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-Father Derek Farrell and his family wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to Fr Brendan and the whole community in Ballyroan for your warm and generous welcome on the occasion of Fr. Derek's Silver Jubilee Mass last Sunday. We are so grateful for the care you took which helped make it such a wonderful occasion. Mass will be offered for you all.

-This coming Tuesday, the Bethany Group invite all parishioners who have lost a loved one to an evening of prayer and remembrance in the Ruah Centre at 7.30 pm. This occasion allows us to meet, pray for ourselves and our loved ones in a reflective setting and share with one another over a cup of tea.

-The next Lunch time concert will take place in the Ruah Centre on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February when Norah King returns accompanied by Ann Cullen. Tickets (9euro) on sale in The Ruah Centre on Tues., Wed., and Thursday from 10.30 – 11.15.

-This weekend the SHARE collection will be replaced by a collection for ACCORD, the Catholic Marriage Care Service.

-The Blood Donor Clinic will be in Ballyroan Community Centre on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> from 3 – 5 and 7 – 9 pm.

-The Vde P outdoor collection takes place after Masses this weekend.

On this, the first Sunday of Lent and Saint Valentine's Day, we are reminded that **GOD LOVES US** and we are asked to find ways to return that love. In the Gospel reading we see Jesus being tempted by the devil. With his own inner strength and his reliance on his Father, he withstands the temptations and we are told that the devil left him.

We must discover and acknowledge our own demons, the things and ways that tempt us from doing what we know is right and LENT is a good time to do this.

So this week we could reflect on St Paul's passage on LOVE in his letter to the Corinthians:

*Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. <sup>5</sup>It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. <sup>6</sup>Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup>It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.*

Let us try to put this into practice in our lives during this coming week

## READERS ROTA

### THIS week:

Sat: Geraldine Perkins  
John Whelan  
Sun: Joanne Gannon  
10 Aine Vaughan  
Eileen Goodwin  
12 Frank Browne  
Jim Langan  
Irene Heeney

### NEXT week:

Sat: Winnie Keogh  
Therese Rice  
Sun: Rosemary Magnier  
10 Joan Moore  
Pauline Ryan  
12 John Daly  
Grainne Hagan  
Gerry Moore

**Mass Intentions for the Week: Saturday Vigil 7pm:** James Hogan (Month's Mind); **Sunday 10:** Fr. Padraig McGowan (A), John Caffrey (A) and William Aherne (A); **Sunday 12:** Francis Thornton (1<sup>st</sup> A); **Monday 10:** Danno Halloran RIP;; **Tuesday 10:** Brian Lavin RIP ; **Wednesday 10:** Marguerite Gleeson (A) ; **Thursday 10:** Patrick Merriman RIP; **Friday 10:** .

**Recently deceased:** Eibhlis Kennedy and Aileen O'Broin

**Anniversaries:** Michael Dooley, Sheila Finucane and Matthew Morgan

Notices for this Week  
**Sunday:**  
St. Valentine's Day.



-Do This in Memory Mass at 12.00

**Monday:**

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-Renew our Faith: a study of the Adult Catechism in the Ruah Centre 10.30 am  
-Evening of Prayer and Remembrance in Ruah Centre at 7.30.

-Pilates in Ruah Centre pm.

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>**

-10.00 am Mother and Toddler Group in the Ruah Centre.

**Thursday:**

-Pilates in Ruah Centre.  
-Legion of Mary in Ruah Centre at 10.30 am