

Church of the Holy Spirit Ballyroan

Sunday 13th of August 2023

The Walking on the Water (Year A)



Parish Information

Parish Priest: Father Michael Murtagh
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Parish Office usual Opening hours:

Monday - Friday: 10.00am – 12.00 noon
Closed on Tuesdays

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

Mass Times

Monday - Friday: 10am
Saturday: 7pm and
Sunday: 10am & 12am



Congratulations to the Aboghaly family on the baptism of Maya & Noah.

Mass Intentions this week

Saturday 12th August 7pm Brendan Halligan (A)

Sunday 13th August John Healy, Ciaran O'Leary, Ciara Barry, Pat Vaughan, Brendan Halpin, Michael Daly, Josephine Cahill, Dermot Fitzsimons (A).

Tuesday 15th August 10am Monica Finnegan, John Healy

Wednesday 16th August 10am Margot & Bob King (A)



The Blood Bank are visiting the Ballyroan Community Centre on Wednesday 16th August



Bethany
Bereavement Support

National Bereavement Support for Adults

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



Draw from the Well is a new prayer group open to all 18-35 year olds.

Located in the Carmelite Community Centre, Whitefriar Street, Aungier St. Dublin 2.

Next meeting 16th August 7pm it will run fortnightly.

'We pray the rosary, discuss our faith and draw from the well, which is love of God and neighbour'

Contact Emer for more information 085-2881562.

**Our Gospel reading is from
St Matthew CH. 14:22-33
The Walking on Water**



The story of the walking on the water is found also in Mark 6:45-52 and in Luke 6:15-21. Perhaps you could consider comparing the different accounts, as they record an important event in the lives of the disciples. My favourite lines are ‘He went up the mountain to pray by himself,’ and ‘Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him.’

Our Gospel reading is an epiphany for Jesus’ disciples, a moment when they experience an encounter with the divine, like the Gospel last week of the Transfiguration of the Lord. Jesus is really the Son of God.

The Gospel of Matthew is written at a time (50 years approximately after the death and resurrection of Jesus), and the story using a symbolic narrative, is dealing with the challenges experienced by the early Christian Church. The community feels lost without the risen Lord; their struggles are symbolised by the sea, as they may be feeling that they are getting nowhere. Water is a symbol of both life and death, so Jesus by walking on water indicates symbolically, how he has conquered both life and death.

What do these words mean for you? *And those in the boat worshipped him saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”*

By Deacon Frank Browne

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



**Apostolate of Our Lady of Fatima Sunday 13th
August at 2.15-5.30 pm
Church of the Holy Spirit Ballyroan.**

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament, Fatima Prayers,
Rosary, Confessions, Divine Mercy Way of the
Cross, Benediction and Mass.

There will be a visiting priest.

All welcome.