

# Church of the Holy Spirit Ballyroan

28th November 2021

1st Sunday of Advent (Year C)



## ADVENT IS A TIME OF EXPECTATION AND PREPARATION FOR THE BIRTH OF THE LORD.

The word Advent comes from the Latin word “adventus” or “coming”.

Advent emphasizes both the celebration of Christ coming into the world as a man and the second coming when the Lord will return.

**Most Sundays during Advent Sundays we will hear a passage from the Gospel of Luke.** Luke is many people’s favourite gospel. There is particular attention paid to the work of the Holy Spirit, women characters figure largely, Jesus tells lots of parables, and it even has a sequel – the Acts of the Apostles! Luke is also filled with stories of healing, people bursting into song, and resurrection stories such as the Road to Emmaus.

**The Gospel of Luke** written in the mid 80’s about 50 years after the death and resurrection of Jesus. It is the longest of all four has been described as the most beautiful book in the world, **Imagine a Christmas without** the story of the shepherds or a baby in a manger?

Luke, we believe was a physician, and an historian and an artist too. Most scholars believe Luke was a companion of St Paul (Col 4:14; 2 Tim 4:11) and a disciple of the apostles. Luke was a gifted writer and the first two chapters in Luke are repeatedly interrupted by poetry and hymns.

**The Latin names to these hymns** that you will be familiar with and are now very special prayers that we recite often.

**Hymns:** Ave Maria (the Hail Mary) (1:42-45) :  
Magnificat (1:46-55) : Benedictus (1:67-79) :  
Gloria in Excelsis (2:14) : Nunc Dimittis (2:29-32)

**The Nunc Dimittis**, also called the **Song of Simeon**, in the New Testament, a brief hymn of praise sung by the aged Simeon, who had been promised by the Holy Spirit that he would not die until he had seen the Messiah. Simeon was at the Temple in Jerusalem when Mary and Joseph came to present the infant Jesus for the rite of purification according to Jewish law and custom. Simeon recognized the baby as the promised Saviour, took him in his arms, and raised his hymn of praise.

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## Bereavements

We extend our sympathy to the families of Eamon McElwee and James Scally whose funerals took place during the week.

*“Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord  
and let perpetual light shine upon them”*



## Readers Roster - 27th & 28th November

Saturday 7pm: David Meade : Margaret Howett  
Sunday 10am: Felicity Coll : Eileen Goodwin  
12am: Sophie Banks : Killian Banks

## Readers Roster - 4th & 5th December

Saturday 7pm: Tessa Dagg : John Daly  
Sunday 10am: Gerry Moore : Helen Vysotska  
12am: Rose Sullivan : Diarmuid Kelly

## Finance Corner

1st Collection: €1,190.00  
2nd Collection (Share): €840.00  
Shrine: €890.00  
Mission Sunday Collection: €2,525.00  
(Your generosity to this collection is appreciated and very welcome)

## Mass Intentions 27th Nov—3rd Dec

**Sat:** Seamus Murphy (MM): Tess O’Neill (A):  
Paddy & Patricia Doyle (A): Mary O’Reilly (A):  
Brendan Prone (A)

**Sun 10am:** John F. Wright (MM)  
Darragh O’Reilly (A): Margot King (RIP)

**Sun 12pm:** Heather Brown (RIP): Niamh Byrne (RIP)

**Mon:** Ronald McGlade (RIP)

**Tue:** Ann & John Jordan (RIP)

**Wed:** **Mass for the Living**

**Thu:** Babs McDermott (RIP): John Keirns (RIP)

**Fri:** **November Altar List**

Cont/..... It is found in Luke 2:29–32,  
**“At last all-powerful Master, you can give leave to your  
servant go in peace, according to your promise  
For my eyes have seen your salvation  
Which you have prepared for all nations:  
The light to enlighten the gentiles  
and give glory to Israel your people”.**

### When entering the Church:

Face Masks must be worn and please use the hand sanitizers.



Think safety !!



### Notice re U3A

The Christmas party scheduled for 6th Dec has been cancelled. This is due to the request from the Government to curtail our meeting in groups.

### Fr. Michael - A Date for your Diary :

## “NIGHT FEVER”

Friday December 3rd.

7pm—9pm

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### Saints of the Day 27th Nov—3rd Dec

Saturday: St. Fergal  
Sunday First Sunday of Advent  
Monday Of the day  
Tuesday St. Andrew (Apostle)  
Wednesday Of the day  
Thursday Of the day  
Friday St. Francis Xavier (Priest)

**St Andrew, Apostle.** Born at Bethsaida (Galilee), A fisherman and a disciple of John the Baptist, introduced his brother, Simon Peter, to Jesus and became one of the first twelve to follow Christ. Mentioned a number of times in the gospels. Was martyred by crucifixion Patras in Greece.

### Mass Cards /Anniversary Masses/Special Intentions

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

Anniversary Masses and Special Intentions can only be booked through the office.

Individual Mass cards: that is, a Mass to be offered for a deceased on an unspecified day/time can only be booked through the office.

**Publications.** The Irish Catholic newspaper, The Messenger, Books and booklets are available for sale at the back of the church. Have a look, you never know what you might see and like.

### Dear Parishioners,

As you are aware, the surplus funds from this year’s “ Poinsettia on the altar at Christmas campaign” will go to the charity Mary’s Meals.

At present Mary’s Meals is feeding over 2 million children every school day, in the 19 most disadvantaged countries in the world.

“ Our vision is that every child receives one daily meal in their place of education, and that all those who have more than they need, share with those who lack even the most basic things.”

€18-30 will feed a child in their place of education for a full year, and at least 93% of all donations raised go directly to the food program.

The Dublin Mary’s Meals Committee are supporting “Gold Camp Public School” in Liberia West Africa. Liberia is one of the poorest countries in the World. The school will require €9,846 euro per annum to feed the 538 pupils with a daily meal for the next year.

Your Donation will help these Children, who might otherwise miss School to work, beg or scavenge for food, gain a precious education, which can be their ladder out of poverty.

You can make this life changing work possible, and we are so grateful for your support.

On behalf of the Dublin Mary’s Meal Committee

John Shortt Phone 0872569337

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### Parish Information

**Parish Priest:** Father Michael Murtagh  
**Deacon:** Frank Browne  
**Parish Secretary:** Mary McDade  
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### Parish Office Opening hours:

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

### Mass Times

Monday - Friday: 10am  
Saturday: 7pm  
Sunday: 10am & 12am

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