

Pentecost Sunday

On this the weekend of the Feast of Pentecost, our parish's Feast Day, it's time to celebrate, to take stock and look to the future. To celebrate first, the outpouring of the Spirit and His Gifts which are manifest through you all, the way you brought up and are bringing up your families with love, patience, kindness and so forth. The way you care for and mind each other as good neighbours. The faithful way you worship and pray both at weekday and on Sundays. We are truly a blessed community here in Ballyroan. God has been good to us **may** we never forget that and always celebrate His immense love.

Last weekend we had our 1st Holy Communion of 88 children and this weekend we welcome back the babies baptised in the parish over the past year, 55 in number, (outnumbering the deaths in the parish, thank God). Next week we will have two Graduation Masses, saying farewell and Godspeed to the young ladies and gentlemen of Colaiste Eanna and Sancta Maria Colleges. As they go forward into their futures they will have the benefit and blessings of the Holy Spirit. As they undergo their Leaving Certificate Examinations we have an opportunity to pray for them and wish them well. We are placing a Book near Our Lady's Altar where you can put the names of any students you know who are doing exams, and light a candle for them and pray for them. I will place a perpetual candle there for the entire duration of the public exams asking that the light of the Holy Spirit and the protection of Our Lady, Seat of Wisdom, will be with them. Soon we will have the keys of our new Pastoral Centre to compliment the already up and running Community Centre. We have great ideas and plans for our Parish Pastoral Centre as a place of service, prayer and learning; some will come to fruition some perhaps not, but please feel free to let us know what your ideas, hopes and aspirations may be for the centre.

The future looks bright for Ballyroan Parish, despite the gloom pervading church and society at the moment. Our Church was built during the 60's when things were difficult albeit in different ways and times were changing. It was built in faith, sustained by faith and please God will move forward through our faith in the power of the Holy Spirit. Myself, Sr. Margaret and Aine have done our best in the last year and so have you all, and I thank our Parish Pastoral Council, our Finance Committee, and all the other groupings in the parish for your work and support. Happy Feast Day Ballyroan Parish, **may** we have many more to celebrate in years to come.

Fr. Brendan

Outdoor Collection this weekend is in aid of the **14th Ballyroan Scout Troup**.

This month's **Intercom Magazine** has an article on Ballyroan Parish.

Last week's collection for **St Vincent de Paul** amounted to €2,220. Thank you for your continued support.

3rd Age Social Circle "55 Plus", next outing to Print Museum, Beggar's Bush on Monday 24th May. Meet in Library Car Park at 10.30am.

Blessing of the Graves at **Cruagh Cemetery** will take place on Sunday 29th May at 3pm.

Michelle Daly, Mezzo Soprano who studied under the late Dan McNulty is performing a lunch time concert at the national Concert on Fri. 28th May. Further details 01 417000.

Sancta Maria College are having their 50th Jubilee in September 2010. they are keen to track down past students from 1960 and invite all to check their website.

Mass Intentions for Week

Sat. 7pm, John Quigley(A), Sun. 9am Joe Mulvihill (A), 10.30am Annual Baptism Mass, 12 Con & Dermot Cahill(A), Mon. 10am Terry Coveney(A), Tue. 10am Mary Kelly(A), Wed. 10am, Theresa O'Reilly (A), Thur. 10am, Noreen Furlong (A) Fri. 10am Margaret Coyne RIP, Sat. 10am, Eileen & Denis O'Sullivan (A).