

**Ballyroan Parish Newsletter 5/6<sup>th</sup> March 2011**

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March is **Ash Wednesday** and the beginning of Lent. We will have Mass as normal at 7.30 am in the morning and 10 am with distribution of ashes. In the evening at 7.30pm we will have a special Ash Wednesday Liturgy of Distribution of Ashes. This will be a short and moving ceremony.

*This week also sees the **Novena of Grace to St. Francis Xavier**; novena prayers are available around the Church.*

*O most kind and loving saint, in union with you I adore the Divine Majesty. The remembrance of the favours with which God blessed you during life, and of your glory after death, fills me with joy; and I unite with you in offering God my humble tribute of thanksgiving and of praise. I implore of you to secure for me, through your powerful intercession the all important blessing of living and dying in the state of grace. I also beseech you to obtain the favour I ask in this Novena(ask favour), but if what I ask is not for the glory of God or for good of my soul, obtain for me what is most conducive to both. Amen.*

**Ballyroan Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes** will take place this year from 29<sup>th</sup> August 2011 for 5 nights in the Hotel Solitude, Cost €677(Full Board inclusive of tax and insurance). Enquires: Ron Charles 0872519206 or Parish Office. Please note places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

**St. Joseph's Young Priest Society** next monthly meeting is on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2011 after 7.30pm ceremony in the Ruah Pastoral Centre.

**Blood Transfusion Clinic** is in Ballyroan Boys School on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March from 5pm – 8.30pm.

**Ballyroan Hospitality Group** meets once a month for a meeting to discuss upcoming events in the Church. They provide tea and coffee after the Do this in Memory Mass each month and after other church functions throughout the year. They also act as greeters at the doors of the church before some of the Masses over the weekends. Due to the small numbers, they are unable to have greeters at all Masses. So if you feel you could give an hour once every few weeks to help in the work please leave your name and contact details in the Parish Office(01 4947303) .

**Brown University Rhode Island USA** highly acclaimed Jazz Band are holding a Charity Concert in the Church on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at 8pm. Admission on the night is free and any donations will be given to the Dublin Housing Mental Health Association and Homeless.

**Third Age Social Circle "55 Plus"** next meeting in the Library on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at 10.30am.

**Lectio Divina** will commence this Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March in the Ruah Pastoral Centre at 7.30pm.

**Rathfarnham Parish** are holding five reflective sessions on the Sunday Gospels for Lent. They will commence on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31st March, 7/14<sup>th</sup> April at 11.15am in the Parish Pastoral Centre on Willbrook Road.

Next Weekend the **Trinity branch of Saint Vincent de Paul** are holding a coffee morning after all Masses.

**Mass Intentions**

*Sat. 7pm Pat & Joe Moriarty(A), Sun 9am Mary & Brendan Keegan(A), 10.30am Bernard Sheppard (1stA), 12 George Payne (A), Mary & Eugene Lacken(A), Mon. 10am Alice & John Hargadon(A), Tues. 10am Sheila Finucane(A) & Don Carney RIP, Thur. 10am Imelda Collins(A),*

**Anniversaries:** *DJ & Elizabeth Crossan, Mary Brophy, Alice & John Hargadon, Olive Hade, David & Josephine Charles.*

