

**PARISH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
BALLYROAN NEWSLETTER**

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**2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
17th/18th Jan. 2009**

Do This In Memory

The parish based First Communion programme will take place next Sun. 25th Jan. at 12 Mass.

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy will resume next Sun. 25th Jan. at 12 Mass.

Liturgy Workshops

Diocesan Liturgy Gathering workshops take place on **Sat. 31st Jan. 2009** in Clonliffe College. Further details, contact Sr. Margaret Prendergast or Parish Office.

Christmas Dues

Many thanks to those who have sent in Christmas dues. Acknowledgements will be sent out in the next few weeks.

**Ballyroan Bethany
Bereavement
Support Group**

Ballyroan Bethany Bereavement Support Group started ministering to the bereaved in the Library in **Jan. 1988**. A small group came together at the suggestion of Betty Keegan whose husband had died at fifty two years and with the consent of the then parish Priest, Fr. Kenny, the group went forward for the training course "Understanding and Facilitating Grief".

Through the last twenty years members of this group have made themselves available to the bereaved in the community and beyond. They are not counsellors. They listen and are prepared to walk the journey of grief with the bereaved.

The drop-in meeting which takes place on the third Tuesday of the month from 8pm to 9pm (now in the parish house, 67 Anne Devlin Park) is an hour of "sacred, safe, space" of peace, tranquillity and completely confidential, where the grieving person is free to speak or not of their loss. The Group has been awarded a cheque of €500 from South Dublin County Council Forum and we would like to spend some of this money to sponsor 2/3 people for the training course which will take place in Knocklyon, **starting 12th Feb.** Further details and application forms from Winnie on 087 934 1781.

The next meeting takes place on **Tue. next, 20th Jan. 2009.**

Sancta Maria College Show

The Transition Year Students of Sancta Maria College will present **GUYS 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.

Pony News

For those in financial difficulty who are thinking of buying a pony on instalments we have 10-12 bags of straw available at no cost. Fr. Brendan.

