

Church of the Holy Spirit Ballyroan

15th of October 2023

Twenty Eight - Sunday in Ordinary Times

Our Gospel reading is from Matthew Chapter. 22:1-14.

The Gospel reading is also found in Luke's Gospel Chapter 14:15-24, with some differences, because in the case of Matthew's Gospel it was addressing some challenges for the early Christian community that it was written for at that time in about 85A.D. But we can still get some sense of the types of images used by Jesus, and how he would have communicated to the people he spoke to. The image of a wedding banquet would have been so appealing even as it is today. Peasant farmers had a tough life in Jesus' time, so an invitation (on the sabbath a day which was the one free day from work) to a banquet where they would sit with their neighbours to celebrate a wedding feast would have generated much excitement. We know from our Gospels that Jesus liked to sit at tables with everyone, eating with the so-called sinners and undesirable, because he wanted them to get a sense of what God was doing. Everyone is invited to be part of the Kingdom of God, a Kingdom of love and God is preparing a final feast for all his people and wants to have them sitting with him around a table, enjoying life forever, full of happiness. Even though many people are too busy, are not interested in religion or practicing their faith, God's invitation remains and can still be experienced if we take time to listen in silence.

What do these words mean for you? 'Go therefore into the main streets and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet'.

By Deacon Frank Browne

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



Due to weather damage the front doors and windows in the Ruah Centre need upgrading badly. This is coming in at a substantial cost of over €27,000. The Ruah management committee have tirelessly worked to get the best price on this as it is a big job. To combat some of the cost we are holding a coffee morning this weekend 14th & 15th of October, after all masses. All contributions are very welcome. Thank you for your support.



Come on in...

MONDAY 23RD OF OCTOBER
MONASTERY
OF SAINT ALPHONSUS
8:00PM

You are welcome to join our
reflection on the theme of inclusion in
our church.

Music & Poetry led by the Dublin
Diocesan Music Group.

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AUTUMN LITURGY SEMINAR
14 October 2023 - 9.30 to 1.15

01 WHAT WE CAN DO TOGETHER
9.30 - 10.30
Exploring Parish Partnerships
from the perspective of Liturgy and Music
Presenters - Fr. Pat O'Donoghue
and Mr. Simon Orrock

02 WHAT HAS PRAYER GOT TO DO WITH IT?
10.30 - 11.30
Spirituality for Liturgical Ministers
A Journey
Presenter - Mrs. Anne McLean

**03 TECHNOLOGY AND OUR PARISH
CELEBRATIONS**
11.50 - 12.50
• Ideas shared and tips offered for
making full use of screens and
other aids - bring your mobile
phone or Ipad to take part in easy
exercises.
Presenter - Mr. Mark Brady

Concluding Prayer
12.50 - 1.10
Ard Scoil Ris - Griffith Avenue,
Marino D09 AK30
Follow the link to book
<https://forms.office.com/e/8LekGYwgeQ>
Information from
angela.mcgarra@dublindiocese.ie Tel.
8087537
Contribution now €10 (refreshments are
sponsored) - pay on the day
Tap and Go facility available

Kathy Nugent & Seamus Brett

'Love's Golden Era'

Monday 23rd October 2023 @ 12.05pm
at the Ruah Centre



Tickets €10 at the Ruah Centre
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
~ 10.30-11.15am ~

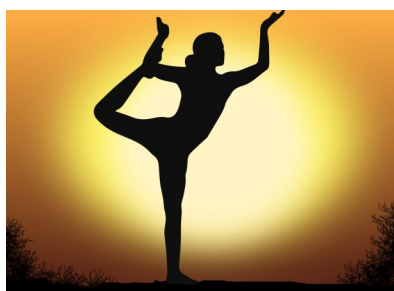
Concert in aid of our Pastoral Centre and bringing great music to our parish.

Please remember Eileen Doyle in your prayers who passed away this week from our parish. We remember their families and friends at this difficult time.

"May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen"

Rathfarnham Womens Shed inaugural meeting on 18th Oct at 11 am 2023 in Rathfarnham Church of Annunciation parish Centre, Willbrook Rd, All are welcome. Please contact Lynn McCrave @ lynnmccrave2019@gmail.com

"Flow into Autumn with Hatha Flow Yoga with Organic Yoga Dublin. New course starting on Thursday, 19th of October 7.30-8.30pm at Ruah Centre, Ballyroan Parish Pastoral Centre. 5 week term = €55. Suitable for all levels. Book your place now by email- ing organicyogadublin@gmail.com or texting 087 1338424. Check out our Instagram page @organicyogadublin"



Mass Intentions 14th OCT— 20TH OCT

- Sat 7pm:** Des & Pat Davis (A) Phil McKenna (A)
- Sun 10am:** Emma Naghten (R.I.P.) Colm Bevan (A)
- Sun 12pm:** Tim Grace (A) Madeleine FitzGibbon (R.I.P.) Eileen Connolly (M.M.) Gerald Churchard (R.I.P.)
- Monday :** Liam Purcell (R.I.P.)
- Tuesday:** Special Intention (Living)
- Wednesday:** Special Intention (Deceased)
- Thursday:** Dan & Sheila lehane (A) Mathew Lynch (R.I.P.)
- Friday:** Special Intention (Get Well)

Parish Information

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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