

BALLYROAN PARISH NEWSLETTER

August Bank Holiday Weekend

Mass tomorrow (Monday) will of course be at the usual **Bank Holiday Monday time of 11 am.**

Thank you for your extraordinary generosity to the special collection in Aid of the Drought in East Africa e9,470 was raised which has already been sent on to the Archdiocese.

From the Pope:

Over the past 3 Sundays, when greeting French pilgrims, Pope Benedict has made several brief but important suggestions about how to spend our summer holidays.

First - he invited those who can, to use our vacation time in a way that helps renew our relationships with others and with God.

The Pope even suggested we included a copy of the Bible in our suitcase.

He also invited us to contemplate the greatness, and admire the beauty of creation around us, recognising in it the wonderful presence of the Creator.

Finally, he suggested that pilgrims and travellers apply their intelligence and curiosity to discovering the monuments of the past - witnesses of culture and faith, as he called them, examples of our spiritual roots and heritage. Cathedrals and abbeys in particular are places where beauty helps us feel the presence of God and inspires us to pray for the rest of humanity.

The enjoyment of friendship, reading, nature and culture helps to nourish and restore our spirit. It gives us the strength to continue our journey refreshed and renewed.

After the success of the recent **Lunchtime Concert at the Ruah Centre** we will have another Feast for the Senses with Fergus Sheil who will play his own arrangements of the great songs of Gershwin, Porter, and a fantastic rendition of 'A nightingale sang in Berkely Square' with a singing nightingale and big Ben chimes. **Monday 22 August - 12.05pm. Tickets a Fiver @ Ruah Centre Tues, Wed, Thurs. (in aid of upkeep of Centre)**

Marian Conference - theme 'Hail Holy Queen Mother of Mercy' All Hallows College 13-14th of August - 10am-6pm including Mass and Eucharistic Adoration.

Lourdes Trip. We have rescheduled the meeting for next Tuesday 26th July after 10am Mass. Please bring your cheque book as balance of payment is now due to be paid to the Tour Operator.

Child Protection: Please be aware of our Child-Safeguarding Procedures and our Designated Child Safeguarding Representative is Mrs Ron Charles - 087/2519206

Hotshots Basketball Camp - Loreto Beaufort High School - Boys & Girls 7-17 years, contact Neville at 0872742002

Mass Intentions

Saturday 7pm- Peter & Sally Cambell (A), John & Patrick O Connor (A) **Sunday 9am** Mary Quarry RIP, **10.30am** - Aylmore Kirwan & David Gavney (A)

Mon. 10am- Sean Murphy (A), **Tues. 10am -** Mary Comiskey & Josephine Meade (A), **Thur. 10am -** Deceased members of the O Donnell & Soye Families, **Fri Altar List of the Dead, Sat 10am -** PJ Finnegan (A)

Anniversaries: Malachy Silke

Rec Dec: Mona Connelly