

Church of the Holy Spirit Ballyroan

9th January 2022

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



Fr Michael wished everyone a happy Epiphany on the twelfth day of Christmas, the 6th of January. The 'epiphany' (or manifestation) is the culmination of the great joy of the Christmas season – the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles (non-Jews), symbolized in the three Magi (wise men), Caspar, Melchior and Balthassar. The gifts they offered symbolize the mission of Christ, as the One sent by the Father for the redemption of the world: Gold, for a king; incense, for a priest; and myrrh for the body of the One who would give His life as a redemption for us all.

The actual story of the 'Wise Men' appears only in the Gospel of St. Matthew (Mt 2:1-12) and it tells of their arrival in Jerusalem shortly after the birth of Jesus. They have come seeking the new-born King of the Jews because they had seen his star rise in the East. Herod, the current ruler, knows nothing of an upstart princeling but learns that prophecies place him in Bethlehem. Herod directs the Wise Men to search there for the Child and keep him informed. Following their star, the Wise Men find Jesus with his mother. They worship him and bestow gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Warned by an angel, they do not reveal the Child's location to jealous Herod but return secretly to their own land.

We pray that we will journey in our faith relationship with God and be open to the manifestation of our Saviour Jesus, in our lives.

Time to take down our decorations until next year.



Congratulations to Eileen Goodwin

Eileen has been a parish reader at Mass in Ballyroan for 55 years.

Eileen has told us that she decided that it is time to "hang up my boots." The parish team thank Eileen so much and wish her well in her retirement as a reader but not as our wonderful parishioner.



Mass Intentions 8th—14th January

Sat 7pm: Breda & Pat Redmond (S.I) James & Mary Dempsey (A) Peter & Evelyn Massey (A) Gerry Murry (A) Paul Gillen (A) Dermot Whelan (A)

Sun 10am: Special Intention (Living)

Sun 12pm: Larry, Sally and Alan Massey (A)

Jacinta Bacon (A)

Mon: Joe Ganly (A) Ann Toner R.I.P.

Tue: Tom Callaghan (A)

Wed: Niall O'Brien R.I.P

Thu: The Parents Of Tom & Mary McMahan (A) Tim & Linda McMahan R.I.P

Fri: Alf O' Connor R.I.P. Victor Barry R.I.P.

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.

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”*

Finance Corner

1st Collection :	€1075
2nd Collection (Share)	€580
Shrine:	€1139

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.

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.



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

The U3A meeting scheduled for Monday next 10th of January in the Ruah Centre @ [10.30.am](#) is **cancelled** due to present Covid regulations.

Volunteers Needed :

As we head into the new year we are eagerly seeking volunteers to help with all aspects of the running of our church. If you would like to help out please contact Mary McDade in the office.

Bereavements

We remember Teresa Kelly and Anita Murphy who recently passed away 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”.

Saints of the Day 8st—14th January

Saturday: Of the day
Sunday: Baptism of the Lord
Monday: Of the day
Tuesday Of the day
Wednesday: Of the day
Thursday: St. Hilary (Bishop & Doctor of the church)
Friday: Of the day

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