



## 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**

### **EXPOSITION**

**After 10.00 Mass each  
Tuesday**

### **Summer Schedule**

Parish office will open on  
**Tuesday, Wednesday and  
Thursday mornings** only  
from 10 - 12.

Phone 01 4947303

No 7.30 Mass or Morning  
Prayer for July

Peter's Pence Collection will replace the Share collection at all masses this weekend. In the first year of his Pontificate, Pope Benedict stressed the proper meaning of this offering: "Peter's Pence is the most characteristic expression of the participation of all the faithful in the Bishop of Rome's charitable initiatives in favour of the universal Church. The gesture has not only a practical value, but also a strong symbolic one, as a sign of communion with the Pope and attention to the needs of one's brothers and sisters; and therefore your service possesses a refined ecclesial character" (Address to the Members of the St. Peter Circle, 25 Feb 2006)

Pope John Paul II stated: "You are aware of the growing needs of the apostolate, the requirements of the ecclesial communities, especially in the mission countries, and the requests for aid that come from peoples, individuals and families in precarious conditions. Many expect the Apostolic See to give them the support they often fail to find elsewhere. In this perspective the Peter's Pence Collection is a true and proper participation in the work of evangelization, especially if one considers the meaning and importance of concretely sharing in the concerns of the universal Church." (28 Feb 2003)

The Faithful's offerings to the Holy Father are destined to Church needs, to humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See. The Pope being Pastor of the whole Church, is attentive to the material needs of poor dioceses, religious institutes and of faithful in grave difficulties (the poor, children, the elderly, those marginalized and the victims of war or natural disasters; concrete aid to Bishops or dioceses in need, Catholic education, assistance to refugees and immigrants etc.)

The ecclesial value of this gesture becomes evident when one considers how charitable initiatives are connatural to the Church, as the Pope stated in his first Encyclical *Deus caritas est* (Dec 2005). "The Church can never be exempted from practising charity as an organized activity of believers and, on the other hand there will never be a situation where the charity of each individual Christian is unnecessary, because in addition to justice men and women will always need, love." This aid is always animated by that love which comes from God: For this reason, it is very important that the Church's charitable activity maintains all of its splendour and does not become just another form of social assistance" The Christian's programme, the programme of the Good Samaritan, the programme of Jesus is 'one heart which sees'. This heart sees where love is needed and acts accordingly.'

**Thanks from the Legion of Mary – Morning Star Hostel for all the support they received last weekend. A substantial amount of money was received.**

**Hotshots Basketball Camp: July 23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>. Loreto Beaufort, Grange Road. Boys & Girls 7-17 years old. Contact Neville on 087-2742002 for details.**

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Saturday 7pm John Cleary & Terry Coveney & Mary O Neill (A)- Sunday 9 Catherine McKnight (Months Mind) 10.30-Lily Nevin (Months Mind) Kay McElwee (A) 12 – John Carr (A) Massey Family (Sally, Larry & Jacinta)& Carol Murphy.  
Mon. 10.00-Eugene Moriarty (Rec Dec), Tues. 10.00-Edward O Sullivan (A), Wed 10.00 Ina Keane Rec Dec, late of Pinewood Pk, Thurs –John Moore (A)  
Months Mind: Catherine McKnight & Lily Nevin.  
Anniversaries: John Moore

*There is a pre-marriage course in the Ruah Centre this weekend.*

*We wish **Aideen Butler and Mark Kenny** the best of luck for their wedding on Thursday, and **Dearbhla McNulty and John Burns** as they celebrate their marriage on Saturday*

*Extraordinary General Meeting of Ballyroan Community Care Group on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2012 at 11am in Ballyroan Community and Youth Centre.*

### **Feast Days this week**

**July 1<sup>st</sup>: St. Oliver Plunkett**

**July 3<sup>rd</sup>: St Thomas the Apostle**

**July 6<sup>th</sup>: St Maria Goretti**

**July 7<sup>th</sup>: St Maelruain of Tallaght**

Gerry O'Brien: An Appreciation  
As we bid farewell to Gerry after an entire teaching career devoted to the boys of Ballyroan, we thank him for his work over these years and wish him all God's grace and blessings in his retirement. He is a man of integrity and faith, and lived his vocation as an educator par excellence.