

# Church of the Holy Spirit Ballyroan

17th October 2021

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)



**WORLD  
MISSION  
SUNDAY**  
**24<sup>th</sup> October  
2021**

## MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION

Right now, missionaries desperately need your help. In many poorer parishes in Africa, Asia, and Latin America missionaries are serving on the front line. They already do so much, walking hand-in-hand with marginalised communities, long before and after any emergency. You can show missionaries you care by supporting World Mission Sunday. Your prayers and generosity will change lives.

**ENVELOPES FOR MISSION SUNDAY WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH FROM NEXT FRIDAY 22nd.**  
**MANY THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**

## Finance Corner

1st Collection last week : €1,455  
Shrine : €830

## Church Seating—Covid

To keep people safe, we have closed off every second seat which will ensure that we will still have a safe distance between rows.

We would ask people sitting in the same seat and not from the same household to spread out along the seat thereby ensuring additional safety.

By closing every second seat we are hoping that people who are anxious about returning to the church will feel safer.

## When entering the Church:

Please wear a face masks and use the hand sanitizers.

## Bereavements

We extend our sympathy to the family of John F. Wright whose funeral took place on Friday 15th.

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

## Readers Roster - 16th & 17th October

Saturday: Marcus Zubrzycki : Joan McCarthy

Sunday: Hilary Kenny : Ann Walsh



## Readers Roster - 23rd / 24th October

Saturday: David Meade : Margaret Howett

Sunday: Felicity Coll : Eileen Goodwin

## Saints of the Day 16th—22nd October

Saturday St Hedwig, religious;  
St Margaret Mary Alacoque;  
St Gall, abbot and missionary.  
Sunday Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time.  
Monday St Luke, evangelist.  
Tuesday Ss John Brébeuf and Companions, martyrs;  
St Paul of the Cross, priest.  
Wednesday Of the Day  
Thursday Of the Day  
Friday St John Paul II, pope

Saint Jean de Brebeuf and companions (17th century) -  
- The Jesuit Martyrs of North America.

*"If I could preach only one sermon, it would be on the love and mercy of God"* – St. Paul of the Cross, who founded the Passionists congregation.

## Mass Intentions 16th / 22nd October

Saturday: Phil McKenna (A) Brenda Warren (MM)  
Alice & John Cleary (A)

Sunday: Tom Shine (A) : Tim Grace (A) : David McNulty

Monday: Donal Morrissey (RIP)

Tuesday: Paddy Hannigan

Wednesday: Noel Madden (RIP) : John F. Wright (RIP)

Thursday: James & Catherine (A) : David McNulty (A)

Friday: Edward O'Shaughnessy (A)

“Dear brother, dear sister: if on this night you are experiencing an hour of darkness, a day that has not yet dawned, a light dimmed or a dream shattered, open your heart with amazement to the message of Easter: “Do not be afraid, he has risen!” *Pope Francis*



### Confirmations.

Fr Michael with three families who had members Confirmed in our church on Saturday 8th October. Congratulations to the boys and girls and their families.



### Article ‘Surviving the COVID 19 Lockdown together as a parish community’

Our lives have changed dramatically since the beginning of 2020, when the COVID 19 pandemic arrived in Ireland, but the vaccine has gradually allowed us to mix again, to meet friends and extended families, to socialise, to attend Mass and other religious ceremonies and to be able to travel again. It is useful to reflect on how we managed and to consider what helped us. Resilience is the capacity to recover from a difficult situation and it is something that we can develop from reflecting on our past experiences. In my day job as a mental health social worker, I was able to meet people during the lock down, and many coped well with the support and kindness of neighbours, family and friends. But it was difficult for those who suffered with anxiety or who lived alone. But I witnessed many examples of how members of our community adapted, our senior citizens developed the skills to use an iPad or laptop computer, and they visually linked up with friends and families, attended on-line classes, and social groups. People started making a daily routine, walking to their local shops, visiting the nearest park and sitting out in their garden or in the park with friends and often sharing a cup of tea or coffee. I wonder how many of us got to appreciate our public parks in a way we might never have done before COVID 19, or got to make friends with a neighbour that we might only have said a quick ‘hello’ to beforehand.

If there is one thing that many of us have learned and will hopefully remember, it is surely that our local parish community, neighbours and friends are so important. Being kind and friendly to our neighbours is not just good for them, it is also good for our own mental health and well being.

By Deacon Frank Browne



### 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.**

**Security:** CCTV please be aware cameras are in operation in the Church and throughout the grounds.

### Parish Information

**Parish Priest:** Father Michael Murtagh  
**Deacon:** Frank Browne  
**Parish Secretary:** Mary McDade  
**Email:** ballyroanparish@gmail.com  
**Parish Office:** 01 4947303

### Parish Office Opening hours:

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

### Mass Times

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

**2022 CALENDARS:** An additional supply of church art calendars has been delivered. They are available in the church €2

**Publications.** The Irish Catholic newspaper (€2.50), The Messenger (€2) other Books and booklets are also available in the church.