

# Church of the Holy Spirit Ballyroan

15th January 2023

The Second Sunday In Ordinary Time



Our Gospel reading is from St John 1: 29-34

As we know there are four versions of the baptism of Jesus in each of our Gospels, so we are certain

that the event is historically true. In John's Gospel we are being offered a theology of the baptism

with deep spiritual teachings. Jesus is the Lamb of God, the symbolism referring to the Old Testament

of the Passover Lamb from the time of Moses and the escape from Egypt, and in the New Testament

the Passover Lamb is symbolising a new liberation for all people. Jesus after his baptism begins his

ministry that will change all our lives because Jesus will baptise us with the Spirit.

While most of us will not remember our baptism, we can still open our minds and hearts to experiencing that same Spirit in our lives. We might reflect on the words again...

'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world'...'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove and it remained on him.'

By Deacon Frank

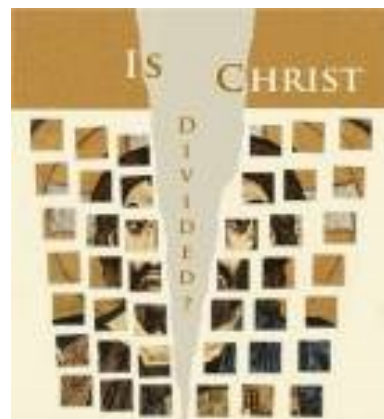


## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place from January 18 to 25. This year's theme is **Be-Longing**

This year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be formally inaugurated by an interdenominational service at St Fintan's Church in Sutton on 19 January at 8pm.

There is an '**Ecumenical Walk of Light**' on Sunday 19 January, it will include four short prayer services, starting at Christ Church (CofI) in Dun Laoghaire and continuing to the Methodist church, St Michael's RC church and ending at the Presbyterian church in Dun Laoghaire at 5pm and there is a **Taizé prayer around the cross** at St Paul's Arran Quay, Dublin on Friday 24 January at 7.30pm



## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

The Irish Hospice Foundation provides a free Bereavement Support Line. This National Freephone Service is available from 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday, by calling 1800 807077. Visit [www.hospicefoundation.ie](http://www.hospicefoundation.ie) for more information.

## AWARE – SUPPORT & SELF CARE GROUPS

If you or those with whom you work wish to connect with people in relation to your mental wellbeing, consider using Aware's phone-in and Zoom support and self-care groups, support line or support mail. For more information, visit [www.aware.ie](http://www.aware.ie).

## **Thank you so much!**

Over €2,000 was raised from the 200 Christmas Cyclamen sold = 110 children will be fed for 1 school year with Marys Meals.

Thanks you John Shortt



**BCYC**  
BALLYROAN COMMUNITY  
& YOUTH CENTRE

BALLYROAN COMMUNITY & YOUTH CENTRE  
are delighted to announce the RETURN of  
ACTIVE AGE (THE FRIDAY CLUB)  
It will recommence on FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> January

at 10.30 – 1.00pm.

The weekly Fee will be €5.00 with an Annual  
Membership Fee of €20.

Come for a Cup of Tea / Coffee and a Chat or  
participate in the Dancing

BCYC are looking forward to having ACTIVE AGE  
back

## **Finance Corner**

1st Collection :	€1175
2nd Collection (Share)	€905
1st Collection :	€610

## **WEEKLY EZINE**

*Sharing the Good News* is the newsletter of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference. If you would like receive this weekly ezine, you can do so at <https://catholicnews.ie/newsletter/>. You are encouraged to invite others to do so too. Send articles and photographs for use in *Sharing the Good News* to [info@catholicbishops.ie](mailto:info@catholicbishops.ie).

## **Mass Intentions 14th—20th January**

**Sat 7pm:** Dermot Whelan (A) Frank O' Callaghan (A)

**Sun 10am:** Cormac & Sean Garvey (A) Bill & Margaret Himphrey (A)

**Sun 12pm:** Fr. Jim Byrnes (M.M.) Seamus Mc Hugh (A) Phyllis Meehan (M.M.)

**Mon:** James Lowe (R.I.P.) Margaret Mullins (R.I.P.)

**Tue:** Eileen Ritchie (R.I.P.) Netta Bottglione (A) Special Intention For Sir Monica (L) Michael Brown (A)

**Wed:** Margaret Mullins (R.I.P.) Sheila O' Rourke (R.I.P.) Ken Parkes (R.I.P.)

**Thu:** Ann Coggins (R.I.P.) Paddy Lyons (R.I.P.) Helen O' Keeffe (R.I.P.) Liam Buckley (R.I.P.)

**Fri:** Paddy Browne (Special Intention Living ) John Doyle (A) Emer Cummins (R.I.P.)

## **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".*

The family of Eilish Dunphy of Ballyroan Road, would like to thank family, friends, carers, nurses, members of Glenville Pitch and Putt Club and neighbours for their support during their sad loss. Thanks also to those who sent cards of sympathy and to all who attended her funeral Mass. As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgment as an expression of our deepest gratitude. Mass will be offered for your intentions.

## **Parish Information**

**Parish Priest:** Father Michael Murtagh

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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