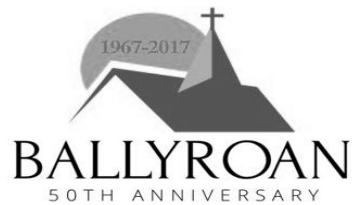
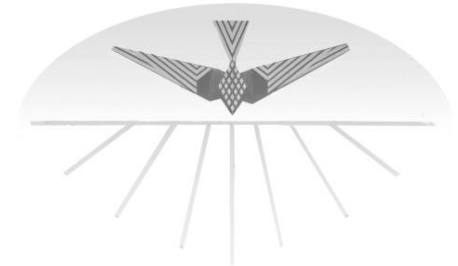


Ballyroan Parish Newsletter, Church of the Holy Spirit in the year of our Lord 2017 our Parish Jubilee Year



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**Readers this week:**  
**Saturday 7.00:** David Meade  
Geraldine Perkins  
**Sunday 10.00:** Irene Heeney  
John Whelan  
**Sunday 12.00:** Jubilee Mass

**-The next lunchtime concert takes place on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 12.05. Julian Hubbard, tenor, will sing songs from Opera and more. He will be accompanied by Aoife O'Sullivan on piano. Tickets, on sale, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10.30 – 11.15 at 9 euro.**

**Readers next week:**  
**Saturday 7.00:** Hilary Kenny  
John Whelan  
**Sunday 10.00:** John McCarthy  
Pauline Ryan  
Anne Keane  
**Sunday 12.00:** Cathy O'Leary  
Mary Vaughan  
Grainne Hagan

Welcome everybody for the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The moment we all became brothers and sisters in the Lord. This is what we call Church – the Body of Christ here on earth. And it's as members of his body that we have gathered in this area in prayer and praise, times of celebration and sadness. Fifty Years ago the bones or skeleton of this church were on site but it would take another 11 months to flesh it out with art, altar, pews, electricity and services and everything that gives us the wonderful ambience we share here in Ballyroan. But Church is more than a building it is the people of God – YOU – and all the wonderful people who have graced our pews and altar over the years. That is what we are celebrating on this Jubilee Year – the joys of being a child of God with brothers and sisters with whom we have much in common, with whom we can share our prayer and faith and charity. Last year we had the Jubilee Year of Mercy and the word Jubilee is all about forgiveness and reconciliation. If I or any priest or religious or anyone representing the parish over the last 50 years ever hurt or offended anyone – let us be forgiven. I often tell the Story of Napoleon and a general who came to him after a great foreign victory – he told his story and Napoleon seemed not to have heard it. He told the story again adding in how great his role was in the victory, again no reaction. Finally half way through the third time, Napoleon stopped him and said – 'I heard you the first time, what I want to know is what did you do next?' We have the story of our first 50 years to tell – but let's not sit on our laurels, let's build on those years for the next 50 and we'll do it together.

**Events for the week:**  
**Sunday:**  
-Jubilee Mass at 12.00  
**Monday:**  
-U3A meeting at 10.30 am.  
-DTIM parents meeting in the Ruah Centre at 7.30 pm.  
**Tuesday:**  
-Pilates am and pm.  
**Thursday:**  
-Pilates am and pm.  
-Legion of Mary, Ruah Centre at 10.30 am  
-AA meeting in Ruah Centre pm.



**Mass Intentions for the Week: Saturday Vigil 7pm:** James Hogan (1<sup>st</sup> A); **Sunday 10:** Paddy Brierty (1<sup>st</sup> A) **Sunday 12:** Bridget Brady (1<sup>st</sup> A) and William Kelly (A); **Monday 10:** Special Intention; **Tuesday 10:** Peter and Maureen Nelson (A); **Wednesday 10:** John Morrissey RIP; **Thursday 10:** Special Intention; **Friday 10** No Intention.

**Anniversary:** Michael Moore