

Church of the Holy Spirit Ballyroan

22nd August 2021

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



Baptisms

Huge congratulations to the Walsh Ruiz and McKnight families who had babies baptised into our church community recently. Fr. Michael welcomed Harriet and Tom into God's family.

"Through water and the word you have become a child of God and are sealed as Christ's own forever"



Fr. Michael—Prayer reflection

A person came to me once with a story of how he had lost his faith, and wandered away into every excess of drink, drugs and womanising. One day he found himself out in the street, not knowing even how he got there. Shocked at how low he had sunk, he decided to go home and try and rebuild his faith, for he knew that leaving it was the cause of his downfall. Let's all appreciate how important the faith is for our deeper welfare. Amen.

Saints of the Day 21st Aug—27th Aug

Saturday: St Pius X (Pope)
Sunday: Of the Day
Monday: St. Eugene (Ireland)
Tuesday: St. Bartholomew (Apostle)
Wednesday: St. Louis
Thursday: Of the Day
Friday: St. Monica
St Monica is the mother of St. Augustine:
Her words appear on many memorial cards *"All I ask is that you remember me at the altar of God"*

Finance Corner

1st Collection last week : € 1040 and Shrine : € 745 Thank you for your continued support
We wish to acknowledge with grateful thanks some recent large anonymous donations. Your support is appreciated.

Church Maintenance

During the past weeks you may have noticed workmen up on the church roof. A roofing company are inspecting it in connection with leaks we have had for some time, and also to evaluate the overall condition of the roof. A detailed report will be provided to us in due course. We will keep you updated.

Parish Information

Parish Priest: Father Michael Murtagh
Deacon: Frank Browne
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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

Bereavements

We extend our sympathy to the family of the late **John Healy** RIP whose funeral took place on Friday.



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.**

HIGHER DIPLOMA IN THEOLOGICAL STUDIES:

Blended learning combines online modules with some on campus learning, allowing the participant the flexibility to fit in learning around their other life commitments. This course is from St Patrick's College Maynooth. Interested? Find out more online at maynoothcollege.ie/courses/higher-diploma-in-theological-studies. Programme content: Systematic, Christian Ethics, Scripture, Foundations of Worship, World Religions, History of Christianity, Philosophy of Religion & Secular Belief Systems.

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 for all.

Publications.

Copies of the Irish Catholic newspaper and The Messenger are available for sale at the back of the church.

Deacon Frank would like to share his father's favourite prayer, traditionally associated with the most famous of all deacons, St Francis of Assisi (1181/2-1226).

He hopes it might be an inspiration for how we can try to live your lives as a Christians today.

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.*

*O Divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled
as to console;
to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved, as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.*

Newsletter

If you handle one, kindly take it home with you and please do not return it to the table for another parishioner or a visitor to handle or a volunteer to clean up. Think Safety. Thank you.

Mass Intentions 21st Aug—27th Aug

Saturday:	Special Intention
Sunday:	Joan Lambert (RD), Camillus Flemming (A)
Monday:	Special Intention Peggy Brown (11th A)
Tuesday:	Des Bradley (A) Chrissie O'Dea (RIP)
Wednesday:	Special Intention : John & Sally Naughton (RIP)
Thursday:	Special Intention Edward Woolhead (RIP)
Friday:	Nuala Nally (RD)



Parish Office

The Parish Office will reopen on 30 August.