

Church of the Holy Spirit Ballyroan

3rd of September 2023

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Times



Our Gospel reading is from Matthew Chapter. 16:21-27.

Jesus tells his disciples, *if any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.*

The story of Jesus telling his disciples, that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering, is found in all three synoptic gospels, in Mark 8:31-38, and Luke 9:22-26. Both Mark and Matthew include the reaction of Peter to this devastating news and Jesus' response to him. It is interesting that last week, we read how Peter demonstrated his belief in Jesus as the Son of the living God, but today we read about his failure to understand the mission of Jesus. We can be confident that this incident is historical because Peter was a key figure in the early church, and the writers would never have made up an awkward story about him.

The message of the Gospel is that we cannot confess Jesus as the Son of the Living God, without following the way of the cross. Jesus clearly would do anything to carry out the will of God, his Father. Suffering will be part of everyone's life, but we are all called to trust in the Father, as Jesus did. Jesus does not seek suffering as if it was pleasing to God, but rather he commits all his energy to eliminating suffering in the world.

Taking up the cross means accepting the painful consequences that will come because of faithfully following Jesus. But those of us who have faith in Jesus, do not experience the cross as a defeat, because we have hope.

What do these words mean for you? *Those who lose their life for Jesus' sake will find it. The God who raised Jesus will also raise us to a full life.*

By Deacon Frank Browne

Ref. José A. Pagola, 'A Commentary on the Gospel of Matthew 2012, & www.tarsus.ie.



South Dublin Council Council are launching the Part 8 Public Consultation for the Rosemount District Centre Enhancement Scheme on **Thursday 7th September from 5:30pm at the Ruah Centre, Ballyroan.**

The launch will include a presentation following which members of the project team will be available for discussion. All are welcome to attend.



The Registration for members of U3A for the coming year will take place on Monday next September 4th in the Ruah centre @ 10.30 am. Details for the coming Autumn breakaway will be available then. Thank you. June.



A meeting for the bereaved, whether the loss is recent or long ago, will take place on Monday the 11th of September at 7.30 to 8.30 pm in the Ruah centre.

This is a friendly meeting and confidentially is assured. ALSO:

A six week programme " Living With Loss, Living After Loss" will take place from Tuesday 26th of September to the 31st of October at 7.30 to 9 pm.

If you wish to commit to this programme please fill in the form at the back of the Church and drop it in the box provided.

Details. Contact no 087 9341781

Helpline number is : 085 1479130



Bethany
Bereavement Support

National Bereavement Support for Adults

FINANCE CORNER

Mass Collections

1/2 July

1st Collection: €1,455

2nd Collection: €1,575

8/9 July

1st Collection: €1,465

2nd Collection: €1,060

15/16 July

1st Collection: €1,325

2nd Collection: €1,005

22/23 July

1st Collection: €1,390

2nd Collection: €1,090

29/30 July

1st Collection: €1,255

2nd Collection: €1,188

SHRINE

€2,830 (July)

TAP & DONATE

Mar 2023 €849.00 from 94 transactions.

Apr 2023 €1,258.00 from 123 transactions.

May 2023 €823.00 from 97 transactions.

Jun 2023 €868.00 from 102 transactions.

Jul 2023 €1,229.00 from 137 transactions.

This is split 60% to the Common Fund and 40% to Share.

(Collectors are aware that more people are using the Tap and Donate machines in the church as a means of contributing to the weekend Mass collections so it is important that people should not feel embarrassed if they are not putting something in the basket.)

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Please note, the next special collection which will be the Annual Crosscare collection will take place on the weekend of 16/17 September. This will replace the Share collection at the weekend Masses.

St. Vincent De Paul Society will hold a collection in The Church of the holy Spirit Ballyroan on Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd September.



Simon Morgan (Baritone) & **Maria Geheran** (Piano)

'A journey of songs'

A journey of songs, through the Classical and Romantic era, and right up to the Golden Age of Hollywood. This promises to be a colourful and wide ranging musical recital.

Monday 25th September 2023 @ 12.05pm
at the Ruah Centre



Tickets €10 at the Ruah Centre

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

~ 10.30-11.15am ~

Concert in aid of our Pastoral Centre and bringing great music to our parish.

Mass Intentions 02nd Sep—3rd Sep

Sat 7pm: Angela Carroll (A) Catherine Perkins (A) John Dillon (A) Leish Mulcahy (A)

Birthday Remembrance Philip Cairns Jr

Sun 10am: Anne Keane (A) James Woodford (R.I.P.) Frankie Mathews(R.I.P.) Mai & Marie Magahran (A)

Sun 12pm: Louie Farrell (A) Mary Quilty (A)

Parish Information

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Monday - Friday: 10.00am – 12.00 noon

Mass Times

Monday - Friday: 10am

Saturday: 7pm

Sunday: 10am & 12am