

Margaret Ball and Francis Taylor, a lay woman and a lay man respectively, were among a representative group of seventeen Irish martyrs of the 16th and 17th centuries beatified by Pope John Paul II on 22nd September 1992.

Margaret Ball: died in prison in Dublin 1584

Born Margaret Bermingham about 1515 in Skreen, Co Meath, she married Bartholomew Ball, a prosperous Dublin merchant, where she came to live. Her eldest son, Walter, yielding to the pressure of the times, became a Protestant and an opponent of the Catholic faith. Margaret continued to provide 'safe houses' for bishops and priests passing through Dublin and would invite Walter to dine with them, hoping for his reconversion to Catholicism. But Walter was not for turning. When he was elected Mayor of Dublin, he had his own mother arrested and drawn through the streets, on a wooden hurdle, as she could no longer walk, to Dublin Castle. Here she remained imprisoned for the rest of her life. If she had renounced her faith she could have returned home, but she refused and died in prison aged 70 in 1584. The chapel-of-ease, called Blessed Margaret Ball Church, built in the 1980s on the Coolock Road at Santry in Larkhill parish, Dublin, was named in her honour.

Francis Taylor of Swords, layman, Lord Mayor of Dublin: died in prison 1621

Francis Taylor was born into a wealthy Catholic family in Swords about 1550. In 1595 he was elected Lord Mayor of

Dublin. A convinced Catholic, he refused to accept the Acts of Supremacy (Monarch is the head of the Church) and Uniformity (The Book of Common Prayer is the only legal form of worship and all citizens must attend Church services according to that form). Francis was put in prison in 1614 during the reign of King James I and remained there until he died seven years later. He is said to have been buried in the family grave in St Audeon's Church.



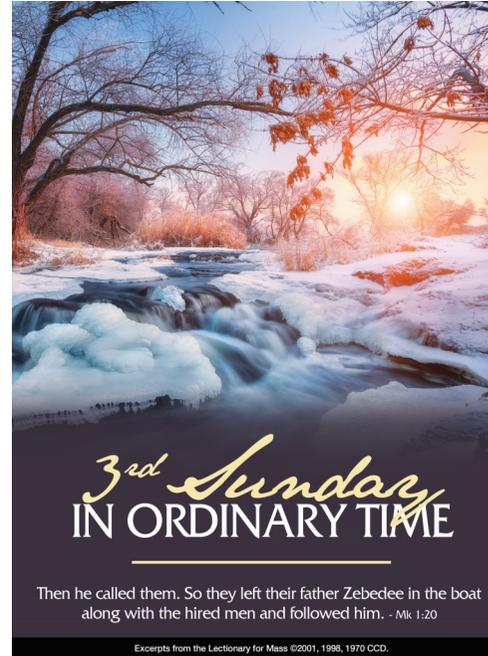
A bronze sculpture of him along with Margaret Ball stands to the left of the main entrance to the Pro-Cathedral of St Mary's (The Immaculate Conception) in Marlborough St, Dublin 1

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Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:20

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 23rd January 6pm Vigil Mass:-

Ernesto Antorveza (Recently Deceased)

Sun 24th January 11.30 am Mass:-

Eamon Byrne (3rd Anniversary)

Brendan Patrick Byrne (4th Anniversary)

Michael Quinn (16th Anniversary)

Jim Hyland (Anniversary)

Sheila Mary Mc Cabe (Anniversary)

Other intentions

Recently Deceased:-

Nuala Dunne

Michael Derevan

Imelda Kenny

Fr. Ambrose Farrington

Anniversaries:-

Betty Hackett & Albert & Joyce Hackett

John & May Carroll

Martin & Agnes Rowland

Kevin Smith

Dan Prendergast



John are certainly ready, so ready that they are prepared to leave behind their livelihoods, and even their families, to attend to the urgent business of spreading the Good News.

Jesus asks the same of us, his modern-day disciples: 'Follow me'. We are summoned too. We are challenged to set aside our worldly concerns, to see the world in a new way, and to begin a new adventure with Jesus. For every person in our world who is suffering or oppressed or in need, there is a 'fierce urgency of now'. The work of the kingdom is too immediate to wait.

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'This is no time to engage in the luxury of cooling off or to take the tranquillising drug of gradualism. Now is the time to make justice a reality for all of God's children... The whirlwinds of revolt will continue to shake the foundations of our nation until the bright day of justice emerges.'

Martin Luther King Jr

January 24, 2021

Now is the time

More than 50 years ago, in his famous 'I have a dream' speech, Martin Luther King Jr talked about 'the fierce urgency of now'. He urged people to take positive action and to march forward together to address inequality and injustice, and his energy and conviction brought about massive change.

That sense of 'fierce urgency' seems to grab Jesus and the disciples in today's Gospel. In the opening chapters of Mark's Gospel everything happens 'at once' or immediately. There is a sense of hurry; the time has come, the kingdom of God is near, and Jesus needs helpers to work alongside him. Simon, Andrew, James and

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah 'Up!' he said, 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.'
(Jon 3:1-5.10)

PSALM

Lord make me know your ways.
(Ps 24:4-9)

SECOND READING

Brothers our time is growing short.
(1 Cor 7:29-31)

GOSPEL

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee.
(Mk 1:14-20)



The Irish Hospice Foundation is holding an online 1-day workshop on 'Overview of Loss and Bereavement' which will be held on 28th January from 9.15am - 4.15pm. (This workshop is aimed at those working with the bereaved within

your parish e.g. clergy, bereavement support groups, bereavement committees and funeral support teams). Further details and booking process can be found on the following link:-

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/overview-of-loss-and-bereavement-tickets-131216836089>

Catholic Schools Week 2021

24 - 31 January 2021

COMMUNITIES OF:

FAITH
Learning
LOVE
Resilience
HOPE



Sunday, 24 January, marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week 2021.

During this week we will be thinking about the unique contribution that Catholic schools, both primary and post-primary, make to supporting our children in living out Jesus' message of the Gospel.

This year's theme is 'Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith and Resilience'.

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Saints of the Week

Mon 25	THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL, APOSTLE
Tues 26	Ss Timothy and Titus, bishops
Wed 27	St Angela Merici, virgin and religious
Thurs 28	St Thomas Aquinas, priest and doctor of the Church
Sat 30	St Aidan, bishop Bl. Margaret Ball and Francis Taylor, martyrs

'For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.'

St. Paul to the Romans (8:38-39)