

Church of the Holy Spirit Ballyroan

13th November 2022

33rd Week In Ordinary Time



Pilgrimage to the Holyland: A short summary.

On Sunday the 23rd Oct, at 4am, 37 intrepid travellers and their spiritual leader Fr. Martin Cosgrove set out on the long journey to Jerusalem. We had 4 amazing days in Jerusalem where we visited many holy places including Bethlehem, the Mount of Olives, The Garden of Gethsemane, The Church of all Nations, to name but a few. In the Church of all Nations we saw the lovely mosaic of the Good Shepherd (above the left hand side altar) given by Ireland as their contribution to this lovely Church. We had a prayerful and musical visit to the Church of St. Anne where we sang "I'll sing a hymn to Mary". This church is renowned for its amazing acoustics. 4 members of the group were from Ballyroan: Peter Kelly, Tom Hanley, Louise Monks and Ger Healy. The group all interacted well together. The high point of everyday was the celebration of the Mass by Fr. Martin in all the different locations. Then we left Jerusalem and headed for the Galilee, the main area of Christ's Public Ministry.

Our Galilee experience began with a lovely boat trip out onto the "Sea of Galilee" where we had Scripture readings and hymns, recalling Christ's time spent here, healing, working miracles etc. We followed with visits to the many places of Christ's life including Nazareth, Cana, Capernaum and many more. Our last day of the pilgrimage was a visit to Magdala the birth place of Mary Magdalene where a beautiful new Church called the "Boat Church" has been built and the remains of synagogue from the time of Christ has been discovered. Our wonderful pilgrimage ended on the 31st Oct. and we set out on the long journey home. Special thanks were given to Fr. Martin for all his guidance, both spiritual and temporal, to our wonderful Christian Arab driver Eli, and our great guide Tanas, another Christian Arab. The memories of pilgrimage will be with each of us for a long time to come.



MASSEY BROS.

Massey Bros. presents a thought-provoking morning on planning for the future, end of life, funeral planning and to answer the questions that have been on your mind and help you have those courageous conversations that ultimately bring peace of mind and give you the confidence to discuss with loved ones.

Courageous Conversations

MARIE LOUISE O'DONNELL
KEYNOTE SPEAKER
"How planning ahead to help us make the most of our (finite) lives"

MARY CUNNIFFE
MASSEY BROS.
"Leaving the mess behind - our experiences of when families are left to decide what is best for your funeral"

VALERIE SMITH
IRISH HOSPICE FOUNDATION
"The Think Ahead Initiative and how it helps to make your care wishes known, appointing a loved one as your healthcare advocate, keeping track of important documents, and more."

ANN STEPHENSON
STEPHENSON BURN SOLICITORS
"The importance of making and updating a Will and other legal decisions that may be required."

COLM KIERAN
MY FAREWELL WISHES
"Your Funeral Wishes - what you want, what you don't want and what you didn't even know you could have."

PANEL DISCUSSION WITH QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



We hope you can join us at:

Wednesday 16th November
Ballyroan Library
at 11.00am - 12.30pm

Tickets available through Eventbrite :

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/courageous-conversations-tickets-458530566267>



Charity Coffee Morning

In Aid of Calcutta Connect
Ruah Centre, Ballyroan
Sunday 13th November
10am to 2pm

Lots of fabulous prizes to be won.

Saints of the Day 12th Nov – 18th Nov

Saturday: St Josaphat Bishop

Sunday: Of The Day

Monday: St Laurence O' Toole

Tuesday: St Albert the Great

Wednesday: St. Margaret Of Scotland

Thursday: St. Elizabeth

Friday: Ss Peter

Finance Corner:

Nov : 6th

1st collection : €1220

2nd Collection : €870

SHRINES: €725

Our Gospel reading this week is from St Luke. Chapter 21:5-19.

This Gospel reading is coming towards the end of Luke's Gospel. In the next Chapter 22, we will be moving towards Jesus' passion. So, Luke reflecting on all that has happened over the previous 40/50 years, emphasises how Jesus was preparing his followers for the challenges that will come in a world that does not tolerate difference and choice to live outside the religious cultural norms. Has this relevance for us today? Jesus is encouraging all people to endure in faith no matter how challenging life will become.

What does the last line mean for you?

By your endurance you will gain your souls/(lives).

No matter what suffering and challenges that we may face in life, there is always hope, because like the early Christians we can experience the presence of the risen Jesus and the Spirit of a loving God who journeys with us. But we need to be open to this love by sharing our emotions honestly with God and listening to his silent voice speaking to our hearts in our time of prayer.

Night Fever 2022

Friday 9th December 7pm to 9pm

in the Church of the Holy Spirit Ballyroan.

Light your candle... God will Listen!!



Mass Intentions 12th—18th Nov

Sat 7pm: Pat Davis(M.M.) Des Davis(A) May & John Dillion (A) Tom Potter (A)

Sun 10am: Paula Kind(A) Noel Lakes(A)

Sun 12pm: Richard Reddy(A) Brendan McCabe (A) Eithne Loughrey (R.I.P.)

Mon: Gerry Sullivan (A) Special Intention Breda (R.I.P.)

Tue: Mass Association Deceased

Wed: Paschal Mullen(R.I.P.) Michael Bermingham (R.I.P.)

Thu: Sr. Estelle McGoldrick(R.I.P.)

Fri: PJ Egan (A)

Bereavements

We remember all those who recently passed away in our parish. Our thoughts and our prayers are with their loved ones and their families.

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

Simon Morgan (Baritone) & **Maria Geheran** (Piano)

'A journey of songs'

A journey of songs, through the Classical and Romantic era, and right up to the Golden Age of Hollywood. This promises to be a colourful and wide ranging musical recital.

Monday 28th November 2022 @ 12.05pm
at the Ruah Centre



Tickets €10 at the Ruah Centre

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
~ 10.30-11.15am ~

Concert in aid of our Pastoral Centre and bringing great music to our parish.

Parish Information

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Monday - Friday: 10.00am – 12.00 noon

Mass Times

Monday - Friday: 10am

Saturday: 7pm

Sunday: 10am & 12am