

# Church of the Holy Spirit Ballyroan

20th March 2022

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



**URGENT APPEAL!!!!**

**Ballyroan stands with Ukraine**

**Collection 26th and 27th March 2022**

**As we are all very aware of the horrors that are happening in Ukraine at this moment in time ... we the parish of Ballyroan feel its our duty to lend a hand to our brothers and sisters in need. Fight War with Love!**

**Fr Michael and team are holding a Tea & Coffee Reception in the Ruah Pastoral Centre after each of the 3 Masses in the Church of the Holy Spirit Ballyroan, on the weekend of Saturday 26th March and Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March. A collection for Ukraine will be made at each. All money raised will go directly to the people of Ukraine. It is in times of Darkness that our light of love can shine the brightest. Please show your support in what ever way you can.**

**A Reflection on the Life of St Patrick- An ordinary man who lived an extraordinary life.** Born approx. 389 died 461 AD.-While the main source of our knowledge of Patrick is from his own words written at the end of his life in his 'Confessio.' There are other sources for us to appreciate the work of Patrick. While there are legends about Patrick, scholars agree on these basic facts, that Patrick's mother was called Concessa, and his father Calpurnious, he was a deacon of the Roman Church, his grandfather Potitus, was a priest in his village in Britain (when the rule of celibacy was not widely enforced yet).

As Patrick was growing up, the Roman empire was beginning to collapse, and soldiers had to leave Britain to return to Rome, and it is most likely that during this time Patrick, aged 16 was taken captive by pirates, and to the Kingdom of Connaught, to serve a master in Mayo for six years on Eagle Mountain and we refer to it today as Croagh Patrick. He worked as a shepherd, and it was during this time that he later wrote about how often he prayed each day, and he described how he experienced the 'voice of God'. He wrote that he heard a voice while he slept, telling him to fast and that he will return home as there was a ship waiting for him. Patrick made his way to the port in Wicklow and eventually persuaded the crew of a ship to take him on board as hired help. They sailed for three days to Gaul or France as we know it today. Patrick travelled with his companions to Italy and to the Island of Lernius near the Cape of Cannes where Patrick found refuge in the island cloister of Honoratus, a monastic settlement.

Gradually, Patrick was considering working among the 'heathen' in Ireland, In a dream he heard the voices of the Irish asking him to return. Patrick came to Ireland not just to make converts but to build up a church and a priesthood, so he needed the means of support if it was to become a stable institution, such as lands for their use, that could only be given to them by the goodwill of those who possessed it.

Patrick made wonderful progress building up the Christian Church in Ireland as he was a passionate man with a deep faith conviction but also he had great organisational skills. After eight years of his missionary work in Ireland in about 441, Patrick went to Rome to see the new Pope, Leo the Great (440-461 AD) one of the most important popes in the Church who had a fervent missionary spirit. Patrick may have wanted to share his successes with the Pope but also to gain his support regarding establishing a central seat for the Church in Ireland, and it was not long after his return that he founded the Church of Armagh, fixing it as the primatial church in Ireland, as it remains today.

*Let us pray that we can follow our vocational call as Patrick did, so that we can support the building up of faith in our family and parish in the years ahead, knowing that in the prayer of St Patrick 'God's strength will pilot' us, guide us and protect us:*





The Parish of Ballyroan looks forward to Welcoming the students from Scoil Naomh Pádraig this coming Sunday for their Ceremony Of Commitment. Again this Friday the 25th of March for their Confirmation ceremony . May the Holy Spirit be with you all on your special day.

### Yoga classes - Ruah Centre Ballyroan

Eileen Murphy (Y.T.T.C. trained 2007)  
Gentle hatha yoga classes with yoga nidra. Students experience a rejuvenating and restorative yoga practice. Yoga Nidra is a relaxation practice. As the student is guided through the practice, the body releases layers of tension, physical, emotional and mental.

Monday 6.45 pm to 8 pm

Saturday 9.45 am to 11 am

Contact Eileen at 087 992 7548

### **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.**

### Mass Intentions 19th March —25th March

**Sat 7pm:** Brid Quinn (R.I.P.Birthday remembrance)

**Sun 10am:** Special Intention (Living)

**Sun 12pm:** Special intention (deceased)

**Mon:** Teresa Mullen (M.M.)

**Tue:** Ronan O'Connor 2nd (A)Teresa Coghlan(R.I.P.)

**Wed:** Casey Family (S.I.) Cambell Family (S.I.)

Patricia and John Jennings (A)

**Thu:** Dick O'Kelly (A)

**Fri:** Special Intention (R.I.P)

### **Bereavements**

We remember Peter Weafer and Mary Rafter 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 19th FEB — 25th FEB**

Saturday: St. Joseph

Sunday: Third Sunday Day Of Lent

Monday: St Enda

Tuesday : Of the Day

Wednesday: St Tubribius

Thursday: St. Macartan

Friday: THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

### **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