Church of the Holy Spirit Ballyroan

11th of February 2024 Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Times

Our Gospel reading this week is from St Mark Chapter 1: 40-45.

Moved with pity, Jesus said to the leper, I do choose to make you clean...

Leprosy in the Old Testament, referred to a variety of conditions that effected the colouring of the skin. People effected were excluded because they were seen as unclean. Anyone coming into physical contact with such a person was then considered unclean too.

Again, our Gospel reading today gives us another glimpse of what Jesus was like. We are told that Jesus was moved with pity and stretched out his hand and touched the leper and told him that he did choose to make him well again. Jesus knew that the consequence for him and his mission if word got out about his actions, that he would be excluded from the towns by the religious leaders of his day.

Are we willing to interact and spend time with those who may be eccentric, isolated, have an addiction or are marginalised in some way?

Reflection by Deacon Frank.



ACCORD COLLECTION

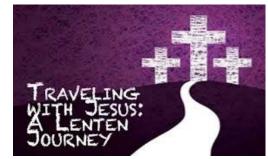
The annual collection for Accord Dublin, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at all Masses on the weekend of February 17 and 18. Accord Dublin throughout the diocese offers Marriage Preparation courses; Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships; A Relationship and Sexuality Programme for schools. Please give what you can on February 17 and 18. Thank you for your support.



JUST Lent

Journeying through Lent focusing on the Sunday Readings and how they open us to act Justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with each other so we can build God's Kingdom.

Reflective group guided by Fr John Bracken Each Wednesday of Lent 7.30 -8.30pm – Churchtown Parish Centre. All very welcome – begins Ash Wednesday... (*commitment to every week not required*) Register <u>info@churchtownparish.com</u> or 01





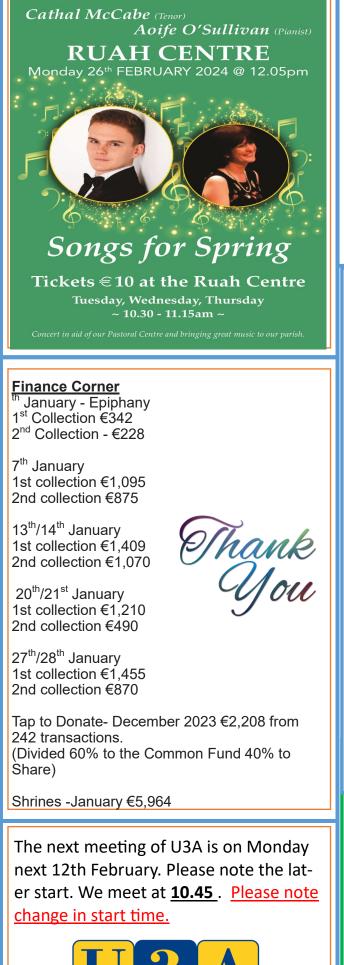
Ash Wednesday; Time to reflect and share our thanks, for this is the time that we remember the greatest sacrifice.

Fr Michael will be giving out Ashes

this Ash Wednesday 14TH at the

<u>10am Mass.</u>

All are welcome.





The next drop-in Meeting for bereaved people will be held on Monday 12th February, in the Ruah Centre from 10.45am to 12 noon.

Whether your loss is recent or long ago, you will be most welcome to attend. Confidentiality assured. Telephone helpline 0851479130.



Mass Intentions 10th feb— 9th Feb

Sat 7pm: John Reilly (A) Billy Gillen (M.M) Des Gibson (A) Karen Kells (R.I.P.)

Sun 10am: Kevin Mullen (A) Nancy Donohoe (A) Mick Masterson (A)

Sun 12pm: Patrick Doyle (A) Mairead Mc Elligott (M.M.) Jack Fenlon (A)

Monday : Paul Black (R.I.P) Tommy & Sue Corkery (R.I.P.) Michael Dooley (A)

Tuesday: Lucy Woods (R.I.P.)

Wednesday : Kathleen Murtagh (A) Kay Lynch (A) Marie Geoghegan (R.I.P.)

Thursday: Special Intention (Living)

Friday: Special Intention (Deceased)

Parish Information

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Mass Times