



Church of the Holy Spirit Ballyroan
25th December The Nativity of our Lord
26th December The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (Year C)

O
H
O
L
Y

N
I
G
H
T



J
O
Y

T
O

T
H
E

W
O
R
L
D

The crib in our church in Ballyroan

Remembering Absent Family and Friends at This Time.

Getting together with family or friends for Christmas is central to what most of us do at this time of year. Unfortunately, it may not be possible for this to happen, yet again, for some people.

We remember all our absent loved ones who are unable to return home this year and we pray that the Lord will keep them safe.

We also remember at this special time our family and friends who have gone before us. We miss them, and we cherish our memories of them which we hold dear in our hearts. May they pray for us.

In our sadness, we recall the beginning of the first reading of the Christmas Vigil Mass which gives us hope as we celebrate the birth of the infant Jesus.

“The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone”

- Geraldine Perkins

Finance Corner

1st Collection (19th) :	€1,265.00
2nd Collection (Share)	€915.00
Shrine :	€875.00

Christmas Arrangements.

Saturday 25th December

10am & 12pm Mass of the Nativity

Sunday 26th December

10am - Mass

Please note:

Sat 25th Dec - The Church will close after 12 Mass

Sun 26th Dec - The church will close at 3pm

Mon 27th Dec - Prayers with communion at 10am

Tue 28th Dec - Prayers with communion at 10am

The parish office will close at **12 noon on Wednesday 22nd Dec** and will reopen on Tuesday 4th Jan.

Bereavements

We extend our sympathy to the family of Ann Ardiffe whose funeral took place during the week.

"Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her"



Readers Roster - 24th, 25th & 26th December

Fri 6pm: Ann Walsh : Rose Sullivan : Sophie Banks
9pm: Helen Vysotska : Hilary Kenny
Sat 10am: Margaret Howett : Moira Hanbidge
12pm: Felicity Coll :
Sun 10am: Helen Vysotska

Readers Roster - 1st & 2nd January

Saturday 7pm: David Meade : Rebecca Rebello
Sunday 10am: Eileen Goodwin : Felicity Coll
12pm: John Daly : Rose Sullivan

Saints of the Day 25th—31st December

Saturday: The Nativity of Our Lord
Sunday The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
Monday St. John (Apostle and Evangelist)
Tuesday Holy Innocents
Wednesday St. Thomas Becket
Thursday Of the day
Friday St. Sylvester (Pope)

John was the son of Zebedee, a fisher man from Bethsaida near the Sea of Galilee. With his brother James and Peter, he shared in some of the most significant events in the life of Jesus and wrote about them in the Fourth Gospel.

John is identified with "the disciple Jesus loved" who took Mary as his adoptive mother. In later life both Mary and John are associated with Ephesus, where John's tomb is venerated and Mary's house is preserved.

Booking of Masses

We will always endeavour to facilitate Anniversary / Special Intention Masses on the dates requested if possible. However, in the event of a funeral taking place on the requested day, we will arrange the Mass for an alternative date.

It is therefore important that when booking a Mass, a contact name and phone number is provided so that we can advise of the change in date, thereby avoiding disappointment and upset to people.

Your co-operation is much appreciated.

A thank you message from Saplings.

The following message was received from Saplings regarding their recent bake sale and raffle.

"Can you place a big thank you in your newsletter from our Saplings community (parents, guardians, all the staff and of course most of all our students). Every cent goes towards essential therapies (speech and language and occupational therapy). It makes a huge difference to each of our wonderful and unique children as they strive to reach their full potential. We wish everyone a very merry Christmas and the happiest of New Years"

The amount raised was €2,331.00

Phone App.

A great App for prayer and Church readings and more...

You might like to consider the **Universalis**

App for your smart phone and have access to the Readings at Mass, you can choose any date, also the liturgy of the hours, morning, evening, and night prayer.

There is also a daily **Lectio Divina** of the days Gospel reading, which can help us pray the Gospel, by slowly reading it two or three times, and in silence being open to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, praying from our heart and emotions not our head!

There is a small charge for the APP but it is free via the web at **www.universalis.com**

I use it regularly, great if you travel to a foreign country and the Mass is not in English, also during Covid times without missalettes, it is a great way to follow the order of Mass.

- **Deacon Frank**



Parish Information

Parish Priest: Father Michael Murtagh
Deacon: Frank Browne
Parish Secretary: Mary McDade
Email: ballyroanparish@gmail.com
Parish Office: 01 4947303

Parish Office Opening hours:

Monday - Friday: 10.00am – 12.00 noon

Mass Times

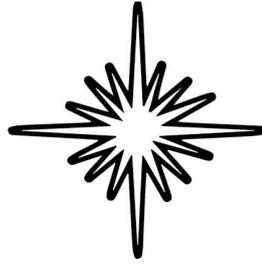
Monday - Friday: 10am
Saturday: 7pm
Sunday: 10am & 12am

Note: Parish office will reopen on 4th January.

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

A child's

Christmas



A crib for you to colour

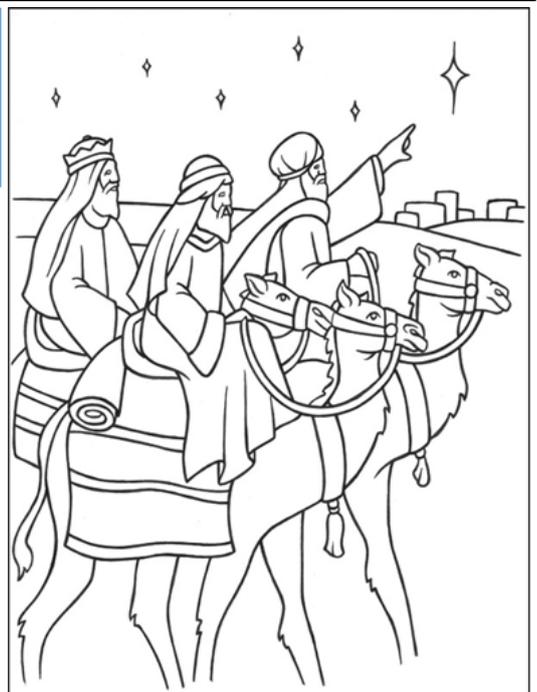
*Visit the crib in the church
and you might get some ideas.*

The three wise men are not in your crib drawing as they are still on their journey to visit baby Jesus.

On the right is a picture of the three wise men on their journey. Their names were Melchior, Balthazar, and Caspar. You can colour them in.

They came such a long way that it was nearly two weeks after baby Jesus was born before they arrived to see him. Do you remember the gifts they brought him??

The answer is somewhere in this newsletter. Follow the star!



GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ,
Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Ár n-Athair atá ar neamh,
Go naofar d'ainim,
Go dtagfadh do ríocht,
Go ndéantar do thoil ar an talamh mar a dhéantar ar neamh.
Ár n-arán laethúil tabhair dúinn inniu,
agus maith dúinn ár bhfiacha
mar a mhaithimidne dár bhféichiúna féin
Ach ná lig sinn i gcathú,
ach saor sinn ó olc
Amen.

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.

Reminder: Mass for the Deceased Tue 3rd Jan
Mass for the Living Wed 4th Jan
First Friday 6th Jan

ACCORD

By Deacon Frank

A useful resource: **ACCORD offers a professional counselling service** throughout the island of Ireland, through its 55 centres, facilitating couples and Individuals to explore, reflect upon and work to **resolve difficulties that arise in their marriages and relationships**. ACCORD counsellors are experienced in working with individuals and couples on a wide range of issues and difficulties that arise in their relationships including communication, intimacy, sexual issues, infidelity, problem behaviours, conflict, domestic abuse, health, family issues, finances, and loss.

Counselling can be arranged by contacting any one of ACCORD's 55 centres throughout Ireland. Accord CLG
Phone: 01 5053112 (Monday-Friday 9am-5pm) Email: info@accord.ie



gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Mass Intentions 25th—31st December

Sun: Peter & Deta Coogan : Cora Mooney (A)
Maria Lakes (A) : Peter McNally (RIP)

Wed: Cormac McGuinness (A) :
Mr & Mrs Humphrey : Mr & Mrs Williams

Thu: Special Intentions

Fri: Eddie O'Sullivan (RIP) : Con Daly (RIP)
Gerry McCarthy (RIP)

Spiritual Communion Prayer

(for those unable to attend Mass in these times)

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, please come spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you now as if you were already there

and I unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you.
Amen.