

Church of the Holy Spirit Ballyroan

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MASS TIMES

Vigil Mass: Sat 7.00 pm
Sunday: 9.00, 10.30, 12.00
Mon - Saturday: 10.00 am
Bank Holidays: 11.00 am

MASS/MORNING PRAYER

Mon - Fri 7.30 am in the
Ruah Centre

EXPOSITION

Tuesdays
10.30am - 6.00pm

18th/19th FEBRUARY 2012

-**The Children's Liturgy** takes place this weekend at the 12.00 Mass.
-This Wednesday is **ASH WEDNESDAY**, the first day of Lent. There will be Mass at 7.30 and 10.00 am with the distribution of Ashes at both.
-**House Adoration** takes place during Lent on the following dates: 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th March. This is open to all parishioners who would like to welcome the Blessed Sacrament into their homes and to invite friends and neighbours to pray with them. It is a unique opportunity and we hope that families who have not been involved in the past will take up the invitation. If you are interested, please leave your name into the parish office and find out more information.

-**Bethany Bereavement Group** meet on Tuesday at 7.30 pm in the Ruah Centre.

-The **Transition Year Students from Sancta Maria** will be using the Ruah Centre on Wednesday until 4.00 pm. **The office will be closed on that day.**

-The **Service of Light** for the Confirmation classes will take place in the Church at 7.30 on Thursday.

The **Parish Pastoral Council** has its meeting in the Ruah Centre on Thursday at 8.00 pm.

-St Patrick's Girls' School will have their Confirmation Retreat on Friday morning in the Ruah Centre. **The office will be closed on that day.**

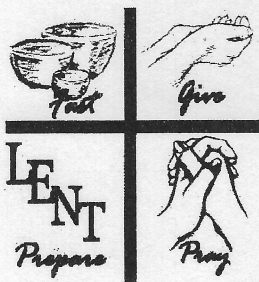
-Next Saturday, **Father Vincent Sherlock will speak on the Eucharist** at the 7.00 Mass and this will be followed by a short period of Eucharistic adoration. This is part of our preparation for the Eucharistic Congress in June.

-All tickets for **the Concert in the Ruah Centre** are sold out. The only opportunity for seats is if there are returns. Please contact Paul Black at 0868251493.

-**The 3rd Age Social Circle** will visit the Masonic Museum on Monday 20th.

"Fasting is the soul of prayer, mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. If we do not have all three together, we have nothing."

St Peter Chryologus



FEASTDAYS FOR THE WEEK:

Tues: St Peter Damian
Bishop and Doctor
Wed: **ASH WEDNESDAY**
Lent season begins.
Thurs: St Polycarp
Bishop and Martyr

There was a boy who found a tortoise. He started to examine it but the tortoise pulled its head in and closed its shell like a vice. The boy was upset and picked up a sharp pointed stick to pry it open. The boy's uncle saw this and remarked, "No, that's not the way. In fact you may kill the tortoise." The uncle took the tortoise into the house and put it down near the fire. Within a few minutes the tortoise got warm, pushed out its head, stretched out its legs and began to crawl. People are like tortoises, you can't force them into anything but if you first warm them up with kindness, more likely they will respond with love.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 7.00-Eamonn Halpin (A), Michael Keegan (A), Myra and Paddy Farrell (A);
Sunday 9.00-Desmond Gilson 1st A; 10.30-Deceased members of the Choir; 12.00-Edc O'Brien (Month's Mind); Mon.10.00-Noreen Furlong (A); Tues-Brian O'Sullivan (A); Sat Agnes Blair and her husband Aloysius.

Recently deceased: Tom Fuller

Anniversaries: Patricia McDermott, Monica Sweeney, Maura Davis, Hugh Quilty and Mary Kelly