

PARISH INFORMATION

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PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN
MONDAY - FRIDAY FROM
10.00 to 11.30AM

RUAH CENTRE IS CLOSED
FOR THE WEEK.



CORONAVIRUS MEASURES

Due to measures introduced by healthcare authorities, mass in the Church is suspended until further notice.

THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER EACH DAY FROM 10.30AM to 6.00PM

Mass will be transmitted Monday - Friday, and Sundays at 10AM via the Parish Website: www.ballyroanparish.ie

A number of other platforms broadcast daily Mass, Rosary and Divine Mercy via television, internet or radio.

These include:

Vatican Television: www.vaticannews.va

Radio Maria Ireland:

Radio Maria Ireland facilitates the broadcast of Mass each day of the week at 10.00AM, Listen in via:

www.radiomaria.ie, SAORVIEW Channel 210,

www.facebook.com/Radiomariaireland/, phone 01-437 3277

Or App "Radio Maria Ireland".

WE PLACE ALL OUR TRUST IN THE LORD

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT BALLYROAN

15th March 2020

Third Sunday in Lent

PRAYER TO SAINT ROCH

St. Roch, during your life you helped countless people who suffered from contagious diseases.

Intercede on behalf of (name person) who is caring for ill people and ask the Lord to protect him/her from contracting any illnesses he/she is helping to treat.

Pray the Lord bless with a loving and generous heart and the wisdom and supplies he/she needs to help alleviate pain and suffering and restore ill people back to health. Pray also, dear saint, that all I know and love are protected from becoming ill with any contagious diseases and that those who are ill with contagious diseases receive the best care available to them so that they can heal and recover fully.

Dear St. Roch, pray for the repose of the souls of those who die from complications due to contagious diseases and ask that their angels carry them into Heaven where they can rest in peace for all eternity.

Thank you, St. Roch for your intercession. Amen.

Mass Cards

Mass cards are available for various occasions in the porch of the Church, the Sacristy, and the Parish Office. All mass cards are signed by your local clergy personally.

SAINT PATRICK'S BREASTPLATE

Christ with me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me, Christ in me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.

St. Patrick's Breastplate is a popular prayer attributed to one of Ireland's most beloved patron saints. According to tradition, St. Patrick wrote it in 433 A.D. for divine protection before successfully converting the Irish King Leoghaire and his subjects from paganism to Christianity.



When St. Paul referred to putting on the "Armor of God" in his letter to the Ephesians (6:11) to fight sin and evil inclinations, he could have been thinking of prayers just like this one! We may not wear combat gear in our daily lives, but St. Patrick's Breastplate can function as divine armour for protection against spiritual adversity.

Saints of the Week:

Tuesday 17-Mar: St Patrick, Patron Saint of Ireland, first bishop of Armagh and Primate of Ireland

Wednesday 18-Mar: St Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop and doctor of the Church

Thursday 19-Mar: St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

ALONE

Supporting older people
to age at home

ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak.

Professional staff will be available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary.

The support line will be open Monday to Friday, 8AM-8PM by calling **0818 222 024**

THE ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

by St ALPHONSUS de LIGUORI

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen

If you can not receive communion and you can not attend Mass, you can make a spiritual communion, which is a most beneficial practice; by it the love of God will be greatly impressed on you

