

Church of the Holy Spirit Ballyroan

28th of January 2024

Third Week In Ordinary Times

Our Gospel reading this week is from St Mark Chapter 1: 21-28.

They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority!

Our gospel readings can give us a glimpse of what Jesus was like. In Mark's gospel today, we are presented with two significant truths about him. Firstly, we are told that he had real authority, his teaching made a deep impression on those who heard him, as he differed from their own teachers referred to as Scribes. Secondly, he had power over evil, and he was able to heal. In our world we can see the results of those who act in an evil way causing suffering to many. We can see leaders who do not act with integrity and only wish to be popular. Jesus is our role model of a leader, who always spoke the truth, irrespective of how popular this might be and the ultimate cost to him in terms of his life.

While we are limited in what we can do, as we have no power over evil, we can pray that evil will be destroyed by the power of God.

Can we try to live like Jesus did and act with integrity in our lives and be honest in what we say and do?

Reflection by Deacon Frank.



Active retirement singers meet

This Sunday in the Ruah Centre

28th of Sep @ 7.30

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



St. Brigid Day Thursday 1st of Feb

The Giveaway Saint

As we celebrate the 1500th anniversary of the death of St Brigid fresh opportunities and blessings await us. It is not just a celebration of her life but also a promise to carry forward her legacy of empowerment, peace, inclusion, generosity and equality. Brigid's life and the gospel values that she stood for in her time still speaks to us today. One of Brigid's sayings "**What is mine is theirs**" is still as relevant today as it was in Brigid's time.

Naomh Bríd was a woman of peace. Let her lantern of peace shine across the world and be a beacon of light for the most vulnerable and the most frightened. May our daily "**Pause for Peace**" help to end the drumbeat of war, destruction and displacement.

This Giveaway Celtic woman is challenging us today, **To feel the pulse of God's life in all of creation, To see the Divine in every human face, To hear the cry of those rendered poor, To welcome those who come to our shores seeking shelter.** May each of us experience a new springtime of Hope in 2024 Brigid in keeping with her Celtic traditions was wonderfully attuned to the seasons and cycles of nature. She valued the elements of nature: earth, air, fire, and water. We gather this spring under Brigid's expansive cloak and aim to honour and respect diversity and inclusion. Brigid has become for all of us a potent symbol of Christian womanhood and the feminine face of God. May the storehouse of our hearts be filled to bursting this spring as we join with Blessed Brigid and all those who are celebrating her life and legacy. **As we celebrate the life of our Patroness :MAY WE AS A COMMUNITY ,EXPERIENCE A WORLD,WOVEN IN PEACE, CRADLED IN LOVE,SACKFILLED WITH KINDNESS, AND WRAPPED IN COMPASSION**

Bhrat Bhríde sinne go léir

(May we all be protected under St Brigid's mantle)



Please remember in your prayers
Our Dear Friend Paul Black, Paul on behalf of the parish of Ballyroan thank you for all you did for our parish and for every hug that brightened up our days...you will be so sadly missed. Forever in our hearts and prayers .
Our Deepest sympathy to Collette and all of Paul's extended family and friends



"Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him/her. May he/she rest in peace. Amen. May almighty God bless us with his peace and strength, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit"

2nd of February was chosen for this feast because **the holy family's presentation of the baby Jesus in the Temple would have occurred 40 days after the birth of Jesus, the day that divine light began to shine in the darkness of a very dark world — hence the blessing of candles,"** explained Bishop Anthony B



If you would like to have a candle blessed, please leave one into the Parish office this Coming week. Please put your name on the candle to ensure its safe return.

The blessing of St. Blaise

According to the Acts, while Blaise was being taken into custody, a distraught mother, whose only child was choking on a fish bone, threw herself at his feet and implored his intercession. Touched by her distress, he offered up his prayers, and the child was cured. Traditionally, Saint Blaise is invoked for protection against injuries and illnesses of the throat.

Fr Michael will be Blessing throats on Saturday 3rd of Feb @7.30

Mass Intentions 27th Jan— 02nd Feb

Sat 7pm: Kay, James and Micheál O'Shea (A) Kathleen Wallace (R.I.P.)

Sun 10am: Michael Murphy (A) Sheila and Jimmy O Reilly (A)

Sun 12pm: Sean Beggan (A) Fred Dundon (A)

Monday : No Mass

Tuesday: No Mass

Wednesday : No Mass

Thursday: St Bridget's day

Friday: Blessing of the candles

Doreen Carey (A)

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Mass Times

Monday - Friday: 10am

Saturday: 7pm

Sunday: 10am & 12am