

# Church of the Holy Spirit, Ballyroan

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## 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### EVENTS IN THE PARISH FOR THE WEEK

- Mon.- U3A Meeting in the Ruah Centre at 10.30
- Tues.- Renew your Faith course in the Ruah Centre at 10.30 am.  
Pilates in the Ruah centre pm
- Wed.- No Mother and Toddler Group this week  
**CHRISTMAS MARKET 6.30 – 8.30 pm**
- Thurs.- Office closed for clean-up after the Market  
Morning prayer in the Church, not in the Ruah Centre  
AA Meeting in the Ruah Centre at 8.00 pm.
- Fri.- First Friday. Padua Members to meet at the 10.00 Mass  
Prior to bringing Holy Communion to the housebound.
- Sat.- A Bring and Buy sale, Coffee morning/evening and Cake Sale in the Ruah Centre in aid of the Refugee crisis. This is Being hosted by a family in the parish. Proceeds will go to The Trocaire Refugee fund.
- Sun.- Sale, as above, in the Ruah Centre after all Masses.

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-Poinsettias for Christmas will be on sale this week at a cost of €10.00. As last year, these plants will be placed at the altar over Christmas to remember the intentions of all those whose names are attached. Surplus donations after the sale will be given to Brother Kevin, Church Street. This amounted to €400.00 last year.  
 -The Christmas Mass Bouquet cards are available in the parish office. All the Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be offered for all on the Christmas Mass Bouquet list. Proceeds will go to Brother Kevin.

#### Dates To Remember :

Parish Reconciliation Service on 21<sup>st</sup> December  
 The Annual RAY Reunion MASS will take place on 27<sup>th</sup> December at 12.00 in the Church. All past members are welcome.



**THE PARISH CHRISTMAS MARKET TAKES PLACE THIS WEDNESDAY THE 2<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER from 6.30 to 8.30.** This is a great opportunity to do your Christmas shopping as there are many stalls. The lighting of the Christmas Tree will take place and there will be music and choirs, freebies and food and even a visit from someone in red ! Alex Murphy and team will again run the bottle stall and they are appealing for bottles. Hope to see you all there.

**FATHER BRENDAN WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS HIS GRATITUDE FOR ALL THE PRAYERS, CARDS AND GOOD WISHES.  
 HE IS MAKING VERY GOOD PROGRESS AND LOOKS FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL OVER CHRISTMAS.**

#### MASS INTENTIONS

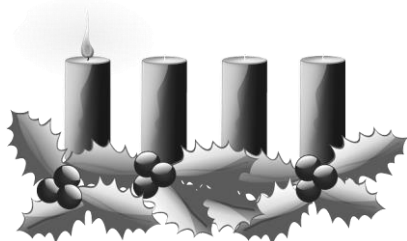
Sat 7.00 pm-John Rafter (A) Elizabeth and James Walker ( A) and Brendan Prone (A); Sun. 10.00-Rosaleen Quinn (1stA) and Liam Quinn (A); 12.00-Gerry Kelly (1<sup>st</sup> A) and Pat McGrath (A); Mon 10.00-Mary and Kathleen Bergin and family RIP; Tues. 10.00-Peter and Maura Nelson (A) ; Wed 10.00-Special Intention; Thurs 10.00-John Finlay (A); Fri.10.00-Altar List for the Dead.

#### Readers for THIS weekend

- 7.00 pm: Pat O'Halloran  
Winnie Keogh
- 10.00 am: Joan McCarthy  
Douglas Thornton  
Anne Walsh
- 12.00 Sarah Byrnes  
Jim Langan  
Joan Moore

#### Readers for NEXT weekend

- 7.00 pm: Geraldine Perkins  
Gerry Moore
- 10.00am: Pauline Ryan  
John Whelan  
Anne Keane
- 12.00: Moira O'Brien  
Grainne Hagan  
John Daly



The Season of Advent has arrived.

This is the time to prepare spiritually for the coming of the Christ child.

Let us take time to be still, to reflect and to find ways to welcome Him into our lives.

Lord,

we thank you for your promise to come among us;  
 we thank you for your light in the darkness;  
 we thank you for your love and compassion.

We place our families in your hands and all families who are sorrowing or rejoicing at this time.

May we always realise that wherever we are, you are there too, walking beside us or holding us close

#### FEAST DAYS FOR THE WEEK

- Wed: St. Francis Xavier
- Thur: St John Damascene
- Sat: St Nicholas