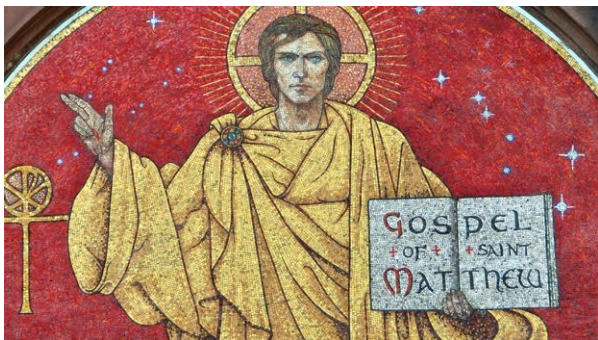


# Church of the Holy Spirit Ballyroan

21st November 2021

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Year B)



## A guide to understanding the three-year cycle of Sunday readings at Mass—By Deacon Frank.

Prior to the Second Vatican Council, the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church had a yearly cycle of readings that didn't change from year to year. While there were certain advantages to the yearly repetition of readings, the Church thought it prudent to provide a much more varied selection of readings from the Bible, creating a three-year cycle.

This was established to put more emphasis on the Word of God and open the riches of the Bible to the lay faithful.

According to the General Introduction to the Lectionary, "The present Order of Readings for Mass, then, is an arrangement of biblical readings that provides the faithful with a knowledge of the **whole of God's word**, in a pattern suited to the purpose. Throughout the liturgical year, but above all during the seasons of Easter, Lent, and Advent, the choice and sequence of readings are aimed at giving Christ's faithful an **ever-deepening** perception of the faith they profess and of the **history of salvation**."

However, it can be confusing to the average person which year in the cycle it is, especially if that person wants to read the readings prior to arriving at Mass on Sunday.

First, each of the three years is dedicated to a different Gospel.

- **Year A** – Gospel of **St. Matthew**
- **Year B** – Gospel of **St. Mark**
- **Year C** – Gospel of **St. Luke**

The Gospel of St. John is typically used for solemnities and during Holy Week, and the shorter Gospel of Mark is usually supplemented with readings from Matthew and Luke in Year B.

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## Bereavements

We extend our sympathy to the family of Peter Dunne whose funeral took place during the week.  
*"Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord  
and let perpetual light shine upon him"*



## Readers Roster - 20th & 21st November

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

## Readers Roster - 27th & 28th November

Saturday 7pm: David Meade : Margaret Howett  
Sunday 10am: Felicity Coll : Eileen Goodwin  
12am: Sophie Banks : Killian Banks

## Finance Corner

1st Collection last week : €1,530.00  
Shrine : €845.00

## Mass Intentions 20th—26th November

**Saturday:** Tom Potter (A) : Margaret Halpin (MM)  
Frank, Rita and Betty Wall (A)  
**Sun 10am:** Michael Maguire (SI Living)\*  
**Sun 12pm:** Adrian Fitzgibbon (MM)  
Deceased members of the Lisse family  
Tadhg Brosnan (SW)\* : Eamonn Brosnan (A)  
**Monday:** Anna Roche (RIP) : John Horan (MM)  
Jim Cullinan and Sean Mullen (SI Living)\*  
**Tuesday:** Ann Mullen (SI Living)\*  
**Wednesday:** Edward Finegan (A)  
**Thursday:** Billy O'Dwyer (A) : Mona Deans (RIP)  
**Friday:** Nora Hegarty (RIP)

Cont/... One of the simplest ways to determine the cycle year is to **add the digits** of the calendar year and see if they are **divisible by three**. If it is divisible by three, then it is "**Year C**." Once you figure that out, the rest of the years are easy to determine. Here is 2019 to use as an example.  
 $2 + 0 + 1 + 9 = 12$ . Since 12 is divisible by 3, **2019 is "Year C."**

This means that **2020** is "**Year A**," since it is a three-year cycle, and 2022 Year C again. However, it is important to note that the **liturgical year** begins in **Advent**. As a result, the **2022** liturgical year will **start on 28th November 2021**

**Parish Office:**

Due to the current rise in covid numbers, we wish to advise that all visitors to the parish office and Ruah centre must wear a face mask. Thank you for your continued co-operation as we all keep each other safe.

**Mobile Phones:**

A gentle reminder to please turn off or silence your mobile phone when entering the church.

**Basket Collection:**

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. In the interest of health and safety members of the usher team will carry out the collection.

**Notice:** Church calendars have been re-ordered, and will be available at the back of the church.

**Ruah Pastoral Centre:**

A meeting of the Ruah management committee took place recently and they are busy preparing the centre for use by the community again. There is a lot of interest from groups and some had returned, but unfortunately they had to postpone due to the rising covid numbers. Hopefully after Christmas the Ruah centre will become a warm and welcoming place for our parish community.

**Poinsettia on the altar at Christmas**

Poinsettia in remembrance of our loved ones, will be placed on the Altar and prayed for at Christmas Masses. Details to follow.

**A prayer to protect us during these times:**

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided.

Inspired with this confidence,  
I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother.  
To you I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful.  
O Mother of the Word Incarnate,  
despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer. Amen.

Fr. Michael - A Date for your Diary :

**“NIGHT FEVER”**

Friday December 3rd. 8pm—10pm

Church of the Holy Spirit - Details to follow

**Saints of the Day 20th—26th November:**

Saturday:	Of the day
Sunday	Christ, King of the Universe
Monday	St. Cecilia
Tuesday	St. Columban
Wednesday	St. Andrew Dong-Lac
Thursday	St. Clement 1
Friday	Of the day

St. Cecilia, 3rd century martyr and patron of music.

**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.

**Publications.**

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

**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: 7pm  
Sunday: 10am & 12am

**CCTV:** Please be aware that we have CCTV in operation in the church and grounds