

Church of the Holy Spirit Ballyroan

29th August 2021

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)



Baptisms



We welcome baby George Sheridan who was baptised in our church recently into our church community.

Deacon Frank welcomed George into God's family with the words:

"We may not see or hear God, but at times in our life we may experience the presence of a loving God, but usually in a quiet place when we have slowed down a little and are able to look and listen to the beauty of creation, especially the gift of your beautiful child".



Readers Roster - 4th/5th Sept

Saturday—6pm Eileen Goodwin
Marcus Zubrzycki
Sunday—10am Helen Vysotska
Gerry Moore



When entering the Church:

Please wear face masks, social distance, and use the hand sanitizers. The Church is cleaned at regular intervals to make it a safer environment

Mass Intentions 28th Aug — 3rd Sep

Saturday: Declan Aherne (10th A)
Special Intention from the Halligan family
Sunday: Nora Kenny (1st A)
Patrick Fee (MM)
Monday: Special Intentions
Tuesday: Dan Lehane (2nd A)
Wednesday: Mass for the Living
Thursday: Catherine Perkins (19th A)
Friday: Thomas McCrann



Lord hear our prayer

Finance Corner

1st Collection last week : € 1250
Shrine : €1085

In these times of uncertainty and financial strain for many people, we sincerely thank all who have been in a position to continue their contributions to the Sunday Collections and to the running of the Parish.

Bereavements

We remember all those recently deceased in our parish. Our thoughts and our prayers are with their loved ones and their families.

"Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them".

Parish Information

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Parish Office Opening hours:

Monday - Friday: 10.00am – 12.00 noon
Closed on Tuesdays

Mass Times

Monday - Friday: 10am
Saturday: 6pm
Sunday: 10am

Uphill Struggle

Have you ever felt like giving up? Elijah certainly did. In today's first reading we meet a prophet who has had enough. He is fleeing from trouble and things seem so hopeless after a day's journey that he sits under a bush and begs God to take his life. Life has a way of getting on top of us, such as when we are grieving a loss, when we are hurt by a friend, when illness strikes, or when we are simply exhausted. We experience the feelings described in the famous anonymous poem Don't Quit: 'When things go wrong as they sometimes will/ When the road you're trudging seems all uphill...' At these times of struggle it is helpful to pause and to refuel for the journey. Elijah was visited by an angel who offered him comfort and respite, giving him the strength, he needed to carry on. In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus again say he is the living bread. Some people have been complaining about his teaching. Surely this is the son of Joseph, they say, demonstrating their lack of understanding of who Jesus really is. Again, he explains that he is the bread of life – more than physical food, more than an ordinary man, he is the living bread and he is God. In all our struggles, especially when we feel like giving up, Jesus offers us nourishment for the journey. This gift is there for us especially in the Eucharist, offering comfort and strength. 'The Eucharist, although it is the fullness of sacramental life, is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.'

(Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium) Triona Doherty: trionad@gmail.com

Prayer

We beseech You, Master, to be our helper and protector. Save the afflicted among us; have mercy on the lowly; Raise up the fallen; appear to the needy; heal the ungodly; Restore the wanderers of Your people; Feed the hungry; ransom our prisoners; Raise up the sick; comfort the faint-hearted. (St Clement of Rome)

Mass Cards and Anniversary Masses

Mass association cards for the Deceased and the Living are available at the back of the church.

Anniversary Mass cards are available in the office.

Anniversary Masses can only be booked through the office.

Mass for the Living (1st Wed) 1st September

Newsletter

A limited number of newsletters are available from the table in the church. If you handle these, kindly take them home with you and please **do not return** them to the table for another parishioner or a visitor to handle. Thank you!



Getting to Know The Church

Fr. Michael and Keith Grace about to check the state of the roof tiles

Publications. The Irish Catholic newspaper and The Messenger are available in the church.

Saints of the Day 28th Aug — 3rd Sep

Saturday:	St. Augustine
Sunday:	Of the Day
Monday:	St. Fiacre
Tuesday:	St. Aidan
Wednesday:	Of the Day
Thursday:	Of the Day
Friday:	St. Gregory the Great

This quotation from the beginning of the confessions of St. Augustine sums up the intellectual and spiritual journey of this extraordinary man.

"You have made us for yourself, O Lord and our heart is restless until it rests in you".