

**PARISH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
BALLYROAN NEWSLETTER**

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**Solemnity of
Our Lord Jesus Christ,
Universal King
22nd/23rd Nov. 2008**

**Senior Citizens
Christmas Party**

This year's party takes place on *Sun. 7th Dec. '08* from 3.00pm - 7.00pm in the Community Centre. Application forms (available at the back of the Church) to be completed and returned to the Community Centre by *Fri. 30th Nov. '08*.

Theology Course

Our Theology Course commences on *Wednesday 7th January 2009* at 7.30pm in Coláiste Éanna. We invite all those whose names are on our current list to contact Sr. Margaret Prendergast or the parish office. Please note that there are some places still available. Cost €250 audit, €370 certificate.

Do This in Memory

The parish based First Communion programme takes place at *12 noon* Mass today.

Advent Retreat in Orlagh

The theme of the retreat, which will be held in Orlagh Retreat Centre from *Fri. 28th Nov. to Sun. 30th Nov.* is "Awake". Cost €160 residential or €110 non-residential. Contact Fr John Byrne 495 8193 or email info@orlagh.ie.

**Ballyroan Children's
Liturgy Group**

Volunteers are urgently needed, particularly for Christmas Play. We meet monthly and do the liturgy with the children (age group 3 - 12) in the church every second Sunday. Please contact Aisling Bradley on 494 6347 or call to the Children's Liturgy on *Sun. 16th or 30th Nov.*

**Wednesday Morning
Workshops**

Sr. Margaret Prendergast will continue the series of workshops on *26th Nov. & 3rd/10th Dec.* in the Baptistery from *10.45am-12.*

**Service of Light
for the Suicide Bereaved**

The service will take place in St Patrick's College, Maynooth on *Sun. 30th Nov. at 4pm.* All welcome. Further details from Damien at 610 2638.

Day Retreat

A one day retreat will be held in the Jesuit Retreat Centre, Sanford Road, Dublin 6 on *Sun. 7th Dec.* from 10.30am - 7.30pm. Cost €27 includes. Further details 2698411.

Altar Servers

The rota for December/January is available for collection in the Sacristy.

Financial Statement

The parish financial statement has been delivered to all houses. The statement is available on our website and some extra copies are also available at the back of the church.

**Tuesdays of Advent
at Gardiner St. Church**

Mid-morning (11.30am) mini retreat on the Christmas Story. Learn and pray about the coming of the Lord with art, songs, prayer and the scripture.

Dec 2nd: Through Paintings -

Eileen Kane

Dec 9th: Through Carols we know: Donal Neary S.J. and Belvedere Choir

Dec 16th: Through the Gospel: Brendan Comerford S.J.

This presentation will also be given at 7.30 p.m. Each session lasts for about an hour.