

**PARISH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
BALLYROAN NEWSLETTER**

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16th Sunday in ordinary time
→ **18th /19th July 2009**

Books for Uganda

John and Antoinette O'Connell would like to say how much they appreciated all the books donated to Uganda. They will bring great joy to many school children. God bless you. The boxes will be around for one more week.

Eucharistic Adoration

All are welcome to attend Eucharistic Adoration held in the Church every Tuesday after 10am mass.

Oxygen

Any returning refugees from the Oxygen festival - who feel they have no longer need for their sleeping bag, can (once cleaned) donate it to
Fr Brendan for distribution among the homeless on Dublin Streets. (Parents and Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles might suggest this to relatives outside the parish).

Farewell

We bid a fond farewell to Fr. John Aikoye as he returns this week to Nigeria. John has been with us since Easter of last year and we thank him for celebrating Mass here with us. We wish him well and Godspeed in his future ministry.

Welcome

We welcome Fr Marco from Rome in Italy who is coming to us to improve his English over the next 8 weeks. Fr. Marco is a Military Chaplain (Lt.Col.) and is interested in getting as much practice speaking English as possible.

Booking of Masses

Anniversary/special intention Masses may be booked Mon. - Fri., from 10.00 - 12 noon by calling to Áine in the Parish Office (67 Anne Devlin Pk.) or by contacting her at 494 7303.

Baptisms

Congratulations to the families of Kirsty McInnes and Alyssa

Dunne who were baptised last weekend.

Sympathies on behalf of all in the parish to the family of Mrs Bride Farrell formerly of Ann Devlin Park who was buried on Thursday.

Also to the family of Esther Pugh formerly of Butterfield Ave.

May they rest in peace.

Thanks to your generosity for the **St. Vincent de Paul** collection of €1890 last weekend.

Volunteer opportunity available at St. James Hospital, Dublin.

Please donate a few hours to talk with and listen to patients as well as reading and playing cards etc. with them. This is part of a pilot programme to introduce volunteers at Public Hospitals and Elderly Care Units countrywide. Please contact

1850 211 630 or visit www.irishhospitalvolunteers.org.

Jesus Christ - and We

Christ has no hands but our hands
To do his work today;
He has no feet but our feet
To lead men in his way;
He has no tongue but our tongues
To tell men how he died;
He has no help but our help
To bring them to his side.

We are the only Bible
The careless world will read;
We are the sinner's gospel,
We are the scoffer's creed;
WE are the Lord's last message
Given in deed and word -
What if the line is crooked ?
What if the type is blurred ?

What if our hands are busy
With other work than his ?
What if our feet are walking
Where sin's allurements is ?
What if our tongues are speaking
Of things his lips would spurn ?
How can we hope to help him
Unless from him we learn ?
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