

# Church of the Holy Spirit Ballyroan

12th Feb 2023

The Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time



**Our Gospel reading is from St Matthew 5:17-37.**

In Matthew's Gospel, we hear the message that Jesus shared with his followers. As we know the Gospel of Matthew was aimed at the new Jewish-Christian community, who were aware of the Torah (the Jewish religious laws). The point that Matthew is stressing from the teaching of Jesus, is that living out our faith cannot not only be an external thing, such as following rituals. We must live out our faith in what we do, feel, and think. It is the attitude of our heart that matters most.

The Gospels are ancient writings from the first century and were often read aloud, so the use of hyperbole (to exaggerate) to make the point is often used. We are not expected to cut off our hand or remove our eye, indeed it is at the emotional level of our heart that can lead us astray at times, and we cannot remove our heart. We need to balance our emotions, such as our anger and desires, and work to find a balance between our thoughts and feelings so we can live in a healthy, loving, and forgiving relationship with others.

***Are you angry with another person at this time, can you follow Jesus' message and 'be reconciled with your brother or sister.'***

**By Deacon Frank Browne**

**(Ref: [www.tarsus.ie](http://www.tarsus.ie))**



**Bethany**  
Bereavement Support

*National Bereavement Support for Adults*

**Two meetings for those bereaved either recently or long ago :**

1. Monday 13th February In the Ruah centre at 7.30pm
2. Friday 24th February in the Parish centre Rathfarnham at 10.45 am

If you're grieving the loss of a loved one, feeling lonely, sad or isolated you would be very welcome to come along to either of these meetings. Confidentially assured.



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A bit of kneeling  
will keep you in good standing

RUAH CENTRE  
PARISH OFFICE



**A SAYING FOR THE COMING WEEK:**

**A bit of kneeling.**

**Will keeping you in good standing**

**Kelli-Ann Masterson** (Soprano)  
**Mairead Hurley** (Pianist)  
**RUAH CENTRE**  
 Monday 27<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2023 @ 12.05pm



*Kelli-Ann Masterson and Mairead Hurley, two of Ireland's most outstanding artists join forces to bring a lunchtime concert of music and song.*

**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.*

Carmelites - Whitefriar Street

**St Valentine**

**Tuesday, February 14th**

**Mass: 11.30 a.m & 3.00 p.m.**

**Celebrant & Preacher**  
 Fr Simon Nolan, O.Carm.,  
 Prior of Whitefriar Street



The memorial of St Valentine is a special day here in Whitefriar Street Church. There will be special celebrations and we are delighted that so many people will be joining us in our celebrations.

*Church will remain open until the beginning of our Tuesday Night Perpetual Novena at 8.00 p.m.*

**Mass Intentions 11TH—17th Feb**

**Sat 7pm:** Elizabeth White (A) Michael Dooley (A) Pádraig Walsh (A) Noreen O' Grady (R.I.P.) Colm O' Donnell (A)

**Sun 10am:** Nancy Donohoe (A) Michael & Betty Keegan (A) Kevin Mullin (a)

**Sun 12pm:** Brendan O Keeffe (A) John O Keeffe Des and Gay Traylor (A) Brona Griffin (A) Eddie Homan (M.M.) Jack Fenlom (A)

**Mon:** Fr. Padraig McGowan (A) Paddy McGowan (A) Martin Davis (A) Kay Condon (A)

**Tue:** Kathleen Murtagh (A) Kay Dowling (A) Alof OConnor (A) Kathleen Gaffney (Special Intention )

**Wed:** Bridget Naessons (R.I.P) and all deceased members of the Naessons family.

**Thu:** Vera Lawlor (R.I.P.)

**Fri:** Carol Hedigan (R.I.P.) Marie Shanahan (R.I.P.)

**Bereavements**

We remember Dara Flood who recently passed away . 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 Corner: Feb 4th/5th**

First Collection : €1685

Second Collection : €945

**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

**ARISE!**

Take up something new for Lent 2023

Workshops for Young Adults aged 18+ on key areas of Social Justice and how to get moving on issues that matter

ST PAUL'S CHURCH, ARRAN QUAY  
 Friday Evenings in Lent  
 Beginning at 7 pm

February 24th  
 Topic: One year on...  
 What does War achieve?

March 3rd  
 Topic: Faith & Social Media -  
 Friend or Foe?

March 24th  
 Topic: Planet Earth:  
 What are we handing on?

March 31st  
 Topic: Screening of  
 'The Letter'

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