

PARISH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT BALLYROAN NEWSLETTER

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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
31st October/1st November 2009

The Feast of All Saints

The word 'saint' means 'holy one'. Holiness is one of the ways in which human beings can grow into the image and likeness of God. Those in whose lives this work is completed are saints. Holy is not identical with pious. A holy person is one whose life is full of the qualities proclaimed in the teaching of Jesus, such as, concern for the neighbour, trust in God, care for the widow and the orphan. The saints are the beneficiaries of Christ's resurrection, sharing His personal triumph over sin and death. Now joined with our Blessed Lady, they have the power of intercession before God for us all.

The Feast of All Souls

The church has always attached the greatest importance to the practice of praying for the dead. All Souls Day is the day on which the commemoration of the souls of the faithful departed is made.

We remember the familiar faces, now gone. The souls in purgatory are in a state of cleansing and purification. They hope that we will exercise our power of intercession and accelerate their entry into heaven. We pray in the belief that our prayer makes a difference. It is at Mass that we are most intimately united with our dead, whether as saints in heaven, or souls in purgatory.

Sr. Margaret Corkery

During the summer Sr. Margaret was transferred from Ballyroan to Drumcondra. Throughout her 20 years of dedicated service here she was involved in many facets of parish life e.g. Teaching/Acting Principal - Scoil Naomh Padraig, Chairperson Parish Council, Folk Group, Order of Malta to mention just a few.

In recognition of her years of work in the Parish, Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 7th November at 7pm followed by light refreshments in Scoil Naomh Padraig.
A number of people have expressed a desire to be

involved in a presentation to Sr. Margaret. If you would like to contribute to this presentation please contact:

Dolores Halpin on 4947117, Paddy Drennan on 4932861, Brenda Warren on 4942216, Ireneus Shortt on 4932258, Winnie Keogh on 4943142, Ger Healy on 4933023 or Aine in the Parish Office.

Service of Light

The Bethany Bereavement Support Group warmly invite you and your family, friends and neighbours to our annual Service of Light which will take place on Monday 2nd November at 7.30pm. This Mass will be offered for those who died in the parish during the year.

Remembrance Service

The Annual Remembrance Service for deceased church musicians, their families and friends will be celebrated in the Monastery of St. Alphonsus, on Thursday 12th November at 8pm.

Advent Service 2009 will be celebrated in St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral on Saturday 28 November at 4pm.

Third Age Social Circle "55 Plus" next meeting Monday 2nd November at 10.45am in the Library, Speaker from Irish Aid.

Exercise for the over 50's in Ballyroan Library @ 10.30am commencing Monday 9th November 2009 and also following weeks 16th, 23rd and 7th December. Further details 01 4934818

Eucharistic Ministers Roster available for collection in Sacristy.

Irish Red Cross Old Folks Committee Autumn Fair will take place on Saturday 7th November 2009 from 10am-1pm in Evergreen Hall, Terenure Road North (rear Car-park).