



# Church of the Holy Spirit, Ballyroan

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**Readers for THIS weekend**  
7.00 pm: Winnie Keogh  
Eamon Markey  
10.00 am: Irene Heeney  
Joan Moore  
Barry Coll  
12.00: Maeve Duffy  
Frank Browne  
Do This in Memory

**Readers for NEXT week:**  
7.00 pm: Hilary Kenny  
David Meade  
10.00 am: Joan McCarthy  
Pauline Ryan  
Anne Keane  
12.00 Moira O'Brien  
Mary Vaughan  
Gerard Madden

**GOD'S INVITATION**  
Lent is a season of being invited by God in a deeply personal way. "Come back to me with all your heart, our Lord beckons. "We will," we respond, but we aren't quite ready yet, our hearts are not prepared. We sometimes want to evade, avoid. Our souls are not yet perfect, we are not ready for God to love us.  
Yes, of course we want to have a deeper relationship with God....and we will....soon. God calls us again: "Come back to me, with all your heart."  
Ok, ok I really will just let me clean my oven, sell my house, look after my business first and then....  
But God persists: "Come back to me, with all your heart."  
It is an extraordinary invitation to each one of us, to me in a personal, individual way. God calls me to drop my defences and to come. He wants me to realise that my standards, my way of loving are so different from God's ways and so much smaller. He loves us unconditionally....and he is waiting WITH OPEN ARMS for us to come to HIM.

## EVENTS IN THE PARISH FOR THE WEEK

- Sun. - Do This in Memory Mass at 12.00 noon.
- Tues. - Refresh our Faith course in the Ruah Centre at 11.00 am
  - Bethany Drop-in service in the Ruah Centre from 8.00 – 9.00 pm for those who are bereaved
- Wed. - Ash Wednesday, Masses at 7.30 am and 10.00 am.
- Thurs.- Altar servers day out.  
Parish Pastoral Council meeting at 7.30 in the Ruah Centre.
- Fri. - Pre-Marriage Course 6.30 pm in the Ruah Centre.
- Sat. - Pre-Marriage Course all day in the Ruah Centre.  
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- The next lunchtime concert will take place in the Ruah Centre on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 12.05. Norah King, Mezzo Soprano, has sung roles with Lyric Opera as well as appearing several times with the RTE Symphony Orchestra. She will be accompanied by Dearbhla Collins. Tickets on sale in the Ruah Centre on Wednesday and Thursday from 10.30 – 11.15.
- Cheeverstown wish to thank all those who supported their Coffee and Cake sale. Funds raised will go towards the scouting experience provided to the children of Cheeverstown in August and December each year by a small volunteer group.
- The Refresh our Faith programme resumes on 17<sup>th</sup> February at 11.00 in the Ruah Centre. The topic for the first meeting will be The Holy Land. Other dates are 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> March on the topic of Lent. All are welcome to attend.
- Please note that the green and black bins around the Church are for use of the Church and parish centre ONLY and MUST not be used by others for household rubbish. CCTV cameras are in operation.
- Accord's ANNUAL COLLECTION takes place this weekend the 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> February and it will replace the SHARE collection.  
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March, an evening of Prayer and Remembrance organised by the Bethany Bereavement group. More information to follow.
- Colaiste Eanna Parents' Association are having a clothes collection so they invite people to spring-clean their wardrobes. Old clothes in good condition will be accepted in the school on 27<sup>th</sup> February, school hours. Funds will go to the ICT unit in the school. More information next week
- Ballyroan Library are celebrating World Poetry Day, 21<sup>st</sup> March, with a poetry competition. Poems accepted from 14<sup>th</sup> February – 21<sup>st</sup> March. More information from the Library.

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
Sat 7.00-Robert Sherlock (1<sup>st</sup> A) and Marcel Buker (Month's mind) ; Sun. 10.00-Marie Dempsey (A), Michael and Sabina Hamrogue (A); 12.00-Michael Keegan (A); Mon. 10.00-Mass Association; Tues. 10.00-Eddie Brennan (A); Wed. 10.00-; Thurs. 10.00-Rosalyn and Joseph Kavanagh (A); Fri. 10.00- (A).  
Anniversaries: Hugh Quilty