sun
14 Apr Easter 3.

When the Polish nun, St Faustina, was alive, very few of her fellow sisters suspected anything out of the ordinary about her. No one outside her circle of confidants considered her to have been privileged with many apparitions of the Virgin Mary and Jesus Christ. It was only after her death that the world discovered the extraordinary graces showered on this Polish mystic and nun.

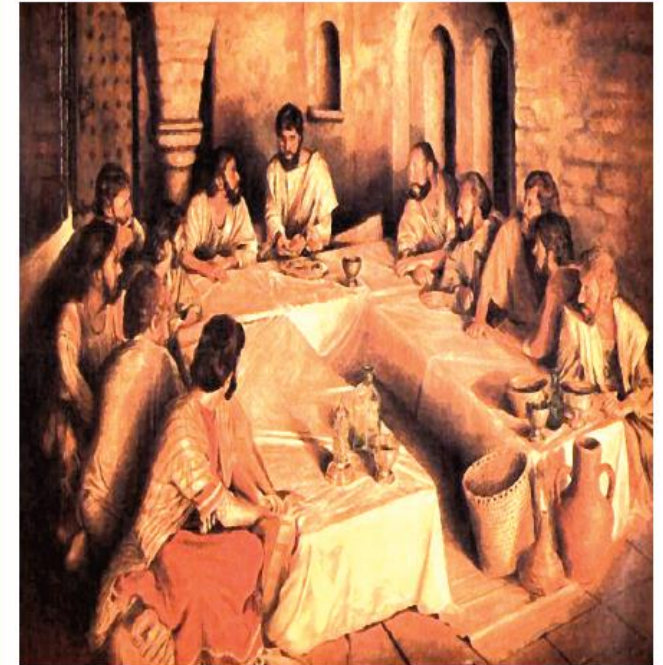
In her diary they discovered that the Lord had promised a time of special grace for sinners to lay hold of his mercy.

In particular, he requested that the Feast of Divine Mercy be instituted. Concerning this feast, the Lord told St Faustina:

"On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity."

SUNDAY LETTER

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APOSTLE OF MERCY

What is Divine Mercy?

Mercy is a word used frequently in Church. Someone is said to be merciful when they feel compassion for the afflicted and are moved to help them alleviate their suffering. Mercy, therefore, is not simply a deep sympathy for another's pain; it involves real action to remove it.

Whenever we speak of God's mercy we have to qualify this definition. God, in his divinity, doesn't suffer. However, in the face of our affliction, God loves us greatly – a love which drives the Trinity to come to our aid. This is especially the case when God sees our sins which, arguably, are our greatest affliction. He wants to rescue us