



Church of the Holy Spirit

Ballyroan

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MASS TIMES

Vigil Mass: Sat 7.00 Sunday: 9.00,
10.30, 12.00

Mon – Saturday: 10.00 am

Morning Prayer: 7.30 am in the
Ruah Centre

EXPOSITION

After 10.00 Mass each Tuesday

LENT 2013

Lent is a forty-day season that initiates the most sacred part of the Christian year. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes on Easter Sunday. Sundays are not included in the forty-day count because every Sunday is a joyful celebration of our Lord's resurrection.

WHAT DOES THE WORD "LENT" MEAN?

The word Lent is apparently derived from the Old English *lencten*, which means "lengthen." It refers to the lengthening of the daylight hours that occurs in the northern hemisphere as spring approaches.

Ash Wednesday is one of only two days on which the Church asks us to fast and abstain from meat.

However, what can we do during this Lent in order to prepare for the great feast of Easter?

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Mon: Our Lady of Lourdes

Wed: Ash Wednesday

Thurs: Ss Cyril, monk and Methodius Bishop, Patrons of Europe.:

9th – 10th February 2013

-The "Do this in Memory Me" Mass takes place this Sunday at 12.00 noon
-The **Children's Liturgy** takes place at the 12.00 Mass this Sunday.
-Monday is the feast of **Our Lady of Lourdes** and is the world day of prayer for the Sick. We remember all the sick in our parish, the Padua Society and all the Ministers of the Eucharist who bring Holy Communion to the housebound. If someone housebound lives near you, perhaps you could pay them a visit or make a phonecall.

We pray also for all our parishioners who are in hospital or in Nursing Homes. We don't forget you all.

-The **USA** have their meeting on Monday morning at 10.30 in the Ruah Centre.
-The next concert takes place on **Monday 25th February at 12.25. Claudia Boyle returns for this concert.** Since her last appearance in November, Claudia has gone on to win the Maria Callas Competition in Verona, Italy. Tickets, at 8 euro, are on sale in the Ruah Centre on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10.30 to 11.30 am.

-As **Ash Wednesday approaches and Lent begins, the parish would like to initiate a gathering of small groups of people in prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.** These gatherings will take place in the homes of the people of the parish and will take place on five consecutive days starting on **Monday 4th March.** There is more information on leaflets which will be given out at the end of Mass and if you are interested in hosting a gathering of prayer please take one. **This is a unique opportunity for your family and neighbours in this Year of Faith.**

-There will be a Pre-Marriage course next Friday evening and all day Saturday in the Ruah Centre.

-There will be a special Mass for **the Beatification of Alfie Lambe** Legion of Mary envoy to South America, will take place on next Saturday at 3.00 in The church of Mary Immaculate, Rathmines.

-The Milltown Institute is running a series of talks starting in Lent. These talks are on Wednesday evenings from 7.30 – 9.00. The first talk takes place on 20th February with the title: "Vatican 11 and the World Church: A new Paradigm." and the speaker is Kirsteen Kim from Leeds Trinity University. €10.00.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday 7.00 pm –Members of the Dunne family and Frank Fitzgerald (A); Sunday 9.00-Colm O'Donnell (A) and Patrick and John O'Neill (A); 10.30-William and Julia Ahearne (A) and Joseph, Margaret and Chrissie Stauton RIP; 12.00-Noel Kelehan (1st A); Mon 10.00-Rosaleen Wade O'Shea RIP; Tuesday 10.00-Special Intention; Wed 10.00-Sheila Finucane (A) ; Friday 10.00-Claire Mooney (1st A); Sat. 10.00-Aloysius and Agnes Black (A).

Anniversaries: Eileen Reville, J.J. and Breda Grannell, Rosaleen Ward O'Shea, Michael Keegan and Tim Hickey.