Church of the Holy Spirit Ballyroan

30th April 2023 fourth Sunday Of Easter





Our Gospel reading is from John Chapter. 10:1-10. 'The Good Shepherd'

(It's Vocations Sunday too!)

This story is only found in the Gospel of John. It portrays Jesus as the 'Good Shepherd.' As you may know, John's Gospel was the last and the most spiritual. The shepherd in the ancient, and nomadic world, never left his sheep. The image of the shepherd was powerful and was used interchangeably with king, both had to find safety for those who followed them. The words 'God, King and Shepherd' have been used interchangeably in our Bible.

King David in the Old Testament had been a shepherd in his earlier life. The parable of the shepherd's sheep is a parable about the Kingdom of God. Jesus is being proclaimed as a king, in John's Gospel. The Kingdom of God is a Kingdom of love, and we are being invited to 'enter the gate,' enter a deeper relationship with Jesus.

In the final paragraph of the Gospel, we read 'I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved...I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

By Deacon Frank Browne

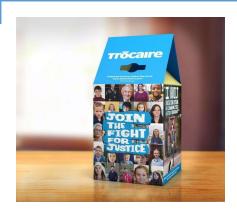
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The active retirement singers will be meeting on Sunday the 30th of April at 7.30 in the Ruah Centre. Come one, Come all to what is proving to be a very successful and fun evening. Don't miss out!



" U3A trip to Ennistymon on Monday next. Bus will depart from rear of Ruah Centre on Monday 1st May @ 10.30. am." Thank you, June.



TROCAIRE BOXES

Please return Trocaire boxes to the church if you have them at home. They can be left in the Sacristy before or after all Masses.

Many thanks



National Bereavement Support for Adults

2 meetings for the bereaved will be held in the month of May

- 1. Ballyroan, the Ruah Centre, Monday 8th May at
- 2. Rathfarnham, Parish Centre, Friday 26th May at 11.45 AM.

These meetings are to support grieving people for as long as it takes on their journey of loss.



THIS WEEK END 29th and 30th saying Vincent de Paul will hold their monthly outdoor collection on SAT/SUN 6th. and 7th MAY



Fr. Michael and the parish team wish to extend our sincere condolences to Paddy & Bernie Drennan and their extended family on the Loss of Fr. Michael Drennan SJ. His good works will live on in all our hearts. Fr Mike Drennan SJ is a former Director of Manresa and has practised extensively as a counsellor and as a spiritual director. He was Secretary General of the Conference of Religious of Ireland (CORI) from 2003 to 2007. Since then he has been engaged in administrative work in the Irish Jesuit Province. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him. May is gentle soul rest in peace.

Mass Intentions 29th— 05th May

Sat 7pm: Eilis Cahill (M.M) Aileen O' Donoghus

(R.I.P)

Sun 10am: Special Intention (I) Ronan Delaney

(R.I.P.)

Sun 12pm: John Hoppkins (R.I.P) Josie Barrett

(R.I.P.)

Mon: Bank Holiday

Tue: Mass Association for Deceased

Wed: Mass Association for Living

Thu: Mary Brown (A) Margaret Molloy (A) Donna

McGinty (R.I.P.) Eileen O'Donoghue (R.I.P.)

Fri: Special Intention (Deceased)



Gerard Gillen, Titular Organist Emeritus. St Mary's Pro-Cathed Works by Cornet, Muffat, Bach, Peeters, Pärt, and Hakim

Sunday at 7.00 21st May Sunday at 7.00 28th May

Aleksandr Nisse, of St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Dublin Works by Franck, Saint-Saens, Florentz and Improvisations

Entrance Free - Retiring Collection Busses for Aungier Street: 9, 14, 15, 122,16, 65b, 68 LUAS: St Stephen's Green

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Mass Times

Monday - Friday: 10am Saturday: 7pm

Sunday: 10am & 12am