

Church of the Holy Spirit Ballyroan

11th of February 2024

Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Times

Our Gospel reading this week is from St Mark Chapter 1: 40-45.

Moved with pity, Jesus said to the leper, I do choose to make you clean...

Leprosy in the Old Testament, referred to a variety of conditions that effected the colouring of the skin. People effected were excluded because they were seen as unclean. Anyone coming into physical contact with such a person was then considered unclean too.

Again, our Gospel reading today gives us another glimpse of what Jesus was like. We are told that Jesus was moved with pity and stretched out his hand and touched the leper and told him that he did choose to make him well again. Jesus knew that the consequence for him and his mission if word got out about his actions, that he would be excluded from the towns by the religious leaders of his day.

Are we willing to interact and spend time with those who may be eccentric, isolated, have an addiction or are marginalised in some way?

Reflection by Deacon Frank.



ACCORD COLLECTION

The annual collection for Accord Dublin, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at all Masses on the weekend of February 17 and 18. Accord Dublin throughout the diocese offers Marriage Preparation courses; Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships; A Relationship and Sexuality Programme for schools. Please give what you can on February 17 and 18. Thank you for your support.



JUST Lent

Journeying through Lent focusing on the Sunday Readings and how they open us to act Justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with each other so we can build God's Kingdom.

Reflective group guided by Fr John Bracken
Each Wednesday of Lent 7.30 -8.30pm –
Churchtown Parish Centre.

All very welcome – begins Ash Wednesday...
(commitment to every week not required)

Register info@churchtownparish.com or 01



Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday; Time to reflect and share our thanks, for this is the time that we remember the greatest sacrifice.

**Fr Michael will be giving out Ashes
this Ash Wednesday 14TH at the
10am Mass.**

All are welcome.

Cathal McCabe (Tenor)
Aoife O'Sullivan (Pianist)

RUAH CENTRE

Monday 26th FEBRUARY 2024 @ 12.05pm



Songs for Spring

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.

The next drop-in Meeting for bereaved people will be held on Monday 12th February, in the Ruah Centre from 10.45am to 12 noon.

Whether your loss is recent or long ago, you will be most welcome to attend. Confidentiality assured. Telephone help-line 0851479130.



Mass Intentions 10th feb— 9th Feb

Sat 7pm: John Reilly (A) Billy Gillen (M.M) Des Gibson (A) Karen Kells (R.I.P.)

Sun 10am: Kevin Mullen (A) Nancy Donohoe (A) Mick Masterson (A)

Sun 12pm: Patrick Doyle (A) Mairead Mc Elligott (M.M.) Jack Fenlon (A)

Monday : Paul Black (R.I.P) Tommy & Sue Corkery (R.I.P.) Michael Dooley (A)

Tuesday: Lucy Woods (R.I.P.)

Wednesday : Kathleen Murtagh (A) Kay Lynch (A) Marie Geoghegan (R.I.P.)

Thursday: Special Intention (Living)

Friday: Special Intention (Deceased)

Finance Corner

7th January - Epiphany
1st Collection €342
2nd Collection - €228

7th January
1st collection €1,095
2nd collection €875

13th/14th January
1st collection €1,409
2nd collection €1,070

20th/21st January
1st collection €1,210
2nd collection €490

27th/28th January
1st collection €1,455
2nd collection €870

Tap to Donate- December 2023 €2,208 from 242 transactions.
(Divided 60% to the Common Fund 40% to Share)

Shrines -January €5,964

Thank You

The next meeting of U3A is on Monday next 12th February. Please note the later start. We meet at **10.45**. Please note change in start time.



Parish Information

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Parish Office Opening hours:

Monday - Friday: 10.00am – 12.00 noon

Mass Times