

PARISH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT BALLYROAN NEWSLETTER

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Second Sunday of Advent
6th/7th Dec. 2008

Monday 8th December
Holy Day of Obligation

Mass times 7.30am, 10 & 11am.

Advent Holy Hour

Holy Hour for those involved in the following Ministries on **Wed. 10th Dec.** at 8pm in the Church: Readers, Funeral team, Cleaning Team, Sacristans, Choir, Collectors and Counters.

Next **Tue. 16th Dec.** we will have another Holy Hour for Advent for the remaining Ministries: Baptism Team, Communion Ministers, Sacramental Preparation Team, Hospitality Group, Grounds People, Children's Liturgy, Flower Arrangers and Faith Friend Mentors.

Wednesday Workshops

Sr. Margaret Prendergast will hold the final workshop of this series on **10th Dec. '08** in the Baptistery from 10.45am-12.

Theology Course

Our Theology Course commences on **Wed. 7th Jan. 2009** at 7.30pm in Coláiste Éanna. We invite all those whose names are on our current list to contact Sr. Margaret Prendergast or the parish office. Please note that there are some places still available. Cost €90 audit, €370 certificate.

St Joseph's Young Priests Society

The monthly meeting will take place on **Wed. 10th Dec.** at 7.30pm in sacristy.

St. Vincent de Paul

The annual diocesan collection takes place next weekend. It replaces the Share collection.

Orlagh Retreat Centre

A Day for Yourself on **Sat. 13th Dec.** Theme *Christmas is Coming – How Can You Prepare?* Cost €50. Scripture Study Day *"In the Beginning Was the Word"*. Cost €55 Contact 495 8193.

Carol Service

The children and staff of Scoil Naomh Pádraig invite you to their annual Christmas Carol Service on **Fri. 19th Dec.** at 12.30 pm here in the Church.

Junior Infants '09

Parents, who wish to enrol their children in Junior Infants in *Scoil Naomh Pádraig*, Ballyroan in Sept. 2009, please note the closing date for receipt of applications is **Fri. 9th Jan. '09.** Application forms available from the school. This notice only applies to parents wishing to enrol their children in the school for the first time in Sept. 2009. Information from 4946566.

Sleeping Bag Appeal

The Welcome Group are organising the collection of clean, rolled up sleeping bags, for distribution to the Homeless. It would help greatly if sleeping bags were placed in a travel/holdall bag & left in the side chapel for collection between **1st-14th Dec.**

Sisters of Mercy

The Sisters of Mercy are known in this parish for many years. Their foundress, Catherine McAuley, started the Sisters of Mercy in Baggot St. on 12th Dec. 1831, 177 years ago this Friday. Catherine has been recognised by the church as the holy woman she was and we're praying she'll become a Saint some day soon. We would like you to join Sisters of Mercy & Associates of Mercy around the world in a crusade of prayer for healing, through Catherine's intercession, for the sick people you know by reciting the following prayer: "God of love and mercy, you inspired Catherine McAuley to serve your son by responding to the needs of her time. Moved by her care for the sick, we ask that through her prayers you reach out with your healing love and restore (Name) to full health. We ask this in complete confidence through Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.