

PARISH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT BALLYROAN NEWSLETTER

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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7th/8th Feb. 2009

Sacrament of Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered in our Church by Bishop Éamonn Walsh on **Fri. 27th Feb.** at **11am**. Mass times on this day will be at **7.30am** and **9.30am**.

Confirmation Children

Ceremony of Light will take place on **Mon. 16th Feb.** at **7.30pm**. Confirmation children need to bring a Baptismal Candle with them, for this ceremony.

Our Lady of Lourdes

Wed. 11th Feb. is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and we will be remembering all our sick and housebound in a special way on that day at both masses. After Mass, Sr. Margaret, Frs. Brendan & John will make a pastoral visit to those on our First Friday list.

17th World Day of the Sick

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, led by Archbishop Martin, will take place today, **Sun. 8th Feb.** at 3pm in St. John of God Conference Centre, Stillorgan.

Third Age Social Circle **"55 Plus"**

Next outing is to Royal Irish Academy (19 Dawson St) on **Mon. 9th Feb.** Meet at St. Ann's Church at 10.45am

Parish Pastoral Council

Next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place on **Tue. 10th Feb.** at 8pm.

Choir Members

Please note there will be no choir practice on **Mon. 16th Feb.** due to the Ceremony of Light.

St. Valentine

Next **Sat. 14th Feb.** is the Feast of St. Valentine (get your flowers early gentlemen) and to mark this lovely feast we will have a renewal of marriage vows during the evening mass at 7pm.

Newcomers

If you are new to the area you are very welcome and we invite you to register in the parish office (67 Anne Devlin Park) and if you so wish you would be very welcome to become involved in some parish activities. Contact Áine in the parish office at 494 7303.

St. Vincent de Paul

The monthly collection takes place this weekend after all masses.

Marriage Lessons

On their 40th wedding anniversary, Tom was asked to give his friends a brief account of the benefits of a marriage of such long duration. "Tell us Tom, just what is it you have learned from all those wonderful years with your wife?" Tom responds, "Well, I've learned that marriage is the best teacher of all. It teaches you loyalty, forbearance, meekness, self-restraint, forgiveness --and a great many other qualities you wouldn't have needed if you'd stayed single."

Aware

Can you give three hours a week to volunteer with the Aware telephone helpline service? Volunteers make a real difference in the lives of other, providing vital information and emotional support. If you would like to know more, contact: John Bennett, Volunteer Support Officer, 661 7211, email john.bennett@aware.ie

Orlagh Retreat Day

A 'Day for Yourself' will be held in Orlagh on **Sat. 14th Feb. 2009**. The theme is *Healing and Being Healed* and the day will be facilitated by Dr. Bernadette Toal and Fr. John Byrne. Cost €50. Further details 4958190.

Cleaning of the Church

I'd like to thank all those who are so good at keeping our lovely Church in pristine condition. It's so true to say that many hands make light work, and while it looks as though it must take hours and hours to keep our Church in tip top condition, I am assured that with a big enough team, 45 minutes every two weeks is enough. With colds and flues and so on our team is a little reduced in numbers. So I am appealing to you to boost our numbers and volunteer for some light 'God's housekeeping'. With Confirmation coming up on the 27th @ 11 am, it would be great to have everything up to speed, inside and out! We are an 'equal opportunity' group, so gents don't leave it all to the women! Contact Áine at the office and she'll fill you in.