

PARISH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT BALLYROAN NEWSLETTER

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28th Feb./1st March 2009

Do This In Memory

The parish based First Communion programme takes place at 12 Mass today *Sun. 1st March*.

Eucharistic Adoration

This year we will have the Eucharistic Adoration and prayer in the homes of the parish during the **Thursdays** of Lent. You are invited to offer your home (as in previous years) on one of the Thursdays of the middle five weeks of Lent to host the adoration. On Thur. 9th April (Holy Thursday) the adoration will take place in the Church. Completed forms, which are available at the back of the Church, are to be returned to the Parish Office.

Community Care Meals-on Wheels

Drivers who might like to make themselves available for deliveries of meals, one, one day per week, Tuesdays to Fridays would be very welcome. Please contact Pat Roche on 494 6825. Drivers please note that meals are now collected from 69 Anne Devlin Park (Fr. Brendan's house), next door to Presbytery.

Ecumenical Lenten Talks

The first talk (beginning on *Thur. 5th March*) in our ecumenical series "Leadership Matters" is *Leadership Matters - In Families, the Role of Parents* given by Owen Connolly, Family Therapist; *Who Leads and Who Follows the Internet Generation?* given by Karlin Lillington, Technology Journalist with the Irish Times. Venue is the Church of Ireland, Main Street, Rathfarnham at 8pm.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Congratulations to the children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Friday. A special thank you to all involved in the preparation including the teachers, faith friends and mentors.

World Day of Prayer

To commemorate World Day of Prayer a service will be held in the Church of the Divine Word Marley on *Fri. 6th March* at 8pm.

Church Cleaning

Thanks to our new volunteers, one or two more would be great to lighten the load for everyone else. Remember it is only 45 minutes every two weeks.

Outdoor Collection

The outdoor collection this weekend is in aid of the Sancta Maria project to Kenya fund. All donations gratefully accepted.

Children to Lourdes Fund

Thank you to all who supported the recent coffee morning hosted by Joan Molloy. It raised €930 for the fund which remains open for donations until the children travel at Easter.

Feast Days

Sun. 1st March:

St David's Day, Patron Saint of Wales.

Wed. 4th March:

Feast of St Casmir, Patron Saint of Poland. Best wishes to all our Welsh and Polish parishioners for their special feast days.

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