

PARISH INFORMATION

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Opening hours:

Monday – Friday 10.00 – 12.00

Mass Times:

Monday – Friday 10.00 am

Vigil Mass: 7.00 pm

Sunday: 10.00 am and 12.00

Confessions:

6.30 – 6.55 on Saturday evenings

Baptisms:

The third Sunday of every month

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Events for the Week

Monday:

-USA meeting in the Ruah Centre at 10.00 am

-Chair Yoga is now on Monday at 2,30

- Parish Choir rehearsal in Ruah Centre at 7.30.

Tuesday:

- Renew Your Faith 10.30 in the Ruah Centre.

-Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament -Pilates pm

Wednesday:

-Baby and Toddler Group in the Ruah Centre am.

Thursday:

-Pilates am and pm

-Legion of Mary in Ruah Centre at 10.30

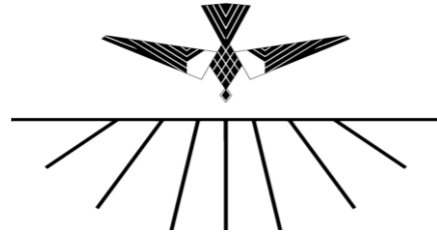
-AA meeting in the Ruah Centre 8.00 pm

Friday:

- Members of the Padua Society to meet at 10.00 Mass before bringing Communion to the sick and housebound.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The 8th December this year is on a Sunday. The feast is being transferred to the Monday but it will not be a holy day of obligation.



HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

BALLYROAN

1st December First Sunday of Advent

READING MATERIAL FOR ADVENT

Booklets containing reflections for each day of Advent are on sale at the back of the Church.

Some children's Advent calendars are also available.

Please take time to browse.



WORKING TOGETHER FOR MISSION

The Ballyroan, Churchtown and Rathfarnham grouping of parishes have been working towards greater co-operation and shared ministry with each other. For over two years now the Area Team of the three parishes has been meeting on a regular basis. While we aim to provide a more unified and shared ministry, each parish will still retain its own unique traditions and individuality

This weekend we welcome Father Brian who will be saying the 7.00 pm Mass.

WIN A TRIP TO LOURDES

Tickets are on sale in the parish office and the sacristy for a trip to Lourdes for two people with Jet Travel. The tickets are non-refundable and are for Lourdes only. This gift includes flight and accommodation to the amount of €2000.

There are further prizes:

A Crib; A Voucher for 150 euro, voucher for 50 euro for Shannon's Pharmacy donated by CrioFan Shannon; Christmas voucher sponsored by Peter Massey and assorted goods sponsored by Supervalu Ballyroan

The draw will take place on December 23rd after the 10.00 Mass.

Tickets cost 5 euro for ten tickets. Please leave your name and contact details on the ticket. Proceeds from the raffle will go to the parish. Thanks very much to the donors.

This could be an ideal Christmas present. Be in to win. Father Peter



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SCRIPTURE COURSE

-Exploring Faith....Encountering Christ. Come and join us on our ADVENT..URE in the Church of the Annunciation Parish Centre on this coming Wednesday, December 4th, and the following two Wednesdays 11th and 18th. Kieran O'Mahony OSA will lead the evenings. All parishioners from Rathfarnham, Ballyroan and Churchtown are welcome.

BALLYROAN CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas cards are available in the Parish office or in the Sacristy. Seven cards for €5.00

CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS

These are available in the Parish office only and the donation is the same as the Mass Association cards

BAPTISMS

Extra dates for Baptisms are available during the Christmas season, 15th, 22nd and 29th December after the 12.00 Mass should any family wish to consider them. Details in the Parish office.



We have four weeks to prepare for Christmas! So, as we celebrate the first Sunday of Advent, let us begin to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas!

This week, let us **TAKE TIME**. Time at the beginning of each day to invite Jesus to walk and talk with us. Read a little passage of Scripture and take time to reflect on that.

Let us take time to **BE WITH** our family, listen to them and take an interest in what they are doing.

Let us take time to find **GOOD NEWS** amidst all the bad news that is being fed to us.

Let us take time for ourselves, to renew our energy and to remain calm and peaceful. Let us bring God's peace to those we meet.

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

As in previous years, poinsettias will be placed on the altar during the Christmas season in remembrance of our loved ones. They will be on sale at the back of the Church after all the Masses this weekend before Christmas at the cost of €10.00.

Any surplus funds will be donated to the Charity Mary's Meals.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bambinelli Sunday December 15th: The 12.00 Mass is especially for children preparing for the sacraments. The Children will be invited to the altar for the blessing of Child Jesus figurines and for their Christmas crib and pictures for their sacred space. Figurines bought by grandparents will also be blessed.

Carol Service:

On December 19th the Ruah Choir will have a Carol Service in the Ruah Centre. This is always a very special and spiritual service to lead us into the festive season

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday:

7.00: Tess O'Neill (A)

Sunday:

10.00: Judy Brennan (1st A), Dermot Connaughton (A) and Sean Duffy (recently deceased)

12.00: Lorraine Kennedy (Month's Mind), Michael and Kieran Maher (A), Jo and Pat Moriarty (A) and Michael Kilduff (A)

Monday: Peter and Maura Nelson (A)

Tuesday: Emma Aprile RIP

Wednesday: Father Michael Sinnott RIP

Thursday: Patricia O'Reilly (A)

Friday: First Friday. Altar List for the Dead

READERS' ROTA

NEXT WEEK:

Saturday: Tessa Dagg
Therese Rice

Sunday:
10.00 Rosemary Magnier
Joan Moore
12.00 Niamh O'Brien
Sarah Byrnes

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK

1st Collection (Common Fund) € 1500
2nd Collection (Share) € 1280
Shrine: €732

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

The Saint Vincent de Paul Christmas collection will replace the SHARE collection next Sunday.

LUNCH TIME CONCERT

Thanks to all who organised the Lunch time concert. €680 was given to parish funds.

PARISH MAGAZINE

A new edition of the parish magazine will be available at the back of the Church this weekend. Look out for the many new features and plenty of reading and pictures in the new format. The timetable for Christmas services in each of the parishes will also be available in the magazine.

CHRISTMAS DUES

Envelopes for the Christmas Dues will be available in the Church next week. Thank You