

Ballyroan Parish Newsletter for Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd January 2011 Church Unity

Octave - 18-25 January 2011 - All Things in Common The 2011 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity comes to us from an ecumenical group in Jerusalem. In 2011 they invite the world-wide Church to pray with them for the unity of the Church and justice and peace in the Holy Land and through the world.

Opening Hymn/Theme for Prayer Service : God who sets us on a Journey

God who sets us on a journey
to discover, dream and grow,
lead us as you led your
people in the desert long
ago; journey inward,
journey outward, stir the
spirit, stretch the mind, love
for God and self and
neighbour marks the way
that Christ defined.

Exploration brings new
insights, changes, choices
we must face; give us
wisdom in deciding, mindful

always of your grace;
should we stumble, lose our
bearings, find it hard to
know what's right,
we regain our true direction
focused on the Jesus light.

End our longings for the
olds days, grant the vision
that we lack – once we've
started on this journey
there can be no turning
back; let us travel light,
discarding excess baggage
from our past, cherish only

what's essential, choosing
treasure that will last.
When we set up camp and
Settle to avoid love's risk
and pain,
you disturb complacent
comfort, pull the tent pegs
up again;
keep us travelling in the
knowledge
you are always at our side;
give us courage for the
journey,
Christ our goal and Christ
our guide.

Children's Liturgy – resumes this weekend during 12 Mass – well done to them for a beautiful ceremony on Christmas Eve.

The Parish Pastoral Council are meeting next Wednesday 26th January with representatives from each of the ministries involved in the Ballyroan Parish. The meeting will be held in the RPC at 10.30.

AA Meetings continue to be held in the Ruah Pastoral Centre on Thursday evenings between 8.30 and 9.30pm

Third age Social Circle 55 plus – next outing Monday to the Dublin Writers Museum. Meet in Museum Café at 10.30 am

Thank You – for supporting the **Dublin Housing Mental Health Association** by purchasing their Christmas Cards.

Weekend Retreat for Lay People- will take place on Saturday/Sunday 5th & 6th February in the Jesuit Retreat Centre. For further details contact 01 2180274. It promises to be gentle and prayerful experience.

Mass Intentions: Sat 7pm JJ Granell (A), Sunday 9am Jody O Reilly (A), 10.30 Barney O Sullivan (MM), 12 Paddy Kearney (A), Tues Nicholas Cummins (A) Wed. Tom Corcoran (A), Thurs. Michael McCarthy RIP.

Recently Deceased: Kathleen Phillips, Feidhlim O Neill. Patrick Murray. **Months Minds:** Carmel Morrison, Bridget Doyle. **Anniversaries:** Fr. Christy Kenny, Colm O Donnell, Catherine Patterson.

Prayer for Unity 2011

Gracious God, you have promised through your prophets that Jerusalem will be home to many peoples, mother to many nations. Hear our prayers that Jerusalem, the city of your passion, death and resurrection, may be for all a place to dwell with you and to encounter one another in peace.

We ask of the Lord

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