

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

May almighty God have mercy on us.... Amen.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father you take away the sins of the world:

have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father

have mercy on us;
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.



OPENING PRAYER

Grant, O Lord, that we may always revere and love your holy name, for you never deprive of your guidance those you set firm on the foundation of your love. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Zechariah 12:10 - 11:13:1

A reading from the Prophet Zechariah

It is the Lord who speaks: 'Over the House of David and the citizens of Jerusalem I will pour out a spirit of kindness and prayer. They will look on the one whom they have pierced; they will mourn for him as for an only son, and weep for him as people weep for a first-born child. When that day comes, there will be great mourning in Judah, like the mourning of Hadaad-rimmon in the plain of Megiddo.

When that day comes, a fountain will be opened for the House of David and the citizens of Jerusalem, for sin and impurity.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 62:2-6:8-9

R. For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

- O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. [R]
- So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. [R]
- So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. [R]
- For you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast. [R]

SECOND READING Galatians 3:26-29

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Galatians

You are, all of you, sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. All baptised in Christ, you have all clothed yourselves in Christ, and there are no more distinctions between Jew and Greek, slave and free, male and female, but all of you are one in Christ Jesus. Merely by belonging to Christ you are the posterity of Abraham, the heirs he was promised

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 9:18 - 24

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

One day when Jesus was praying alone in the presence of his disciples he put this question to them, 'Who do the crowds say I am?' And they answered, 'John the Baptist; others Elijah; and others say one of the ancient prophets come back to life.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' It was Peter who spoke up. 'The Christ of God,' he said.

But he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone anything about this.

'The Son of Man', he said, 'is destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes and to be put to death, and to be raised up on the third day.'

Then to all he said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross every day and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, that man will save it.'

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth



focus on sunday

The Cross and suffering of Jesus was always a part of his mission. To suffer with him is also part of every Christian's life. Suffering is never final; he will raise us up to our eternal home.



In the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

of all things visible and invisible, I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

All bow for following three lines: and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Receive, O Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation and praise and grant that, cleansed by its action, we may make offering of a heart pleasing to you. Through Christ our Lord.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith.
We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Renewed and nourished by the Sacred Body and Precious Blood of your Son, we ask of your mercy, O Lord, that what we celebrate with constant devotion may be our sure pledge of redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

Jesus seems to be sure of his destiny. He will die violently and be raised from dead. This is the central mystery of believing in him. The mystery of death and resurrection is with us, not just at the hour of death, but always.

We die a bit every day! Our bodies at a certain age weaken, our minds diminish in memory and in power. We die emotionally sometimes – love and fondness for people may dissolve. We lose our loved ones in death, and some significant relationships break up. We come through; the human spirit can become strong in a weakened body, and love once lost can be found again.

A GRACE FOR ALL TIME

So as we die often, we rise often too. The resurrection is a grace for all time, not just for after death.

Many losses in life, like losses Jesus experienced are not asked for. They happen or they are caused by others. Jesus walks this road with us now. His wounded feet walk our journeys with us. We have Mary, mother of Jesus, and saints who knew this also.

The smaller deaths and losses in our lives prepare us for the big death. When we breathe our last breath, we welcome the God of life and joy into our souls. The one who died himself and rose from death will be our sure company then, as he is our sure company now.

When Peter said that Jesus was the Christ of God, he was professing faith in Jesus who would die and rise. He may not have known that at the time, but the realisation of his big loving truth would keep him going in many difficult times and situations. It will do the same for us.

Lord, by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free, Donal Neary SJ,

St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield

Twelfth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
19th June 2016

Mass Times
 Saturday : 6 pm Vigil
 Sundays : 10:30 am & 12 noon
 Weekdays : Mon. – Fri. 10:00 am
 Mon. 7:30 pm Sat. 11:00 am

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We remember at Mass and in our prayers those who have gone before us

Saturday 18th June 6:00 pm
Bridie, Eddie & Paul O'Rourke
Una & Michael Kelleher
 Anniversaries

Sunday 19th June 10.30am
James & Aidan Keane
 Anniversaries
Mary Lynch
 Anniversary
12:00noon
Marie Cathcart
 60th Anniversary

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*Your prayers are also requested for the happy repose of the soul of*  
**Elizabeth (Betty) McLoughlin**  
**and Angela Fitzpatrick**  
*recently deceased.*  
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Wednesday 22nd June 10:00am
Nodlaig Carr
 5th Anniversary
Saturday 25th June 10:00am
Marie Boyle
 Anniversary
May they rest in peace

Friday 24th June 10am mass is
 The Nativity of St. John the Baptist.

Baptism Preparation
 Preparation night for parents and godparents of children who will be baptised during the month of July, will take place on **Tuesday 21st at 7 pm** in the Pastoral Centre.

Parish Finance Meeting
 The next meeting of the Finance Committee will take place at 10:30am, next Wednesday, 22nd June, in the Pastoral Centre.

Irish Cancer Society's Volunteer Driver Service is in need of volunteer drivers to drive local patients to and from their chemotherapy treatments in our partner Dublin hospitals (St. James's; The Mater; Tallaght & St. Vincent's). Driver expenses are paid.
 Telephone **Rebecca** on **01 2316 642** or Email **transport@irishcancer.ie**

Blessing for Fathers on Father's Day 
 "Dear God, we give thanks for fathers. We recognise the dedication and patience it takes to be a source of compassion and understanding when helping to shape a young life. Bless all fathers in heaven and on earth, especially those who are new in this sacred role. We pray they feel your presence with them. May they know that your strength and wisdom are within them, providing all they need to guide and support their children with kindness and love."

Thought for the day:
"If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me."

Following Christ, taking up our cross daily, living out the call of our Baptism, staying with Christ, means 'coming out of ourselves' responding with joy to the challenges of daily living. It means putting God and our neighbour before ourselves. The world tells us to put self as no. 1 and you will be happy. Christ tells us to put others, God and our neighbour first and you will find joy, self-fulfillment, true peace and rest for your soul. Taking up our cross daily is to live our Christian life to the full, a life full of challenge, and joy, deep inner peace and joy that lasts.

Prayer: *Day by day, dear Lord, of you three things I pray:
 To see you more clearly,
 to love you more dearly,
 to follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen*

STATEMENT OF ARCHBISHOP DIARMUID MARTIN ON ORLANDO SHOOTINGS
"People all around the world are shocked with the news of the terrible loss of life at the Pulse Nightclub in Orlando. Books of condolence are open at the Pro-Cathedral in Dublin for those who wish to express their grief and outrage. People all over the world are shocked. How do we explain that our modern society can somehow be held to ransom in successive gun attacks by individuals or small groups filled with hatred? It could happen again and it could happen anywhere. This time, the victims were members of the LGBT community; in other cases the victims were from the media or simply innocent bystanders. Fingers and blame are unfoundedly often hastily pointed at the entire honest Islamic community. Any culture which gives notoriety to violence only encourages the deranged or the simply evil to attempt to repeat such actions. As followers of Jesus Christ, Christians should work more and more to purify ourselves from all prejudice, to be in the forefront in dialogue and reconciliation and have the resolution to courageously confront those who anywhere foster violence."

Cemetery Masses

Fingal Cemetery, Balgriffin	Sunday 19 th June 2016	12:00 pm
Glasnevin Cemetery	Sunday 26 th June 2016	3:00 pm
Old Balgriffin Cemetery	Sunday 3 rd July 2016	12:00 pm
Dardinstown Cemetery	Sunday 3 rd July 2016	3:00 pm

Notice to Coeliacs: *If you have been advised to abstain from Gluten, please contact the Priest before Mass so that we can try to accommodate your requirements.*