

Church of the Holy Spirit Ballyroan

24th of March 2024

Holy Week



Our Gospel reading for Palm Sunday, is from St Mark 14:1 to 15-47. The story of Jesus' death is in all four Gospels, with some small differences. Perhaps you might read the different accounts over Easter week? Mark's account is the earliest, but did you notice that the sons of Simon of Cyrene, who was made help Jesus carry the cross are mentioned? Scholars think that Alexander and Rufus may have been eyewitnesses, who became believers and helped contribute to

Mark's Gospel. Perhaps some of the women mentioned did too. Palm Sunday starts in triumph for Jesus, (Mark Ch 11), as he enters Jerusalem, with people cheering him on, only for it to end initially, in disaster as he is betrayed by his apostle Judas, is arrested, tortured, and killed, crying out as he is suffering on the cross. In every society there can be a

group or mob, who can turn on a person, a soccer manager, or a politician. It is tempting to keep our head down when people are attacking someone, even verbally, but we are called to speak the truth and not follow the mob, or society's groupthink. The story of our Gospel finally ends in triumph again, with the resurrection of Jesus, the darkness has not overcome the light. Like his disciples who were devastated at his death, but experienced his presence again, and had regained meaning and purpose in their lives, so we too, can overcome our challenges in life, if we can remain strong in faith in our loving God and Jesus the Son who is our light!

Reflection by Deacon Frank.



Spaces Filling up Fast, Don't miss out.

Fr. Michael and the parish team would like to invite anyone who would like to go to Knock on the 27th of April this year. We will be taking part in the Dublin Diocesan pilgrimage. We will be renting our own bus and there are other details to follow. It is a lovely opportunity to spend time together in a beautiful sacred place. If you are new to the parish and want to make new faith connections or for others it'll be memories made with old friends. All are welcome. Mary McDade will be officially taking names after mass next Tuesday and Wednesday. We look forward to seeing you all.



Bethany
Bereavement Support

National Bereavement Support for Adults

The next drop-in meeting for bereaved people will be held on Monday 8th April in the Ruah Pastoral Centre from 10.45am to 12 noon. In order to facilitate people who cannot attend the morning meeting, an evening meeting (Monday 8th April) will be held from 7.30pm to 8.30pm in the Ruah Centre. Whether your loss is recent or long ago, you will be most welcome to attend.

Confidentiality assured. Helpline 0851479130.

Rathfarnham Bethany Support meeting is on the last Friday of the month in their Parish Centre. Details.0872345432.



Active retirement singers meet

Sunday 24TH March in the Ruah Centre

@ 7.30

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



Huge congratulations to all the boys who made their Confirmation from Ballyroan Boys School Last Friday. You did us all so proud. We hope you enjoyed the day filled with the love of the Holy Spirit. Thank you to all who made it such a special day. Especially the teachers and church Volunteers. Thank you

Mass Intentions 24thMarch — 29TH March

Sat 7pm Declan , Hugh and Peggy Byrne (A) Maria Callanan (A)

Sun 10am: Maura and Leslie Warren (A) Sean Mac Phaidín (M.M.) Alice Quinn (R.I.P.)

Sun 12pm: Helena Healy (S.I. Living)

Monday : Special Intention (Living)

Tuesday: Special Intention (Get Well)

Wednesday : Special Intention (Deceased)

Thursday: Birthday Remembrance (R.I.P.)

Friday: Garrett brown (A)

Parish Information

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Mass Times

Monday - Friday: 10am

Saturday: 7pm

Sunday: 10am & 12am