

## PARISH INFORMATION

### PARISH PRIEST:

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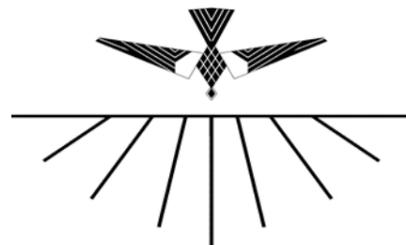
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## CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT BALLYROAN

22nd March 2020

Fourth Sunday in Lent

The Parish Office is closed until further notice. We can be contacted by  
**phone 01-4947303** Monday to Friday 10.00am - 12.00pm  
or **email [ballyroanparish@gmail.com](mailto:ballyroanparish@gmail.com)**

### Saints of the Week:

**Monday 23-Mar:** St Turibius of Mongrovejo, Archbishop of Lima, Peru

**Tuesday 24-Mar:** St Macartan of Clogher, companion and bodyguard of St Patrick.

**Wednesday 25-Mar:** St Dismas, The Good Thief. Patron saint of Funeral Directors and Prisoners

Anniversary masses and mass cards can be arranged through the contact details above.

### WHAT IS A MOTHER?

A mother is someone who cares about you.

She's someone you could always run to as a child.

Someone you can always turn to as you grow.

Whatever the situation, a mother seems to know just what you need.

and whatever the need, she's willing to help, ready to listen, able to understand.

She's someone who encourages you to be all you can be – yet accepts you just as you are.

A mother is someone who will always have a special place in your heart and your life especially when she's a wonderful mother like you.



## 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](http://www.ballyroanparish.ie)

### 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

**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**

### MASS ON TELEVISION AND WEBSITES

You can tune into daily Mass at the Pro-Cathedral on [www.procathedral.ie](http://www.procathedral.ie) at 10.30am or at the same time on the 'RTE News Now' television channel.

The 10.00AM mass from Ballyroan can be viewed through the parish website at [www.ballyroanparish.ie](http://www.ballyroanparish.ie). If this is not working you can also view it through the service provider on <https://mcnmedia.tv/camera/ballyroan-parish-church-dublin> or just search google for "mcnmedia Ballyroan" the first result should bring you through to the website.

## CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER

Advice of the Irish Bishops in response to the COVID-19 Coronavirus and Government Directives

The following instructions take into consideration the new norms issued by the Irish government. It is likely that these restrictions will continue for some time after that. Instructions regarding the celebration of Holy Week will be issued in due course. The motivation for these new restrictive measures is a sense of care for the common good and especially for those most vulnerable. Each Christian community should be acutely aware of the responsibility to care for those who are most at risk, even where it may not be appropriate to visit the elderly, a simple telephone call to enquire about their needs could mean so much to them.

- All non-essential pastoral gatherings and meetings are cancelled.
- All Confirmations are postponed until further notice.
- Every Catholic is entitled to a dignified Christian burial. Attendance at Funeral services and Masses should be limited to close relatives and must not exceed 100 attendees within the Church building.
- Similarly, Church weddings and baptisms may be celebrated on condition that the attendance in Church does not exceed 100 people.
- In these difficult and uncertain times, people find strength, consolation and hope in prayer. Churches should remain open for prayer each day.
- In the current emergency situation, all are dispensed from the obligation to physically attend Sunday Mass. Parishes should inform parishioners of the local possibilities to participate in Mass via local radio and online.

This is an occasion for all of us – especially in families -to pray more intensely for each other and especially for those who have succumbed to the illness. We should pray also for those in the frontlines – especially doctors, nurses and medical staff and other carers that the Lord will protect them as they place their own wellbeing at risk in the service of all.