

# PARISH OF BALLYROAN NEWSLETTER

## CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> July 2008**

### **Parish Personnel Changes**

During the week the following personnel changes on the Parish Team were announced. Fr. Declan has decided to retire from his curacy in Ballyroan. He will continue to reside as a retired priest at his present address and he will be available to assist as his health allows. We wish Fr. Declan all the best for the future and pray that he will remain in good health. Fr. Gerry has been appointed Parish Priest of Harold's Cross and he will be replaced by Fr. Brendan Madden. We thank Fr. Gerry for his dedicated commitment and service to us here in Ballyroan and we wish him every happiness and blessing as he takes up duty in Harold's Cross. We extend a sincere céad míle fáilte to Fr. Brendan who has spent the last few years as Chaplain in the Defence Forces and has spent some time abroad on duty. We look forward to his ministry

among us here in Ballyroan over the coming years. We are delighted with his appointment and very happy and confident about the future, it is in safe hands.

Fr. Martin Noone has been appointed Moderator in Rathfarnham, replacing Fr. Joe O'Hanlon and Fr. Dermot Nestor has been appointed to Churchtown replacing Fr. John Killeen. The Parish Personnel in the three parishes of Ballyroan, Rathfarnham and Churchtown will work in close co-operation.

### **Romanian Coffee Day**

Maureen Murray and Sr. Rose Carmel wish to thank all who attended and those who sent donations to the recent coffee day for Romanian relief which raised €4,235.

### **Pro Life Collection**

Many thanks to all who supported the recent Church gate collection which raised €955.

### **Lourdes**

Our Parish pilgrimage to Lourdes leaves Ballyroan at 11.00am today, Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July. We will be remembering you all in our prayers during the week.

### **The Parish of Ballyroan Drumcree Friendship Group Founded 1998**

The recent Church Gate Collection for the project raised €1530. We thank you again for your generous contribution. This year South Dublin County Council have awarded the Friendship Group "The First Runner Up Community Award" for the Peace Contribution of our Parish for the last 10 years in taking children from the troubled areas in Northern Ireland to a carefree area in Ballyroan Dublin 14. Unfortunately this year the project has been cancelled due to circumstances beyond our control.

### **Peter's Pence**

The Peter's Pence collection amounted to €3,950. Many thanks to all who contributed.

### **Know your Neighbour Weekend**

Macra na Feirme are holding a 'Know Your Neighbour Weekend' in Marley Park on Sunday July 13<sup>th</sup> between 2 - 5pm. There will be a live band, bouncing castles etc. Why not pack a picnic basket and go along and get to 'Know your neighbour's'.

### **Our Lady's Hospice**

On Sat 19<sup>th</sup> July Our Lady's Hospice will commemorate Marymount School. An open invitation is extended to past pupils, teachers and all who wish to join us in the Hospice for outdoor Mass at 11.00am followed by light refreshments.

### **Clonmacnoise Summer Youth Festival**

YOUTH 2000, are holding their Summer Youth Festival for 16 - 35 year olds in Clonmacnoise from 14<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> August. Further information from Paul Rooney at 6753690 or check the website [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)