

Church of the Holy Spirit Ballyroan

Sunday 6th of August 2023

The Transfiguration of the Lord (Year A)



Parish Information

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Closed on Tuesdays

(Due to Summer holidays the parish office is closed from 1st of August to 21st August) But if you need to contact Fr Michael, please email ballyroanparish@gmail.com

Mass Intentions this week

Saturday: 5th of August 7pm Mass Gerry White (A)

Sunday: 6th of August 10am Jim Wilson (A)

& Brid and David (A) 12am Tony O'Toole (A)

Friday: 11th August 10Am Niall Christle

Baptism is an important sacrament for all

Christians. The ceremony begins with making the sign of the cross on the forehead of each child. This is a prayer, the child will soon belong to God after she or he has been baptised in the holy water. Baptism as we know was a turning point for Jesus, as he began his public ministry afterwards, convinced that the Kingdom of God was here and he was responding to the call of his loving Father. What does baptism mean for you today?

A fun photo!



Congratulations to the Farrell family on the baptism of Kade Warren.

Congratulations to the Garza family on the baptism of Luca Raul.



**Our Gospel reading is from
St Matthew CH. 17: 1-9.
The Transfiguration of Jesus.**



The story of the transfiguration is also found in Mark 9:2-8, and Luke 9:28-36. The message highlights that Jesus more than Moses or Elijah, is of ultimate significance in God's plan for all of humanity. In this story Peter finally understands the significance of Jesus. Peter, James, and his brother John were terrified when they heard the voice of God. But as so often when he healed the sick, Jesus touched them and told them not to be afraid.

Today many of us are afraid to really listen to Jesus's message and to put him at the centre of our lives. We keep busy, with anything but being silent and open to God's loving presence. But it is Jesus who can give us a sense of meaning in our lives and free us from our anxieties, but only if we are open to his touch and we are willing to let ourselves be transformed by him.

We too, like James, John and Peter need to hear the evangelical call, *'this is my SON, the beloved, with him I am well pleased, listen to him.'*

Can you stop, be silent and listen to God, revealed in Jesus? This inner listening can help us to live in the truth, to taste rather than waste life. By listening to God, we can discover the greatness that comes from being infinitely loved by God.

By Deacon Frank Browne

(Ref: Jose A. Pagola's Commentary on the Gospel of Matthew)



The next **support meeting for those grieving** the loss of a loved one will take place on **Monday 14th of August 7.30-8.30 Ruah Centre.**
Confidentiality assured



We remembered our much loved parishioner Jim Fox, and former volunteer parish sacristan, at his funeral Mass last Wednesday. RIP.

Saint Vincent De Paul

Monthly outdoor collection will take place after all masses this weekend

The SYNOD: The *Instrumentum Laboris*, the official working document for the first session of the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, was launched on June 20. A large number of people from various parts of the world with different expertise prepared this important text which will animate all the work of the October assembly. See <https://synod.ie/instrumentum-laboris-for-synod-2021-2024/>.