

Church of the Holy Spirit Ballyroan

2nd January 2022

2nd Sunday of Christmas (Year C)



POINSETTIA ON THE ALTAR AT CHRISTMAS

Dear Parishioner,

A most sincere thanks to the 200 Parishioners who had a Poinsettia in remembrance of a loved one placed on the altar this Christmas.



The surplus money raised plus so many generous donations came to a remarkable **€2,015** euro. "Marys Meals" are now feeding over 2,000 children every school day in the 19 most disadvantaged countries in the World. This generous gift of €2,015 euro will be used to bring life changing daily school meals to 110 children for 2022, in Gold Camp Public School in Liberia.

Thank you again for your continuous generosity and support to Mary's Meals.

John Shortt.



Funeral Parking.

The Pay & Display section of South Dublin County Council have informed us that:
"service users attending a funeral must park legally and please advise them they should ensure they display a valid ticket"

Christmas Dues.

A sincere thank you to all the parishioners who have returned the Christmas Dues envelopes. Further envelopes are available at the back of the church.

The parish can also benefit from your Christmas Dues offering as this is included in your total contributions the parish can reclaim under the tax refund scheme.

Your support is much appreciated.

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".

Readers Roster - 1st & 2nd January

Saturday 7pm: David Meade : Rebecca Rebello
Sunday 10am: Eileen Goodwin : Felicity Coll
12pm: John Daly : Rose Sullivan

Readers Roster - 8th & 9th January

Saturday 7pm: Margaret Howett : Tessa Dagg
Sunday 10am: Felicity Coll : Ann Walsh
12pm: Sophie Banks : Rose Sullivan

Finance Corner

1st Collection 24/25 Dec : €2,375.00
2nd Collection (Share) €2,135.00
1st Collection 26th Dec : €595.00
2nd Collection (Share) €300.00
Shrine : €1,392.00

Mass Intentions 1st—7th January

Sun 10am: Michael Fleming (2A) : Special Intention
Sun 12pm: Stan Keely (MM), Clare Whelan (RIP)
Ann Kelly (A), William Kelly (A), Margaret Finnigan (A)
Mon: Funeral Mass (Theresa Kelly)
Tue: Mass for the Deceased
Wed: Funeral Mass (Philomena Groarke)
Thu: Special Intention (Living)
Fri: First Friday (Altar list of the Dead)

Very Important: Please note that face masks must be worn when entering the church.

Please also ensure you use the hand sanitizer



Thank you for your co-operation.



Church Car Parking

The parking spaces at the front of the church have been re-configured and re-painted, as safety had become a major issue with the front area of the church at times becoming overcrowded with cars, causing a hazard to people visiting the church.

Please only park in the designated spaces and limit your time to one hour during weekdays, this will allow entry to the parking spaces for others who may require transport to visit the church.

Despite requests, people still continue to use the blue parking areas for shopping and all day parking, as a result, parking signs will be erected in the church grounds in early January.

Regrettably, if this problem with parking persists then we will have to consider further options.

Lost and Found

Items Found in our Church:

We have a box in the sacristy that contains many items that were found in the church over the last few months. If you have lost something please check with one of the sacristans as the box will soon be emptied.

Ring Found:

A ring was found among the coins in one of the Christmas Mass collection baskets. Please contact one of the sacristans for further information.

Notice from Butterfield District Residents Association:

BDRA posted a notice recently about a significant sum of money that was found in the vicinity of the church. If you lost the money or know of someone who did, please contact BDRA (0892170075).

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

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 person on an unspecified day/time can only be booked through the office. This mass may be sent to a priest abroad due to the number of requested Masses.

Publications.

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

Our Parish Volunteers

Thank you to our parishioners who volunteered to become church ushers during the past year and a half. At the start of the pandemic, this was an unknown task, yet the ushers provided a vital service, sometimes under difficult circumstances as they continued to keep us safe in the church. We thank them for their dedication.

We also thank all the other volunteers in our church who continued to support the parish during the past year. We thank them for their patience and understanding as they continued to find new ways of doing the tasks we previously took for granted.

The dedication of all these people is a tribute to the wonderful community spirit of our parish.

Thank you to everyone who helped at our recent coffee morning before Christmas.

Pictured right are three of the helpers— Bernie, Maureen and Felicity.



Saints of the Day 1st—7th January

Saturday:	BVM, The Mother of God
Sunday	2nd Sunday of Christmas
Monday	The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Tuesday	Tuesday of Christmas Time
Wednesday	Wednesday of Christmas Time
Thursday	The Epiphany of the Lord (Holy Day)
Friday	St. Raymond of Penyaford

Parish Information

Parish Priest: Father Michael Murtagh
Deacon: Frank Browne
Parish Secretary: Mary McDade
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Parish Office Opening hours:

Monday - Friday: 10.00am – 12.00 noon

Mass Times

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