

Church of the Holy Spirit Ballyroan

14th November 2021

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)



Pilgrimage of the Irish Bishops to Knock and Celebration of Mass for those who died during the pandemic, Sunday 14 November 2021

The Covid-19 pandemic has been a particularly difficult time for those who have lost loved ones and have often had to cope with their grief without many of the usual spiritual and community supports.

To pastorally support everyone who has suffered the pain of bereavement during the pandemic, and in the context of the month of November as the traditional time when we remember our dead, on **Sunday, 14 November at 3.00pm**, the Bishops of Ireland will undertake a pilgrimage to the International Eucharistic and Marian Shrine in Knock. The bishops will concelebrate Mass for all those who have died in our country during the pandemic, and for their families. At the Mass the bishops will also offer prayers of thanksgiving for all those who so selflessly sacrificed so much during the pandemic. This Mass will be live-streamed on www.knockshrine.ie and broadcast on the RTÉ News Now digital television channel and online.

The bishops invite everyone to join with them in prayer on this solemn occasion



Fr. Michael - A Date for your Diary :

"NIGHT FEVER"

Friday December 3rd. 8pm—10pm

Church of the Holy Spirit - Details to follow

Bereavements

We extend our sympathy to the families of James McConnell and David Fair whose funerals took place during the week.
"Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them"



Readers Roster - 13th & 14 November

Saturday 7pm: Margaret Howett : Tessa Dagg
Sunday 10am: Felicity Coll : Ann Walsh
12am: Moira Hanbidge : Rose Sulliv

Readers Roster - 20th & 21st November

Saturday 7pm: Marcus Zubrzycki : Joan McCarthy
Sunday 10am: Ann Walsh : Ger Healy
12am: Diarmuid Kelly : Eimear O'Shea

Mass Cards /Anniversary Masses/ Special Intentions

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

Anniversary Masses and Special Intentions can only be booked through the office.

Individual Mass cards: that is, a Mass to be offered for a deceased on an unspecified day/time can only be booked through the office.

Finance Corner

1st Collection last week : €1,580.00

Shrine : €850.00

Mass Intentions 13th—19th November

Saturday: Mary Murphy (RIP) : Joan Horan (RIP)

Sunday

10am: Paula King Doak (2A) : Betty Keegan (1A)

12pm Richard Reddy (40A)

Monday:

Tuesday: Felix McTiernan (A)

Wednesday: Kathleen Morrissey (RIP)

Thursday: Babs Kelly (26)

Friday:

Church Seating

In keeping with the current Diocesan guidelines that congregations in churches should spread out as much as possible, and, mindful that some people are very anxious to be socially distanced while attending Mass, we have kept the front part of the church spaced out to allow for social distancing.

This means that the two main blocks of seats nearest the altar and the two side chapels have every second row closed off.

The two large blocks of seats nearest the main entrance are open seating.

We thank you for your cooperation.

Basket Collections

The basket collections will be re-introduced from Saturday 20th November. The 1st Collection (COMMON FUND) will take place after the Homily and the 2nd Collection (SHARE) will be after the Prayers of the Faithful.

We would ask people to pass the basket along the seat to the other end and leave it there, where members of the usher team will collect the baskets.

We would please also ask you to leave the collection of the baskets to the ushers in the interest of health and safety.



Church Heating

Fr. Michael is happy to announce that we do have heating in the church again. The system was repaired and serviced earlier in the year but we knew the test would come in the winter months. Upon a re-check in September a leak was discovered which led to further problems which are being dealt with. The main thing for now is, we have heat, but a good overcoat might help as well !!!

Saints of the Day 13th—19th Nov

Saturday:	Of the day
Sunday	Of the day
Monday	St. Albert the Great (Bishop)
Tuesday	St Margaret of Scotland, St Gertrude.
Wednesday	St Elizabeth of Hungary
Thursday	The Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter & Paul.
Friday	Of the day

Our Communion Ceremonies - By Gillian Massey

Finally it is time to celebrate the First Holy Communions and we have had a wonderful start. This day has been looked forward to by so many boys and girls over the past 18 months. The Communions will take place every Saturday in the month of November at 11am starting with 4th class girls in SNP on the 6th November, 3rd class girls on the 13th November, 4th class boys from Ballyroan Boys school on the 20th and 3rd class on the 27th November. The Monday prior to each Communion is a parents meeting along with their child and to date we have had two meetings for the girls. The turnout has been very good, and you can feel the impending excitement from the girls, I am sure the boys will be no different.

Fr Michael, Gill Massey and Ger Healy have worked hard alongside the teachers / principals in both schools in preparing the children and the parents for the day. The families have missed out on the usual Do This in Memory of Me programme which would have run over a number of months leading up to your First Holy Communion so it is important to ensure the preparation and ceremony is a prayerful and enjoyable experience for all.

At the meetings Fr Michael has welcomed all to the Church and spoken about their faith and the many ways we can show our faith to God. Ger Healy has talked about her experience of her First Holy Communion which was pre Vatican 2 so has been very interesting to listen to and learn about the sacrifices made at that time. The parents are then invited to speak to their own child about what they can remember of their day. An account of the Last Supper is read followed by a few minutes silence to reflect. Fr Michael has given each child a prayer card and a miraculous medal to keep in memory of their First Holy Communion.

The Parish have bought a very informative guide for families in preparing for their First Holy Communion. Due to COVID and the fact that the Do This in Memory of me Programme was unable to take place this guide is very useful to help give an understanding of the celebration of the Mass. The book is divided into eight parts, each of which focuses on a different aspect of the Mass. There is also a full list of prayers for the Mass in the booklet. We have found these to be very beneficial to the families in educating their child on the celebration of Mass.

Parish Information

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Parish Office Opening hours:

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Closed on Tuesdays

Mass Times

Monday - Friday:	10am
Saturday:	7pm
Sunday:	10am & 12am