

# Church of the Holy Spirit Ballyroan

8th of December 2024

Second Sunday Of Advent

**+ Second Sunday of Advent Year C. 8<sup>th</sup> December 2024+**

**Our Gospel reading is from Luke 3:1-6**

***‘A voice cries out in the wilderness- prepare a place for the Lord.’***

Luke commences the Gospel story of John the Baptist, using the name of the Roman Emperor Tiberius and other rulers to locate him in time and place. By means of these names and seemingly important people, Luke is saying that something of world significance happened in that year in a backwater of the Roman Empire, unknown to the civil and religious leaders of the day. Because of what happened over the next thirty-three years, we are gathered here today.

Jesus was a carpenter, in Greek a tektōn, meaning a builder’s labourer. Who this Jesus became, what he said and did, and his final destiny changed the face of world history.

***In the coming weeks can we prepare a place for the Lord in our hearts and minds?***



**Today 8<sup>th</sup> December is also the Feast of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

This is a Catholic teaching (dogma) asserting that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was preserved free from the effects of the sin of Adam (usually referred to as “original sin”) from the first instant of her conception. Her conception to her mother traditionally known as St Ann, is separate to the virgin birth of Jesus (which can confuse many still). John Duns Scotus, a Franciscan (1266-1303) argued that Christ’s redemptive grace had already applied to Mary to prevent sin from reaching her soul. Gradual acceptance of this over the next several centuries led finally to December 8, 1854, that Pius IX, urged by the majority of Catholic bishops throughout the world, that the doctrine was revealed by God and to be believed by all Catholics.

*Reflection by Deacon Frank*



**Church of the Holy Spirit Ballyroan**

**Christmas Carol Service**

Thursday 12th December 2024

at 7.30pm Come and Join us in singing your favourite Christmas Carols

All Welcome



## Cyclamen

Cyclamen in remembrance of our loved ones. They are placed on the altar at Christmas. You can order yours at the back of the Church after all the masses this weekend. Cyclamen envelopes are also available.



## **ST VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL 7th / 8th DEC**

This collection will replace the SHARE collection at all masses. The local Conference of St. Vincent de Paul thank you for your ongoing support and generosity.



Dear Parishioners , We have a beautiful Calendar with all things Church Of The holy Spirit Ballyroan to offer you. All proceeds will go towards the ongoing improvements to our beautiful Church. Fr. Michael and the parish team hope you consider buying these wonderful calendars as gifts for family and friends and in doing so you will be helping our lovely parish of Ballyroan. If You would like to Pre-Order one at a cost of €8, please give your details to Mary McDade in the Office.

Thank you for your support.

Fr Michael and Parish Team

## Mass Intentions 07th Dec — 13th Dec

**Saturday 7pm:** Jim O Dwyer (A) Tom Treacy (R.I.P) Philomena Mulrooney (R.I.P) Tim Scanlon (A)

**Sunday 10am:** Kay Lynch (Birthday remembrance R.I.P) Patricia Cahill (A) Kathleen Wallace (A) Christopher Comiskey (A) Elizabeth Walsh (A) James Minogue (A)

**Sunday 12pm:** Bridie Whelan(A) Jo & Pat Moriarty (A) Jim O'Dwyer (A) Dermot Connaughton (A) Ken Freeman (A)

**Monday:** Jim O' Dwyer (A)

**Tuesday:** Walter Harte (R.I.P) Special Intention (L)

**Wednesday:** Noel Molloy (A) Paul Norris (A)

**Thursday:** Joe Slattery (Special Intention Living) Mick Shaughnessy (A)

**Friday:** Special Intention (L)

## Our Annual Penitential Service

(Confessions) for Christmas will take place on Wed 18th of December in the Church of the Holy Spirit Ballyroan at 7.30pm. We will be joined by a number of visiting Priests. This is a wonderful opportunity to make peace with God before the festivities.

## **Parish Information**

**Parish Priest:** Father Michael Murtagh

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**Parish Office Opening hours:**

Monday - Friday: 10.00am – 12.00 noon

**Mass Times**

Monday - Friday: 10am

Saturday: 7pm

Sunday: 10am & 12 noon