

**PARISH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
BALLYROAN NEWSLETTER**

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**Fourth Sunday of Advent
20th/21st Dec. 2008**

Greetings from Fr. Brendan

A big hello to all of you, especially any of you who are visiting for the Christmas and those who have come home to visit with family. I hope you all have a great time over these special days.

May I take this opportunity to say a big thank you to you all for your kindness to me since I arrived in mid August. I wish you and all in your care the joys and blessings of Christmas.

Fr. Brendan

PS. I hope Santa is good to you all!

**Christmas Arrangements 2008
Reconciliation Services**

Last opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation this Sunday **21st Dec.** at 6.45pm.

Confessions for Christmas

Christmas Eve Wed. **24th Dec.**

10.30am - 12 noon.

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve **24th Dec.**

6.30pm (Family Mass)

8.30pm (Carols)

9pm (Vigil Mass)

Christmas Day **25th Dec.**

9am, 10.30am & 12 noon.

**NO evening Mass on
Christmas Day**

St Stephens Day **26th Dec.**

Mass at **11am only.**

Weekend (27th/28th Dec.)

Mass at the usual times.

Mon. **29th Dec.** - Sat. **3rd Jan.**

Mass at **10am only.**

Mon. **5th Jan.** - 7.30am mass resumes.

Children's Liturgy Group

We will be rehearsing on Monday and Tuesday from 4pm-5pm in the Church. All children wishing to participate in preparation for the family Mass at 6.30pm are welcome.

Pobal an Aifrinn

Mass of the Nativity celebrated in Irish on Christmas Eve in Church of Our Lady Seat of Wisdom, UCD, Belfield at 9pm.

Advent Holy Hour

Thanks to those who came and to Sr. Margaret Prendergast for leading us in prayer.

St. Vincent de Paul

We wish to thank all our parishioners for your generosity last weekend. The total amount raised was €30,000.

Sleeping Bag Appeal

Many thanks to all who responded so generously to our sleeping bag appeal.

Do This in Memory

The parish based First Communion Programme will take place during 9am Mass this Sunday.

Altar Servers

Christmas rota available for collection in sacristy.

Faith Friends Mentors

Next meeting on **Mon. 5th Jan. 2009** at 8pm in the Presbytery.

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.

School Events

Well done to the boys and girls of the local schools who had carol services and anniversary masses during the week.

Parish Office

The office will close on **Tue. 23rd Dec.** and will reopen on **Mon. 5th Jan. 2009.**

***Beannachtaí na Nollag
agus gach dea-ghuí
i gcomhair na hAthbhliana***