

**PARISH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
BALLYROAN NEWSLETTER**

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The Ascension of the Lord

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the boys and girls who celebrated their First Holy Communion on Saturday. We welcome them into the Eucharistic community and encourage them to receive Holy Communion as frequently as possible.

Sunday Evening Mass

There will be no Sunday evening Mass during June, July and August. Mass is available on Sundays in Rathfarnham at 4.30pm, Ballyboden at 6.30pm and Knocklyon and Marley Grange at 7pm.

7.30am Mass resumes on Monday 25th May.

The Sunshine Fund would like to thank all parishioners for

your support. €2780 was collected.

Third Age Social Circle "55 Plus" visit to Casiltetown House on Tuesday 26th May. Meet at Library car park @ 10am. Car pool needed.

Cura Cares

Free & confidential, one to one counselling for those feeling loss, grief and distress after abortion. Contact 01 671 0598 or www.cura.ie.

Graduation Mass

Congratulations to Leaving Certificate students at Sancta Maria College and Colaiste Eanna on their graduation. Both schools celebrated with a Mass of Thanksgiving during the week. We wish each of them well in their exams in June.

Outdoor collection this weekend in aid of Sr. Kathleen's Kenyan Project.

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the families of John Roche and John Nolan who died during the week.

New Love, New Life

Congratulations to Sinead Weafer and Gavin Hall who were married in the church this weekend. We wish you a long and happy life together.

Congratulations to the parents of Hannah Murphy Dempsey Callum Corcoran, Zachary Carroll and Maximilian Horan who were Baptised this weekend.

We join with our Lord Mayor in expressing our solidarity for the victims of child abuse in State institutions. - we ask your prayers for those who have suffered abuse of any kind that the Lord of tenderness and compassion will restore them and give them peace. We also pray that we may grow through these dark days in our awareness and our understanding and that this may lead us to a determination to put an end to all acts of violence and

abuse. We in the Parish of Ballyroan, in the Dublin Diocese, value and encourage the participation of children and young people in all parish activities that enhance their spiritual, physical, emotional and social development.

We recognise the dignity and rights of all children and are committed to ensuring their protection and support.

In keeping with this we will work to do all in our power to create safe environments for children and young people in order to secure their protection and enable their full participation in the life of the Church. The Child Protection Representative at present is Mrs. Ron Charles, available at 087 2519206.

The Child Protection Policy document can be downloaded and read on our parish website.

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