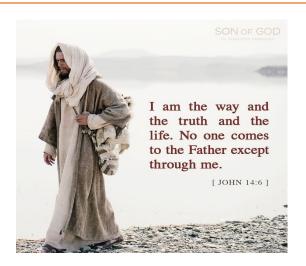
Church of the Holy Spirit Ballyroan

07th May 2023 fifth Sunday Of Easter





Our Gospel reading is from John Chapter. 14:1-12. 'Do not let your hearts be troubled'.

This reading is often used at funerals, as the words 'in my father's house, there are many dwelling places...I told you that I go and prepare a place for you,' can give us comfort and hope when we have lost a loved one.

John's Gospel is a spiritual meditation on the life of Jesus, and while the words may not be the actual words of the historical Jesus, they aim to capture his message that he shared with his followers. The writer uses the literary genre of 'Farewell Discourse' (often used in the first century before the death of a hero) to capture the teaching of Jesus. Essentially, it is that Jesus is our way, our truth, and our life. So, we need to always have trust in the living God and his Son Jesus who was raised from the dead.

To know God is to know the Son and to know the Son is to know the Father. The divine became human, so that we humans can share in that divinity.

What do the words mean for you? 'I am the way, and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father, except through me.'

By Deacon Frank Browne

(Ref: www.tarsus.ie)





Well done to all the children who sang at the final 'Do this in memory of me' mass last Sunday, 27th they sang 'Circle of Friends'. Exciting times ahead.

Mary's Meals

Dear Parishioner,

Our Dublin Support Group are holding a Tea & Coffee Reception, Raffle and Craft Fair in the Ruah Pastoral Centre after each of the 3 Masses in the Church of the Holy Spirit Ballyroan, on this coming weekend of Saturday 13th May and Sunday 14th May. At present Mary's Meals is feeding 2.4 million Children every School Day in schools in the 24 most disadvantaged countries in the World. For €22 a child can receive a Mary's Meal each day in their school for one year. Our Group are supporting Two Schools in Africa, with a daily meal for the coming year, meal. Chitala Primary School in Zambia. This school will require €10,912 per annum to feed the 496 children with a daily meal. Your Donation will help these Children, who might otherwise miss School to work, beg or scavenge for food, gain a precious Education, which can be their ladder out of poverty. You can make this life changing work possible, and we are so grateful for your support. On behalf of Mary's Meals Voluntary Support Group,

Thank You. John Shortt.

Mass Intentions 06th— 12th May

Sat 7pm: Josephine Kelly (M.M.) Mona Malone (A) Hannah Concannon (M.M.) Bridget O' Connell (M.M.)

Sun 10am: Mary McGinn (A) Thomas Anthony Duffin (M.M.) Fr. Michael Drennan (R.I.P.) Sean Couch (M.M.)

Sun 12pm: Maired Bowes (R.I.P.) Carlos Gomes(R.I.P.)

Mon: Frank McGrath (A)

Tue: Joe Neville Snr (R.I.P)

Wed: Paul Kealy (Special Intention Living)

Thu: Babs Tyson (A)

Fri: Special Intention (R.I.P.)



Finance Corner:

First Collection: €1400

Second Collection :€1085

Parish Information

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Mass Times

Monday - Friday: 10am Saturday: 7pm

Sunday: 10am & 12am