

Church of the Holy Spirit Ballyroan

11th September 2022

24th Week In Ordinary Time



CHURCH MAINTENANCE UPDATE

We recently finished painting the doors and woodwork at the entrance to the church. We also got the brasses and the doors repolished. We recently had an underground survey carried out to get a detailed plan of all our underground pipes which was necessary for upcoming work. During the month of September, we will be upgrading the interior church lights with new led lights. We may have to block off some areas for a few days while the hoist is in the church. The leak in the roof will also be investigated with this hoist as will the base of the spire. In late Sep scaffolding will go up on the south side of the church to investigate the water ingress problem. In due course the main altar and side altars will also be repainted and the new flooring in the rest of the church will be completed. Please bear with us in the coming week and for your safety observe areas that may be blocked off.

CROSSCARE ANNUAL COLLECTION

17/18 SEPTEMBER 2022

The annual collection for CROSSCARE will take place next weekend at all Masses. This collection will replace the Share collection. Your support for Crosscare at this time is much appreciated.

Child Safeguarding - Parish Volunteers

The parish has organised two information sessions on Child Safeguarding which will be held in the RUAH Centre on Tue 20th Sept from 7pm to 9pm and Thurs 20th Oct from 7pm to 9pm for all parish volunteers. The information sessions will be given by Garry Kehoe who is the Safeguarding Rep from the Archdiocese.

We must ensure that best practice is employed when it comes to creating a safe environment for all children, young people and vulnerable adults.

While many of us are aware of safeguarding procedures, we, as a parish volunteer team must be seen to be compliant and willing to engage with every means to ensure our church and parish is a safe and welcoming place for everyone.

Volunteers who are engaged in parish work in any capacity are kindly requested to attend one of the sessions in either Sept or Oct. Please enter your name and details in the parish office. Your personal details will be kept in a secure location and will only be used within the parish for volunteer activities

Our Gospel reading this week is from St Luke.
Chapter 15:1-32

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The focus is on forgiveness.

As we know Jesus was often criticised by the religious leaders of his day for welcoming and eating with 'sinners'

There are three parables found only in Luke's Gospel, to highlight how Jesus wanted us all to forgive others. The model for us is the father of the prodigal son, who 'when he saw him returning from a distance was filled with compassion and so he ran and put his arms around him and kissed.' The father represents our loving God. In Henri Nouwen's book, he writes that **we are all called to be like the father too.**

What do the following words mean for you?

'there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.'

By Deacon Frank.

THE RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL SON



A Story of Homecoming

HENRI J.M. NOUWEN
AUTHOR OF WOUNDED HEALER

Saints of the Day 10th Sept – 16th Sept

Saturday: St. Peter Claver
Sunday: St. Of The Day
Monday: St. Ailbe
Tuesday: St. Of The Day
Wednesday: St. Of The Day
Thursday: St. Our Lady of Sorrows
Friday: Ss. Cornelius, Cyprian

TAP & DONATE

Two Tap and Donate machines were installed by the Diocese to facilitate people to contribute to the two Sunday collections where they may not carry cash for the basket collections. If you wish to use the machines, you can make your donation either before or after Mass or at any time during the week. Please note, that if you use the Tap and Donate to make your contribution, you should not feel under any pressure to also contribute to the baskets when they come around.

Figures from March to July are as follows;

Mar - **€143.00 from 15 transactions**
Apr - **€204.00 from 30 transactions**
May - **€420.00 from 41 transactions**
Jun - **€216.00 from 24 transactions**
Jul - **€588.00 from 46 transactions**
(Divided 60% to the Common Fund and 40% to Share)

Afternoon Prayer

The Apostolate of Our Lady of Fatima is having an afternoon of Prayer on Tue 13th Sept from 1.30pm to 4:30pm approx. in The Church of The Holy Spirit Ballyroan. Mass is at 3:30pm. All are welcome.

Emergency First Aid Course

Are you interested in First Aid? We are running a one-day Emergency First Aid Course in the RUAH Centre on Mon 10th Oct from 9.20-15.20. Cost of course €80. Please call Mairghhead @ 086-8555659 as places are limited.



Registration meeting of U3A will take place on Mon 12th Sept @ 10.30am. Details of our forthcoming break-away trip will be available on the day.



Koins for Kids

Thank you. 12kg of foreign coin plus €72 has been collected so far in the Parish Office



Mass Intentions 10th Sept - 16th Sept

Sat 7pm: Thomas Stratton (A) Brenda Warren (A) David Naessens (A)
Sun 10am: Michael Murphy (A) Gerry McGlinchey (RD)
Sun 12pm: Eugene Donohoe (A) John Dillon (RD) Thomas Gallagher (A)
Mon: Denis Palmer (RD) Tony Downey (RD)
Tue: Kathleen Byrne (RD) Pauline Farrell (RD)
Wed: Ciara Barry (RD) Mary Slowey (RD)
Thu: Kathleen Byrne (RD) John Dillon (RD)
Fri: Ciara Barry (RD) Betty Molloy (RD)

Bereavements

We remember John Dillon, Louis Farrell, Angela Carroll and All those 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".

Finance Report for 3rd/4th September 2022

1st Collection €1150 2nd Collection €1035

Program for Bereaved

Fr Michael and the Parish team propose to run a five week (1 night/week) program for the bereaved. Living with Loss or Life after Loss for those whose loved ones have died either recently or long ago. The program will start on Monday 19th September @ 7.30pm in the RUAH Centre. If you would like to attend and can commit to this 5 week program please fill out the form at the back of the Church and drop it in the box provided or into the office any morning up to 12noon.

Latest application date 16th September

Details/information 087-9341781

Parish Information

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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