

## BALLYROAN PARISH NEWSLETTER

27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> August 2011

**Primage to Lourdes** - To help fund the students who are accompanying us to Lourdes we are holding a **coffee morning after all Masses** this Sunday. There is also a box in the Ruah Centre for Petitions, which we will take with you and your loved ones will be prayed for at our Mass in the Grotto. Mass will also be offered for those whose names are on the Ballyroan Mass Association list.

Because Fr. Brendan is away in Lourdes, he will not be able to do his usual **First Friday** calls but will try to get as many as possible during the rest of the month.

Contact a priest, during the week, in an emergency (Outside Parish Office Hours) while Fr. Brendan is away, on his phone 087 2569337.

**Ballyroan Library:** We are delighted that the "Go Ahead" has been given for the building of the new Library. To facilitate this, the library will be closing next week. We, as a parish, are happy to provide space for a limited service in the Ruah Pastoral Centre *from Monday 5th of September until further notice, the following services will operate: Monday - Thursday :9.45am to 5.00pm - Fridays: 9.45am to 4.30pm*

**St. Michael's Church Library:** *Monday - Thursday:2.00pm to 8.00pm Saturdays: 9.45am to 4.30pm. However the Parish Office is not in a position to take in returning books.*

### **Exhibition of Religious and Sacred Paintings by Fergus O Duffy in the Ruah Pastoral Centre**

Opening hours Sunday 11-5.30. Representations of love, motherhood, forgiveness, prayer, Jesus and Mary and some biblical moments figure in the paintings. Empathy with suffering and the coming to the aid of others are also dramatically depicted. All are welcome to browse.

### **Ever wondered how many people view the Parish website and what they are looking at?**

During the period 22nd July to 21st August there were over 2,300 visits to our website, with over 5,400 page views. Visitors to the site came from a variety of countries, the top five being:- Ireland, United States, United Kingdom, Philippines, Australia. There were also visits from Canada, India, New Zealand and Spain. 72% of those visiting the site were new to it, 28% had already visited the site on at least one previous occasion.

The top pages viewed were:- Readings for Funeral Masses, How to find us, Events Diary.

Great to see that we reach out not only to those living in Ballyroan, but all around the world!

Reminder of Parish Website address - [www.ballyroanparish.ie](http://www.ballyroanparish.ie)

**Ballyroan Parish Harvest Fayre:** The date for the Fayre is 25<sup>th</sup> September. Those who have already expressed an interest will be contacted shortly and thank you for your expressions of interest. Can any of you provide a bed or room for the Saturday night (24<sup>th</sup>) for some of our Dunderry friends who will come up the night before with the animals. (You don't have to house the animals, or even feed the humans - as we've that organised)

**Concert on 22<sup>nd</sup> August:** Congratulations and thank you to Paul Black for organising last week's concert with Fergus Black which was a wonderful success. We look forward to the next one in October.

**Thursday 7pm - Helen McDwyer Month's Mind, Sunday 10.30am - Charles Goodwin (A), 12 - Phil Colclough (A) & Paddy Duffy(A), Patrick Keane(A).**

**Mon. 10am John Griffin RIP, Tues.10am Niall Christie (A); Wed 10am Special Intention, Thur. 10am - Paula Loughlin (A),**

**Recently deceased: Peggy Brown, Declan Aherne**