

# Church of the Holy Spirit Ballyroan

25th July 2021

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



*Prayer to Saints Anne and Joachim. Dear Saints, Anne and Joachim, patron saints of grandparents, I present to you all my grandchildren. I ask your intercession on their behalf. Please watch over them and when they are in need, plead their case before your grandson, Jesus, asking that he bless them and keep them in his tender care. Please ask your Son to bless them with loving friends, long healthy lives, success in every endeavour, and great happiness and joy. I thank you for your prayers and assistance. Amen.*

**World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.**  
*Pope Francis has established a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which will take place for the first time on Sunday 25 July.*

*Pope Francis' Message for the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly:*

*Dear Elderly Friends, "I am with you always" (Mt 28:20): this is the promise the Lord made to his disciples before he ascended into heaven. They are the words that he repeats to you today, dear grandfathers and grandmothers, dear elderly friends. "I am with you always" are also the words that I, as Bishop of Rome and an elderly person like yourselves, would like to address to you on this first World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly. The whole Church is close to you – to us – and cares about you, loves you and does not want to leave you alone".*

*(To read the full message from the Pope please visit the Diocesan website at [dublindiocese.ie](http://dublindiocese.ie) )*

## Finance Corner

1st Collection last week : €805

Shrine : €645

Thank you for your continued support.

We are currently in the process of posting out acknowledgement letters and the financial statement for 2020 to those who contributed financially to the parish.

Many thanks to all those who contributed to the Summer Dues collection. Envelopes are available at the back of the church if you wish to contribute.

## Eucharistic Adoration

It is hoped that we can return to Eucharistic Adoration in September.

We will keep you updated.

## When entering the Church:

Please wear face masks, social distance, and use the hand sanitizers. The Church is cleaned at regular intervals to make it a safer environment for all.

Thank You

## Parish Information

**Parish Priest:** Father Michael Murtagh  
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### Parish Office Opening hours:

Monday - Friday: 10.00am – 12.00 noon  
Closed on Tuesdays

### Mass Times

Monday - Friday: 10am  
Saturday: 6pm  
Sunday: 10am

## Mass Intentions 24th July —31st July

**Saturday:** Special Intention Tom & Ann Hickey

**Sunday:** Tony O'Toole (A) Paddy Murphy (A)  
Kevin O'Donohoe(A)

John Naughton (Special Intention)

**Monday:** Patrick Keenan (R.I.P.)

**Tuesday:** Deceased members of the Byrne & Keenan Families

**Wednesday:** Dolly Ring (R.I.P.)

**Thursday:** Eileen Halpin (R.I.P.)

**Friday:** Adam Clarke (R.I.P.)



## Gospel Reflection :

### Fr. Michael Murtagh



Food is the first necessity of life. Without food no life is possible . Do we have too much food in the developed world – Our focus is to cut down on food with a view to Losing weight.

In third world countries their problem is how to get anything to eat at all. Over 700 million people have not enough to eat. How many African children are under nourished this day.

Final question : Are many people starving spiritually? Rarely coming to the Lord's table to be Soul fed. Undeniably Bread will keep us alive for awhile, but the bread of life will keep us alive forever.

## Security

CCTV please be aware cameras are in operation in the Church and throughout the grounds.

## Mass Cards - Anniversary Masses

Mass association cards for the Deceased and the Living are available at the back of the church.

Anniversary Mass cards are available in the office.

Anniversary Masses can **only be booked** through the office. Thank you.

## Recent Bereavement

We extend our sympathy to the families and friends of Brid Naessens and Audrey Hewitt whose funeral took place recently. May they R.I.P.



## CDPA Notice



The cat and dog protection association of Ireland (CDPA) are looking for volunteers and fosters to help them with kitten season, as the charity has no shelter we rely on the help of our volunteers and Fosters to help get as many cats off the street as possible. We mainly work with cats who live on the streets around Dublin. We aim to re-home as many as these cats and kittens as we can. So we are also looking for good forever homes too. If you would like to help you can look up our website or Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/CDPA.IE>). Useful inks: <https://www.cdpa.ie/how-you-can-help/volunteer/> & <https://www.cdpa.ie/rehome-animals/cats/>

## Publications

Copies of the Irish Catholic newspaper and The Messenger are available for sale at the back of the church.

## Saints of the Day 24th Jul—31st Jul

Saturday: St. Declan

Sunday: Of the Day

Monday: St. Joachim and St Anne

Tuesday: Of the Day

Wednesday: Of the Day

Thursday: St. Martha

Friday: St. Peter Chrysologus