



# Church of the Holy Spirit, Ballyroan

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## EVENTS IN THE PARISH FOR THE WEEK

**TODAY IS THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF JESUS IN THE TEMPLE.**

Today is designated as **CONSECRATED LIFE DAY.**  
We pray specially for all Priests, Sisters and Brothers that they may be faithful to their calling.



- SUNDAY:** -12.00 Noon Mass – Do This in Memory Mass. Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, also known as Candlemas. Candles can be brought to the Masses to be blessed.
- MONDAY:** - Feast of St Blaise, blessing of throats at the 10.00 am Mass.
- TUES:** -Theology in the Ruah Centre after the 10.00 Mass.
- WEDS:** -“ Anchor Your Faith” programme for parents of children receiving First Holy Communion and Confirmation this year at 8.00 pm in the Ruah Centre.
- FRI:** - First Friday. The members of the Padua Group will gather at the 10.00 am Mass before bringing Communion to the housebound.

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- Theology returns on this Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> February in the Ruah Centre.. Monica Rapeanu will take us through Pope Francis’ exhortation “Evangelii Gaudium”. We suggest a donation of 5 euro to cover her costs. All welcome to attend in the Ruah Centre after 10.00 Mass. Copies of the Exhortation will be available in the Ruah Centre.
- There is a **Scripture evening** in the Iona Centre, Knocklyon on 6<sup>th</sup> February led by Father Paddy Boyle, a Scripture scholar
- There will be an **Adult Faith Series on Pope Francis** in Gardiner Street Church for the month of February. Every Tuesday at 7.30 pm. February 4<sup>th</sup> – Fr Michael Paul Gallagher; 11<sup>th</sup> – Breda O’Brien; 18<sup>th</sup> – Fr Donal Dorr; 25<sup>th</sup> – Gerard Gallagher. All are welcome..

### Readers for NEXT weekend

- 7.00 pm:** Tessa Dagge  
Margaret Howett
- 10.00 am:** Ann Walshe  
Douglas Thornton  
Sean McCarthy
- 12.00:** Joan Lavelle  
Grainne Hagan  
Cathy O’Leary

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### Readers for THIS weekend

- 7.00 pm:** Pat O’Halloran  
David Meade
- 10.00:** Fiona Mockler  
June Murphy  
Brenda Warren
- 12.00:** Do This in Memory  
Of Me Mass

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### Feast Days for the Week

- Monday:** St Blaise
- Weds:** St Agatha Virgin and Martyr.
- Thurs:** St Paul Miki and companions
- Friday:** St Mel, bishop
- Sat:** St Jerome Emiliani  
St Josephine Bakhita

*In today’s Gospel, we are introduced to Simeon and Anna, two elderly people who spend much time in prayer at the Temple. In silence and solitude, they open their hearts to listen to the promptings of the Spirit in their lives. They are rewarded as they recognise the LIGHT of the WORLD in the presence of Jesus when he is brought to the Temple by his parents. Both are filled with joy and cry out with “exultation”.*

*How many Simeons and Annas have we in our parish? This week is First Friday and we visit people who spend much time in prayer and wait with anticipation for the coming of the Lord in Holy Communion. We must never forget the ministry of prayer these older people have. We entrust the needs of parishioners to them and ask them to remember all local and worldwide needs in their prayer.*

*May God bless all our Simeons and Annas, God bless all our grannies and granddads..... We need your presence among us.*

### MASS INTENTIONS:

*Saturday 7.00 pm-Thomas Anthony Mahon (A) and Marie Dempsey (A); Sunday 10.00- Vivienne Kavanagh (Month’s mind) ; 12.00-Denis Somers (A) and Colin O’Donnell (A); Mon. 10.00-Sadie Fay (A) ; Tues.10.00- The Finucane family; Wed. 10.00-Special Intention; Thurs.10.00-Special Intention; Friday: 10.00-Altar List for the Dead.*

*Anniversaries: Jim Graham  
Recently Deceased: James Naughton*