

**PARISH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
BALLYROAN NEWSLETTER**

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent  
7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> March 2009**

**Mass times for St Patrick's Day**

Mon. 16<sup>th</sup> March 7pm Vigil Mass

Tue. 17<sup>th</sup> March 9am Irish Mass  
and 10am. No evening Mass

**Eucharistic Adoration**

This year we will have the Eucharistic Adoration and prayer in the homes of the parish during the **Thursdays** of Lent. You are invited to offer your home (as in previous years) on one of the Thursdays of the middle five weeks of Lent to host the adoration. On Thur. 9<sup>th</sup> April (Holy Thursday) the adoration will take place in the Church. Completed forms, which are available at the back of the Church, are to be returned to the Parish Office.

**Third Age Social Circle "55 Plus"**

Our next meeting is in the Library on Mon. 9<sup>th</sup> March at 11am.

**Parish Pastoral Council**

The next meeting is at 8pm on Tue. 10<sup>th</sup> March.

**Bethany Bereavement**

**Support Group**

Our next meeting will be held in the Baptistry on Tue. 10<sup>th</sup> March at 8.00pm. All welcome. Confidentiality assured.

**Ecumenical Lenten Talks**

The talk this week on *Thur. 12<sup>th</sup> March* in our ecumenical series "Leadership Matters" is Leadership in our Communities. Andrew McNeile, consultant to the House of Bishops will talk on *The Churches - Is Anybody Listening?* And a talk on *The Genius of the GAA* will be given by Commandant Jim Gavin of the Air Corps and member of the Dublin All-Ireland winning team of 1995, and coach of the Dublin U 21's.

Venue is the Church of Ireland, Main Street, Rathfarnham at 8pm.

**St Joseph's**

**Young Priests Society**

Our next meeting will take place on 11<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in 67 Anne Devlin Park.

**Ballyroan Community Care Group**

We would like to inform all volunteers, i.e. kitchen staff, drivers and helpers that the Annual General Meeting will be held on Fri. 20<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am in Ballyroan Library.

**Orlagh Retreat Centre**

Sat. 14<sup>th</sup> March: "A Day for Yourself". Cost €50 incl. lunch.

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March: "Scripture Day". Cost €55 incl. lunch.

Further details phone 01 495 8193 or email [info@orlagh.ie](mailto:info@orlagh.ie)

**Open Day**

Rockbrook Park School, Rathfarnham, open day will take place this Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> March from 3-5pm.

**Lenten Triduum**

Fr. Martin Tierney, a priest of the Dublin diocese and well known retreat giver, preacher and columnist for the Irish Catholic, will celebrate 3 days of prayer and preparation for Lent here in our parish in Ballyroan. He begins on Wednesday next with the 10am mass and follows through on Thursday and Friday.

**Word of Thanks**

Sincere thanks to all who supported the Sancta Maria College 'Kenya Fund' collection last Sunday. The amount raised was €5,300.

**Conscience**

*Conscience is a little metal triangle inside your heart. When you do wrong, it spins round, and the sharp corners hurt. But if you do it often enough, the sharp corners wear off, and it doesn't hurt anymore.*