



## Church of the Holy Spirit Ballyroan

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### MASS TIMES

Vigil Mass: Sat 7.00 Sunday:  
9.00, 10.30, 12.00  
Mon - Saturday: 10.00 am

Morning Prayer: 7.30 am in the  
Ruah Centre  
EXPOSITION  
After 10.00 Mass each Tuesday

22<sup>nd</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER, 2012  
4th Sunday of Advent  
"The Lord is very near."  
Follow the Star.....



Well done to everyone for the great way we have celebrated Advent so far with our local schools having carol services and Nativity Plays, the Christmas Carol Concert on Saturday, the Parish Carol Service on Monday night plus the confessions on the Monday evenings (final one Sunday afternoon 4-5 pm). All the rehearsals and practices will have been worth it.

### MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS

#### CHRISTMAS MASSES:

##### 24<sup>th</sup> December:

6.30 pm Family Mass  
9.00 pm Celebrated by Bishop Eamonn  
Walsh  
Carols will begin at 8.30

##### 25<sup>th</sup> December:

9.00 am  
10.30 am  
12.00 noon

##### 26<sup>th</sup> December, St Stephen's Day:

11.00 Mass only

##### 27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> December:

10.00 am Mass only

##### Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> December:

Baptisms at 4.00 pm

##### New Years Day:

Mass at 11.00 am

As this is the last Newsletter before Christmas Day can I take the opportunity to wish you and your families a very happy and peaceful Christmas. We welcome our visitors and those who have come home for Christmas and hope that your stay is wonderful. We welcome those who have moved into our parish over the past year and hope that you feel part of our community. We congratulate the children who were baptised, made 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion and Confirmation here in our church over the year. We saw some of our parishioners flying the nest to get married both here and in other churches over the year. We wish each one of them every joy as they celebrate their first Christmas as a married couple.

It has been a really busy year for us in the parish and it's a credit to you all that we have achieved so much to keep the spirit of Ballyroan alive and well. A huge thanks to all of you all for your contribution of time, talent, finance and prayerful support to the parish. All this brings to fruition the reality that Ballyroan is a thriving and I hope a happy community.

On a personal note I am so grateful to everyone who has been so kind and supportive of me over the year - from the joys of my Silver Jubilee, to a big birthday and sadly the death of my mother. That's why we held her funeral here as I don't just work here I feel part of this parish and needed to be among my faith family at a difficult time.

The phrase 'we can't do it without you' comes to mind as does the sense that we do what we do 'because we need each other'. May we continue into 2013 with a sense of togetherness and hope and continue to show our faith in action.

Fr. Brendan

The parish office re-opens on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2013

### Mary

Mary is central to this  
Sunday's liturgy.

She is a woman of Faith who  
said yes to God's invitation to  
be the Mother of His Son.  
Help us to be people of Faith,  
and to bring Christ to birth in  
our lives this Christmas.



### MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday 7.00 pm - Ailbhe O'Connell (1<sup>st</sup> A); Sunday 9.00 - Maureen Quinn (A);  
10.30 - Peter Hannon (A) and Joseph O'Reilly (A); 12.00 - Jack and Nora Anderson  
(A) and Ted Brophy (A); Mon 10.00 - Paddy Mc Gowan (A).

Christmas Masses Intentions:

Christmas Eve: 6.30 - Christmas Mass Bouquets; 9.30 - Deceased Parishioners;  
Christmas Day: 9.00 - for the sick; 10.30 - deceased relatives and friends; 12.00  
- for Families.

Recently deceased: John Joe Hurley