Church of the Holy Spirit Ballyroan

16th of July 2023
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Times



Our Gospel reading is from Matthew Chapter 13:1-22.

The Gospel reading is the famous parable of the sower of seeds. Looking back in time at the ministry of Jesus, the Gospel writer (who is addressing the early Jewish/Christian community), wants to capture the important message of Jesus. Faith has to be experienced, not just with our mind but with our heart.

All of us will experience challenges in life, our faith will be tested at some stage, but if we can hold fast to the message of Jesus then our lives will be transformed. We will experience his love, and be drawn closer to him.

Imagine how exciting it was for the first Christians, who experienced this new radical message of Jesus, (the Kingdom of God is near), but how frightening it was to be part of a new community that was challenging the status quo, and also was subject to verbal and physical attack. Our secular world can also dismiss and insult those of us who are open about our faith in a loving God. Have we the ability to remain strong and find a place in our hearts, for the message of Jesus?

What do the words mean for you?

"But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

By Deacon Frank Browne

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ST. JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY – ANNU-AL PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY'S ISLAND, WEX-FORD

SUNDAY: 23RD JULY 2023

- Bus departs from outside No. 23 Merrion
 Square at 10 a.m. and
- Talbot Hotel, Stillorgan, at 10.20 a.m. from bus stop adjacent to hotel
- Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Foxrock at 10.30 a.m. from bus stop outside

Morning coffee/tea in The Arklow Bay Hotel, on the way down and dinner in the same venue on the return journey included. Cost: €60

For further information and to book contact: Gerry Quinn, Mobile 087-817 2728; Land

Line 01-298 2794 or

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Mass Intentions 15th — 21th July

Sat 7pm: Kitty O'Leary (A) Walter Harte (R.I.P.)

Sun 10am: Mary Corrigan (A) Margaret Maguire (R.I.P.) Paula Whelan (R.I.P.)

Sun 12pm: James and Mary Power

(A) David & John Byrne (A) Una

Kelehan (A) Brid & David Naessens

Mon: Ronnie O' Sullivan (M.M.)

Tue: Margaret Byrnes (S.I. Living)

Wed: Marian Byrnes (S.I. Living)

Thu: Paul Ryan (S.I. Living)

Fri: Special Intention (Deceased)

Parish of the Annunciation, Rathfarnham
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The Parish of the Church of the Annunciation, Rathfarnham is seeking a part time Parish Sacramental Coordinator commencing 1 September 2023 until 30 June 2024. Some weekend and after-hours work will be required. Flexibility exists for the successful applicant to negotiate working days and times.

The Sacramental Coordinator provides services in the form of organising, coordinating, and managing the First Communion and Confirmation Parish Sacramental Programmes in the Parish and the Family Mass.

Developing the faith of families, it is an integral part of our parish.

The successful applicant will need to:

Have a commitment to personal faith development. Prepare liturgical celebrations for the sacraments, in conjunction with the Liturgy Committee & Parish Team. Be a good communicator and facilitator. Have the ability to work collaboratively with parents, schoolteachers and other parish team members. Support and respect the teachings of the Church and the ethos of the parish and Diocese. Uncover and implement new ways to grow the faith in families through the Sacraments. A knowledge of pastoral or Sacramental theology. Ideally also the person should have some experience in youth work and Safeguarding Training. Renumeration to be negotiated.

If you require more information or want to express an interest in the role, please contact Fr. Martin Cosgrove by phone (01- 495 4554) or email (mfc7534@gmail.com)

Closing date for applications is Monday 24th of July.



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