

PARISH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT BALLYROAN NEWSLETTER

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**Solemnity of Our Lord
Jesus Christ, Universal King
21st /22nd November 2009**

Today is also the Feast of St. Cecilia, the patroness of Music

This saint, so often glorified in the fine arts and in poetry, she is one of the most venerated martyrs of Christian antiquity. Her feast is celebrated, in the church in the Trastevere quarter at Rome, dedicated to her. De Rossi located the burial-place of Cecilia in the Catacomb of Callistus in a crypt immediately adjoining the crypt or chapel of the popes; an empty niche in one of the walls contained, probably, at one time the sarcophagus with the bones of the saint.

Dear Saint Cecilia, one thing we know for certain about you is that you became a heroic martyr in fidelity to your divine Bridegroom. We do not know that you were a musician but we are told that you heard Angels sing. Inspire musicians to gladden the hearts of people by filling the air with God's gift of music and reminding them of the divine Musician who created all beauty. Amen.

Do This in Memory the parish based First Holy Communion takes place this Sunday 22nd November during 12 Mass.

Sanctus, Sanctus when we love with our hearts.
Sanctus, Sanctus.
When we give with our lives.

Help us all oh Lord to live in your love.
Let our lives show all your ways.
In our work, in our play, when we think when we pray, help us all to be through to your way, Yahweh. In our paths as we meet people on the street, let our smiles light up their lives, Yahweh.

We are called, one and all, to be gentle and kind, to be saintly and true in simple ways.
When we share, when we give,
When we praise, when we live,
When we light others' lives, we're showing love.

The Enrolment Ceremony for Confirmation candidates and commissioning of Faith Friends will be held on 28th November 2009 at 7pm.

Well done to the **Celtic Choristers** who won best group last weekend in Sligo.

Congratulations also to Luiza who made her **First Confession and Communion** here this

weekend. Thanks to Sr. Margaret who has been working with her over the past few months.

Legion of Mary

Our Legion of Mary group meet every Thursday morning after the 10am Mass. They are actively involved in outreach to Cheeverstown and are currently looking to extend their work to include parishioners who are now in Nursing Homes. Could you please let the Parish Office know any friend or neighbour who might like a visit. Also we plan to send them a Christmas card from the parish to wish them Seasons Greetings.

The **Annual Console Christmas Service of Light** for those bereaved through Suicide will take place on Sunday 29th November 2009 in St Patrick's College, Maynooth at 4pm.

Rota for **Altar Servers** is available for Collection in Sacristy.