# **Church of the Holy Spirit Ballyroan**

07th of January 2024 The Baptism of the Lord

Fr Michael, Frank and the parish team would like to thank all those who made the Mass for the World Day of Peace last Monday so special and a great success! The loving support our volunteers showed on the day is testimony to how a little help can go along way. The big heart of Ballyroan shone brightly as a beacon of love and hope in these dark times.

# "LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH AND LET IT BEGIN WITH ME"

#### Please see some pictures and quotes from the homily of Archbishop Dermot Farrell

#### <u> https://dublindiocese.ie/world-day-of-peace-2024/</u>

## "Pondering the Brutality and Darkness of War

Perhaps, the first thing that we might put before our eyes is the brutality of war, and the suffering it unleashes on countless men, women and children. As we see on our screens, the raw violence of war causes immense misery for entire populations. While our senses may be numbed by the reports and images, we cannot ignore the reality of the people who are being killed and injured, or those who are suffering because it is not happening in our land.

#### Seeing the Inter-relation of Conflicts

It is important that we see that everything is connected be that the many wars raging throughout the world, the pandemic, and the climate crisis. The migration crises and the care of our Common Home are interrelated. The great human movements from the East and from the Southern Hemisphere toward the developed world are intimately related with the climate crisis, and its effect on our lives and wellbeing. It is vital that we recognise the gravity of the situation of this planet—our Common Home. To live well together in our Common Home we need an urgent dialogue. So how do we dialogue well?

## Our Neighbour Caricatured and Religion Manipulated

In many of these conflicts, both religious belief and religious history are manipulated to support a particular agenda. The three Abrahamic faiths—Judaism, Christianity and Islam—hold that every person has been created in the image and likeness of God. We agree that the oneness of God is reflected in the unity of the human race (see Gen 1:27 and Qur'an, Sura 2:213). In other words, every person has a shared sacredness that reaches across our national borders."















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

Please remember in your prayers Sean Butler and Billy Magahran who sadly passed away from our parish recently .

"Eternal rest grant unto him/her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him/her. May he/she rest in peace. Amen. May almighty God bless us with his peace and strength, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit"



# Mass Intentions 06th Jan— 12th Jan

Sat 7pm: Dermot Whelan (A) Special Intention (L)

**Sun 10am:** Moire Prone (A) Joan Milner (Get Well) Desmond Davenport (A)

Sun 12pm: Desmond Davenport (A) Gerald Ryan (M.M) Eddie Homan (A) Theresa Kelly (A) Joe Ganly (A)

Monday : Paddy Lynam (R.I.P.)

Tuesday: Ian Hamilton (R.I.P.) Ambrose Given (R.I.P.)

Wednesday: Kathleen Kenny and Family (L) Eileen Twomey (R.I.P)

**Thursday:** Kathleen Wallace (R.I.P) Tom Callaghan (A) Paul Norris (M.M)

Friday: Billy Magahran (R.I.P.) Joe Cully (A)

## **Parish Information**

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**Mass Times** Monday - Friday: Saturday:

10am 7pm 10am & 12am