

# Church of the Holy Spirit Ballyroan

27th November 2022

First Sunday Of Advent



## Our Gospel reading is from St Matthew 24:34-44.

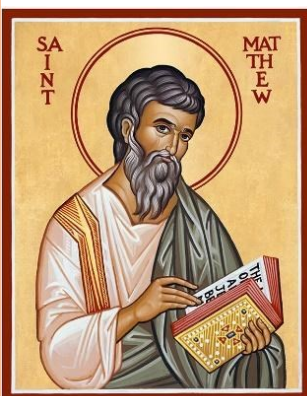
This Sunday we are moving to the season of Advent. It is the beginning of the Church's new year. Our Gospel readings will be mostly from Matthew's Gospel. While initially attributed to Matthew the tax collector who would most likely have contributed to it with sayings, scholars are not sure of exactly who the main author was, but he was devout and educated Jewish/Christian. The author would have had a copy of Mark's Gospel, as 90% of Mark's Gospel is found in Matthew's. It is thought that it was completed in the mid-80s.

*'Keep awake..., for you do not know on what day your Lord (God) is coming.'*

It's Advent a Time of Expectation and Preparation for the Birth of the Lord. The word Advent comes from the Latin word *adventus* or coming. Advent emphasizes both the celebration of Christ coming into the world as a man and the second coming when the Lord will return.

Our Gospel reading is about the fact that Jesus, the Son of Man, the Messiah who came into the world as an infant, will also come again on the last day. God shared his divinity within the humanity of the infant Jesus. At some point, at our death we will have the opportunity to finally share in that divinity for ever, but we must be ready, strong in faith and love of other.

What preparations can we make for our families to appreciate the wonder of the incarnation this Christ-



Congratulations to scoil naomh Padraig girls national school on the opening and blessing of their new school playground. Well done to all the fundraisers who raised over €20,000 to get this project complete . What a wonderful achievement.



The active retirement singing group are meeting this **Sunday from 7.30 pm**. Music is such a wonderful way to bring people together. All are welcome! You don't have to be the next Pavarotti, just come sing or listen but most importantly enjoy.



Night Fever Vigil

In

The Church of the Holy Spirit

On

Friday night 9th of December  
2022

From 7pm — 9pm



**Simon Morgan** (Baritone)  
**& Maria Geheran** (Piano)

*'A journey of songs'*

*A journey of songs, through the Classical and Romantic era, and right up to the Golden Age of Hollywood. This promises to be a colourful and wide ranging musical recital.*

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022 @ 12.05pm  
 at the Ruah Centre



**Tickets €10 at the Ruah Centre**  
 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday  
 ~ 10.30-11.15am ~

*Concert in aid of our Pastoral Centre and bringing great music to our parish.*

**Mass Intentions 26th—2nd December**

- Sat 7pm:** Stan Keely(A) Peter MacMahon (R.I.P.)
- Sun 10am:** Patrick & Kathleen King (Special Intention )
- Sun 12pm:** Tony O'Toole ( Birthday Remembrance )  
 Mary Evers (M.M.) Darragh O' Reilly (A) Peter & Mary Mc Intyre (A)
- Mon:** No Mass ( Prayers in the Ruah Centre)
- Tue:** Noel Long (R.I.P.)
- Wed:** Mary Duffy ( R.I.P.)
- Thu:** Michael Hanlon (R.I.P.)
- Fri:** Alter List For The Dead



Saplings is holding its annual Christmas Bakesale, coffee morning and raffle in the Ruah Centre after all masses the weekend of 3/4 December. All the monies raised go towards funding therapeutic services and supports for the children. Ballyroan Parish's ongoing support has made a big difference to all the children and their families.

**Bereavements**

We remember all 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".*

**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.

**Saints of the Day 26th —2nd December**

- Saturday: Of the day  
 Sunday: St Fergal  
 Monday: Of the day  
 Tuesday: Of the day  
 Wednesday: St Andrew  
 Thursday: Of the day  
 Friday: Of the day

**Parish Information**

- Parish Priest:** Father Michael Murtagh  
**Deacon:** Frank Browne  
**Parish Secretary:** Mary McDade  
**Email:** ballyroanparish@gmail.com  
**Parish Office:** 01 4947303

**Parish Office Opening hours:**

Monday - Friday: 10.00am – 12.00 noon

**Mass Times**

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

**Finance Corner**

1st Collection :	€1085
2nd Collection (Share)	€915
Shrine:	€725

**Tap & Donate :**

**October 2022 :** €953.00 from 107 transactions. This is split 60% to the Common Fund and 40% to Share.  
 The Share collection over the weekend of 22 and 23 October was for the Mission Sunday and €96.13 from the above went there .