## **Church of the Holy Spirit Ballyroan**

31th of March 2024 The Resurrection of the Lord

# Our Gospel reading for Easter Sunday, St John 20:1-9. Death is not the final reality!

The story of Jesus' Easter appearance is in all our four Gospels, but they vary to some degree as the writers are explaining the theology of the resurrection rather than just the historical details. If you have time, you should read a little further on to John 20:18, and you can appreciate the importance of Mary Magdalene as an eyewitness, "I have seen the *Lord."* The stories of Holy Week are well known to us, but they are the most significant for our faith. The resurrection story is central, it is what gives meaning to our faith, because death is not the last word, it is not the final reality.

Jesus died for us, but the resurrection of Jesus was also an act of love by God for us, his people.

## Reflection by Deacon Frank.





Spaces Filling up Fast, Don't miss out.

Fr. Michael and the parish team would like to invite anyone who would like to go to Knock on the 27th of April this year. We will be taking part in the Dublin Diocesan pilgrimage. We will be renting our own bus and there are other details to follow. It is a lovely opportunity to spend time together in a beautiful sacred place. If you are new to the parish and want to make new faith connections or for others it'll be memories made with old friends. All are welcome. Mary McDade will be officially taking names after mass next Tuesday and Wednesday. We look forward to seeing you all.



Please Note that the Parish office will be closed from Friday 29th of march till Monday the 8th of April.

Mass times for next week are as follows:

Monday 1st- No mass (Bank Holiday)

Tuesday 2nd to Thursday 4th of April :

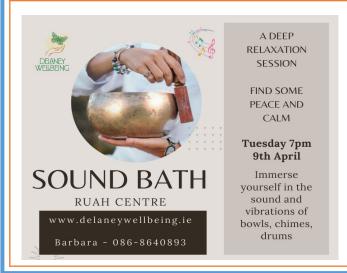
Morning Prayer in the Ruah Centre held by Ger Healy

Friday 5th—Mass in The Church of the Holy Spirit Ballyroan



Fr. Michael and the parish team would like to wish all our wonderful parishioners and their families a very Happy and Blessed Easter. May your homes be filled with love and laughter and peace.

Thank you for all your continued support.





Imogen Stuart RHA 1927 - 2024

Imogen was one of Ireland's foremost sculptors whose prodigious work in a variety of media attracted international attention and critical acclaim over a career spanning seven decades.

Ballyroan Church is very Lucky and proud to have two pieces created by Imogen in our Church. Our crucifix and the amazing handles on our front door. When next you enter The Church of the Holy Spirit Ballyroan. Put your hand on the handle. Spare a thought for the women behind this creation and give thanks for her god given talent .

Our Sympathies go our to her family and all those who knew her. May her Beautiful soul rest in piece Amen.



Happy "Special " Birthday to our very own Deacon Frank Brown. You are one in a million. Thank you for all you do for a parish.



Dear Parishioners,

As you may know our wonderful church is nearly 57 years old but now requires ongoing repairs and maintenance on the heating system and preventing heat loss from the church.

The parish finance committee are looking for a property/building consultant (perhaps also with experience working with a protected structure) to provide advice and recommendations on the best way forward to carry out the work needed.

If you would be interested in this role, know of a family member/friend who might be interested or can recommend someone, please contract Fr. Michael or the parish finance team

at <u>ballyroanparishfinance@gmail.com</u> or phone (01) 4947303.

### Mass Intentions 30th March — 05TH Friday

Sat 9pm: Bridie O' Connell (A) Hannah Concannon

Sun 10am: Shane Lakes (Birthday Remembrance

R.I.P.) Thomas Duffin (A) Ambrose Somers (A)

Sun 12pm: Maura Gaffney (A) Thomas Duffin (A)

Sheelagh Dooley (A) John & Patricia Jennings (A)

Friday: Dick O' Kelly (A) Alter List of Dead

#### **Parish Information**

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Mass Times Monday - Friday:

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