



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

Bank Holidays: 11.00

EXPOSITION

After 10.00 Mass each Tuesday

ATTENTION

The Parish Fayre will be
held on Sunday 16th
September this year.

Further info from Office

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the Apostles to go aside to a quiet place and rest. Let us take time this week to find a quiet place, to rest, and to pray... There is much to pray for

Feastdays for the Week:

Monday 23rd:

St Bridget of Sweden
Religious (Patron of Europe)

Tuesday 24th:

St Declan, Bishop

Wednesday 25th:

St James, Apostle

Thursday 26th:

St Joachim and Anne
Parents of Our Lady
Patron saints of
Grandparents.

WE PRAY FOR ALL
GRANDPARENTS TODAY

-Welcome to **Father Marco**. We are delighted to have him back with us in the parish.

-**The lunchtime concert** takes place in the Ruah centre on Monday at 12.05.

-It is hoped to organise a **parish pilgrimage to Knock** on Wednesday, 22nd August. If you are interested in joining us, please leave your names in the office on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday next week.

-**On Thursday next**, the feast of Sts Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus, Peggy Connaughton is having a meeting after the 10.00 Mass in the Ruah Centre. **This meeting is for Grandparents who would be interested in forming a group in the parish to meet, share and discuss topics relevant to the important role of grandparents today. All are welcome to attend.**

- As you know Father Brendan and two other parishioners are taking part in a **sponsored cycle from Dunderry to Westport** on Saturday next, the 28th July, to raise funds for **Pieta House**. There will also be a coffee morning after all Masses this weekend. Please drop into the Ruah Centre and enjoy tea, cakes and meeting friends. Pieta House is such a good cause in today's society so all donations would be gratefully received:

-**"Pieta House, set up in 2006, was the first centre in Ireland that specialised in the prevention of self-harm and suicide. Pieta is an alternative way of helping people in crisis, but it is also a way that encourages collaboration with hospitals and doctors. We are all born with an innate desire to survive.**

As humans our instinct is to live and avoid pain, and our struggle is mainly about self-preservation. That is why suicide and self-harm seem not only terrifying but also inexplicable. It is probably why both are rarely spoken about. Suicide is still a taboo subject, while self-harm is normally consigned to sensationalist story lines on melodramas or labelled as being eccentric behaviour of some celebrities. On top of that, there has never been any focused attention paid to it or any focused therapy created for the behaviour.

Before Pieta, people who were suicidal would often end up either in hospital, in a psychiatric unit or heavily medicated - sometimes all three. In many cases, patients were put on 'suicide watch', a procedure that involves the patient being watched by a nurse or carer every moment of every day - even while having showers or using the toilet. In some cases, this was the only way to guarantee the patient's safety - there was no alternative, and whether we liked the practice or not, lives were saved. However, we were convinced that there had to be some other way of helping people who were suicidal."

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday 7.00 pm – Frank Dunne (Month's mind); Sunday 9.00-Peter and Sally Cambell (A); 10.30-Annual Mass for families who have had children baptised in the parish; 12.00-Finbarr Moffatt(A) and Vera Gillen (A); Mon. 10.00-Kevin Knightly (A); Tues. 10.00-Special intention; Thurs. 10.00-Teresa Lenihan (A); Fri-Peter Kildunne (A).
Anniversaries: Frank Ward, Serge Njiya, John Naughton, Frank Morris