

Church of the Holy Spirit Ballyroan

24th of September 2023

Fifth - Sunday in Ordinary Times



Our Gospel reading is from Matthew Chapter. 20:1-16.

In our Gospel, we read the story of the landowner who hired labourers for his vineyard and despite the number of hours they worked, they all received the same wages. This parable is only found in Matthew's Gospel. Perhaps the message of Jesus that the writers wanted to highlight at the time of writing, was to ensure that the newcomers to the Jewish-Christian community (Gentiles) would be received the same as those who had been faithful for years to the covenant or promises of God.

Jesus lived within a rural community so you can imagine him watching the men without land of their own waiting for a chance of a day's wages. This parable would be a way for Jesus to convey to his followers, God's mysterious kindness to everyone. It is important that we do not limit God to our own moral or religious expectations. Our mysterious God is greater and more human than the greatest and most human aspects of ourselves. God is good to everyone, an unconditional friend, whether we deserve it or not, his mysterious goodness overflows all our calculations.

Have we faith enough in God to have absolute trust in his goodness?

By Deacon Frank Browne

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



Ballyroan Church opened in December 1967 and Dal and Ann formed the adult choir early the following year with about 50 enthusiastic members. Dal was the organist and Ann conducted the choir and together they directed the music for Mass every Sunday and for any additional events in the parish. The choir was regularly invited to provide the music for the RTE radio and television Masses. When Dal died in 1996 Ann took over both the organ playing and conducting. The support of the choir members was a particular source of encouragement to her at this time.

For all the milestone anniversaries of the parish, the choir took on the challenge of learning and performing a major musical work, with orchestral accompaniment. They share fond memories of their performances of Mozart's Coronation Mass for the 10th anniversary, Schubert's Mass in G for the 20th, Rossini's Petite Messe Solennelle for the 25th, Faure's Requiem for the 30th, Vivaldi's Gloria for the 40th, and excerpts from each of these for the 50th anniversary of the parish in 2017.

Over these last 55 years, the choir members have grown deep bonds of friendship with each other and with Ann as they offer service together to the Ballyroan parishioners. Their loyal and dedicated weekly Sunday musical offerings enhance the liturgy. Their participation in the small and larger occasions in the life of our parish provide a sense of occasion and community that is valued by us all.

In addition to all of Ann's work with the Ballyroan adult choir, throughout the same period Ann gave service to music in the Augustinian church, John's Lane, in Thomas Street, conducting with Dal as organist, and now as organist there herself. "

It was with this in mind that the parish sought to honour Ann with the Papal Award (Benemerenti Medal) From the parish of Ballyroan we say.....

♪ "Thank you for the music for giving it to us" ♪

Active retirement singers meet
this Sunday in the Ruah Centre

24th of September @ 7.30

All are welcome to what is sure to be a fun night of music,
laughter, tea and coffee!!!



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.

Safeguarding Sunday 24th September 2023

The Child Safeguarding and Protection Service (CSPS) of the Archdiocese of Dublin was established in 2003 to provide a compassionate response to those who experienced abuse as children within a church context. It also ensures the implementation of Church and National protection policies and procedures. In 2016 its remit was extended to include vulnerable adults. This weekend marks the 20th anniversary of its establishment. Archbishop Farrell has issued a letter for Safeguarding Sunday to all parishes and copies are available at the back of the church. Please take one home.

If you have a concern for a child the contact details for the offices of the CSPS are on the parish Child Safety Statement in the foyer of the church. There are also posters on display for organisations that offer support to victims and

Mass Intentions 24th Sep— 29TH Sep

Sat 7pm: Barnard Byrne (A) Pat McGrath (Get Well)

Sun 10am: Peggy Farrell (A) Kelly Family (A)

Sun 12pm: Anne & Patrick Gill (A) Eibhlín Mac-Phaidin Niall Callanan (A)

Monday : Mary O' Toole (R.I.P.)

Tuesday: Winifred Nulty (A)

Wednesday: Claire Ward (Get Well) Eileen Moriarty (R.I.P.)

Thursday: Anne—Marie Darker (A)

Friday: Ann and John Jordan (A)

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

6 week programme for the bereaved ' Living
with Loss and Living after Loss'
Tues 26th Sept - Tues 31st Oct
7.30 to 9 pm.
In the Ruah centre. No charge.
details and booking number
087 9341781.



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Bereavement Support

National Bereavement Support for Adults