

## Ballyroan Parish Newsletter 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2011

*The Theology Course, which has been going on for the past 3 years, has ended with the presentation of Certificates last Wednesday night in the Ruah Centre. The course began at the instigation of Fr. Gerry Kane and was co-ordinated by Sr. Margaret Prendergast for the first 2 years. We are indebted to Mr John O'Sullivan for allowing us to use the facilities of Coláiste Éanna for the first 2 years until the opening of our own Ruah Pastoral Centre. Funding for the course came from the parishes, the Diocese and the students themselves. We began with over 50 participants whose ages ranged from over 90 to early 30's. They came principally from our own parish but also from the neighbouring parishes of Rathfarnham, Churchtown and Knocklyon. Approximately 30 students completed the full course. This programme could be taken at audit level, that was listening and reading or at credit level, which had the added dimension of writing formal essays. These latter students are the real heroes of the course. Some members of the group are planning on going on to Diploma Level or maybe even to complete a Degree. Lectures from Mater Dei Institute provided inspiring talks on various aspects of the Old and New Testament, The Sacraments, Ecclesiology, Relations in Sexuality, Prayer, Liturgy, Ethics and Evangelisation, etc. We also had a wonderful weekend with other groups at the SMA Retreat Centre at Dromentine, Newry. This Programme of study was a great learning experience and a real deepening of the knowledge of our faith. Wednesday night will never be the same again.*

As you are aware, there was a major fault with the electricity in the Church since 12<sup>th</sup> May. I would like to thank all those involved in repairing this fault and, in particular, John O'Brien. We apologise for any inconvenience caused. **Fr. Brendan Madden.**

Laura Keogh would like to thank all parishioners who supported her coffee morning in aid of Tanzania Volunteer Programme, €1616 was raised.

Ballyroan Community Care Group are holding a Day Tour on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2011 to Omagh and the Ulster American Folk Park, cost €30(including meal) and bookings can be made in the Community Centre after 10am Mass on Monday and Tuesday.

**Community Care Meals on Wheels:** Volunteers required for the preparation of meals in the kitchen and for drivers to deliver them. This work involves approximately three hours every second week. Names and phone numbers to the Community Centre please.

**Margaret Halpin** would like to thank all who supported her recent coffee morning in aid of St. Michael's House which raised €2300.

**Third Age Social Circle "55 Plus"** next outing to the Dublin Wheel on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Meet at Point Depot at 11am.

**Graduation Mass: Sancta Maria College** will take place on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm & Coláiste Éanna on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May, at 7pm.

**Ballyroan Community & Youth Centre** would like to point out that they never collect door to door to fund activities for the Community Centre, any person who does call does not have their authorisation.

### **Mass Intentions**

*Sat. 7pm John Griffin(A), Sun 9am Terry Coveney(A), 10.30am Months Mind Maurice Walsh, 12 Gerry Lenihan(A) & John Nolan(A), Wed. 10am Mary Kelly(A), 7.30pm Sancta Maria Graduation Mass, Thur. 10am Teresa O'Reilly(A), 7pm Coláiste Éanna Graduation Mass, Sat 10am Mass Association.*

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