

PARISH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT BALLYROAN NEWSLETTER

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**4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
31st Jan./1st Feb. 2009**



1st Feb. Feast of St. Brigid

St. Brigid is the Secondary Patron of Ireland. She is known for her hospitality, almsgiving and care of the sick. She founded a double monastery in Kildare along with Bishop Conleth.

Prayer to St. Brigid

Brigid,
You were a woman of peace.
You brought harmony where there was conflict.
You brought light to the darkness.
You brought hope to the downcast.

May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious, and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world.

Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made.

Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and the weary.

Strengthen what is weak within us.

Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.

May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit. Amen.

17th World Day of the Sick

St. John of God Conference Centre, Stillorgan will host two events to mark World Day of the Sick. 'Suicide - A Community Responds' on **Sat. 7th Feb.** @ 9am & the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick on **Sun. 8th Feb.** @ 3pm led by Archbishop Martin.

Orlagh Retreat Day

A 'Day for Yourself' will be held in Orlagh on **Saturday 14th Feb. 2009**. The theme is *Healing and Being Healed* and the day will be facilitated by Dr Bernadette Toal and John Byrne. Cost €50. Further details 4958190.

The Bethany Bereavement

Support Group

A residential weekend led by Fr Myles O'Reilly, will take place in Orlagh from **Fri. 20th - Sun. 22nd Feb.** Cost €180. All meals included. For further details contact Anne Butler, 4900415/087 205 0514.

Booking of Masses

Anniversary/special intention Masses may be booked Mon. - Fri., from 10.00 - 12 noon by calling to Áine in the Parish Office (67 Anne Devlin Pk.) or by contacting her at 494 7303.

Eucharistic Adoration

All are welcome to attend Eucharistic Adoration held in the Church every Tuesday after 10am mass.

Aware

Can you give three hours a week to volunteer with the Aware telephone helpline service? Volunteers make a real difference in the lives of other, providing vital information and emotional support. If you would like to know more, contact: John Bennett, Volunteer Support Officer, 661 7211, email john.bennett@aware.ie

Sancta Maria College Show

The Transition Year Students of Sancta Maria College will present GUY'S AND DOLLS in the college hall on **Thur. 5th, Fri. 6th & Sat. 7th Feb.** at 8pm. Admission Adults €10 Students €5. Tickets available from the College.