

Church of the Holy Spirit Ballyroan

19th March 2023

Fourth Sunday Of Lent



Our Gospel reading is from the John Chapter. 9: 1-41. The story of the blind man.

This story is only found in the Gospel of John. It is a long story with six different scenes, Jesus is present in the first and last. At the time of the writing of this Gospel in about 95AD, relations between the Jews and the new Christians were breaking down, with their eventual expulsion from the synagogue. This perhaps is the background to our story, with many in the new Christian community coming under pressure but remaining strong in faith and in Jesus the Son of God. There are links to last week's story of the woman at the well, because it is also used symbolically, to tell the story of the journey of faith taken this time by the blind man. Seeing in the Gospel often has two meanings, to see physically and to see, as in believe spiritually. Jesus recognises the needs of the man, to recover his physical sight but also his spiritual faith. In verse 9:5 we read the words of Jesus 'I am the light of the world.'

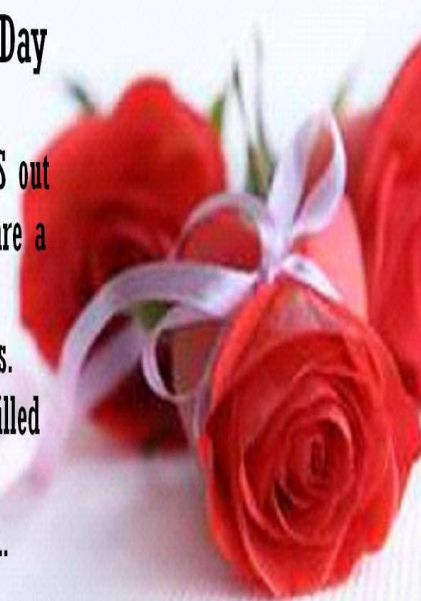
Can you relate to the words of the blind man? *I was blind but now I can see.*

By Deacon Frank Browne

(Ref: www.tarsus.ie)

Happy Mothers Day

to ALL the MOTHERS out there whether you are a Past, Present or Soon To be Moms. May your day be filled with love, joy and laughter..



To all the wonderful mummies out there who are and continue to do the most important job. Take time out this mothers day, put the feet up. Happy mothers day to all from the Ballyroan parish team.

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, Monday 27th March 2023. €599.00 per person sharing. Price includes return train, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement €100.00.

Contact Patricia on 087 1890 236

or

email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com

Planet Earth:
What are we handing on?

Part 1: Friday, March 24th
Workshop Beginning at 7 pm
with Prayer at 8 pm




THE LETTER
A MESSAGE FOR OUR EARTH

Part 2: Friday, March 31st
Screening of "The Letter" at 7 pm

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OR EMAIL: YOUTH@DUBLINDIOCESE.IE

Mass Intentions 18th— 24th March

Sat 7pm: Brid Quinn Birthday remembrance
(R.I.P.) Thomas Hollywood (M.M.)

Sun 10am: Special Intention (For all Mothers
past and present)

Sun 12pm: John Reilly (M.M.)

Mon: Mass Association for Living

Tue: Mass Association for Deceased

Wed: Ronan O' Connor (A) Tom Moran (R.I.P)


Thu: Kevin Hallahan (R.I.P.) Special Intention
(get Well soon)

Fri: No Intentions

Sharing the riches of the Catholic Faith

EVANGELIUM

CATHOLIC APOLOGETICS CONFERENCE
FOR YOUNG ADULTS
SATURDAY 25TH MARCH 2023
9AM-6PM



Main Talks

FR MARCUS HOLDEN
*Unlocking the Seven
Doors to Evangelisation*

FR FRANCIS GAVIN
*St John Henry Newman's
Spiritual Journey to Catholicism*

FR ANDREW BLACK
*The Annunciation in
the Gospel of St. Luke*

Workshops

**'THE ART OF FAITH'
BEAUTY & TRUTH IN THE
TRANSMISSION OF FAITH**
Fr Marcus Holden

**THE PERSECUTED
CHURCH TODAY**
James Bradshaw

**MASS WILL ALSO BE
CELEBRATED**

Location: DCU
All Halls
Campus
Dublin 9

Price: €38
Includes dinner,
refreshments &
social event

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www.evangelium.ie or
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Ireland' on Eventbrite

Find us on:   

Deirdre Masterson (Soprano)
David Wray (Accompanist)

RUAH CENTRE

Monday 27th MARCH 2023 @ 12.05pm



*Deirdre Masterson and David Wray, 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.

TOWARDS PEACE

Towards Peace is a service offering spiritual support for anybody who has been abused, physically emotionally, sexually, spiritually, in a religious/ church environment. Towards Peace was established in October 2014 by the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference and the Association of Leaders of Missionary & Religious Leaders of Ireland. (AMRI). The Towards Peace office hours are Monday and Tuesday 9am - 4pm and Wednesday 9am - 12noon. For further information phone 01 5053028 or 086 7710533 or visit www.towardspeace.ie or <https://www.facebook.com/>

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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