

# Church of the Holy Spirit Ballyroan

12th of January 2025

The Baptism of the Lord

**Today's Feast is the Baptism of the Lord:** Our Gospel is from Luke Chapter 3:15-22.

The **Baptism of Jesus** is mentioned in all our four Gospels? (Mark Ch 1, Matt Ch 3, Luke Ch 3, and John Ch 1), so it was very important for the early Christian Church. While we can only wonder why Jesus decided to be baptised by John the Baptist, historically we can be confident that he did. From our reading of all four Gospels we know that it was a significant turning point in Jesus' life. Jesus set out on his mission from that point on, confident that he was the promised Messiah, and it was time to undertake his mission to proclaim the Kingdom of God, here and now, a kingdom not of a military power but of love and forgiveness.



*Can you reflect on a spiritual moment in your life when you experienced the loving presence of God in your life?*



Father Michael wishes to celebrate milestone marriages in our parish. It's a great way to honour the enduring love and commitment you have made in your relationship. If you have been married 5 years, 10 years, 15 years etc. and would like to have your marriage blessed in this lovely mass, please give your details to Mary McDade in the office. This Mass will take place on the 8th of Feb 2025 @ the 7pm Mass. This will be a beautiful way for married couples to renew their love for each other. We will also be having refreshments in the Ruah centre after Mass.



*True love stands by each other's side on good days and stands closer on bad days.*

**Bláthnaid Nicholson** (Soprano)  
Accompanied by **Mairead Hurley** (Pianist)  
**RUAH CENTRE**  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2025 @ 12.05pm



*Bláthnaid Nicholson accompanied by Mairead Hurley, return with an eclectic mix of operatic hits, musical theatre and popular folk song entertainment.*

**Tickets €12 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.*



## Ballyroan

### Pilgrimage

#### **Walking the Camino de Santiago!**

We invite you to embark on a spiritual and Cultural journey like no other—walking the historic French Way of the Camino de Santiago. For thousands of years, pilgrims have journeyed along this sacred route, seeking connection, clarity, and transformation.

#### **A Journey of Faith, Culture, and Connection**

Walk in the footsteps of millions of pilgrims who have travelled this sacred route, seeking God’s presence, peace, and guidance.

Discover the breath-taking landscapes of Spain, embrace the rich traditions of the Camino, and deepen your connection with God, yourself, and others. This journey is not just about reaching a destination it’s about the profound growth and insights found along the way as we journey together toward Santiago de Compostela, the resting place of St. James the Apostle.

Accompanying us on this transformative pilgrimage will be our parish priest Fr Michael, who will guide us in spiritual reflection and prayer along the way.

#### **Secure Your Spot Today**

Spaces are limited, and this is a journey you won’t want to miss!

**Cost** - €790 per person Sharing excluding flights

A €100 deposit secures your place on this extraordinary adventure.

For more information you can contact Barbara 086 8640893 or Mary in the Ruah Centre.

The next drop in meeting for bereaved people will be held on Monday 13th January 2025. The meeting will take place in the Ruah Centre from 11am to 12 noon.

Due to the inclement weather an evening meeting will not take place.

Whether your loss is recent or long ago you will be very welcome to attend.

Confidentiality is assured . More details from 089 4504451.



## Mass Intentions 11th Jan — 17th Jan

**Saturday 7pm:** Billy Magahran (A) Walter Harte (Birthday remembrance) John Murphy (A) Deceased members of the Dunne Family. Paul Gillen (A)

**Sunday 10am:** Martin Davies (A) Betty Buckley (R.I.P) Maura Keohane (A) Desmond Davenport (A)

**Sunday 12pm:** Eddie Homan (A) Deirdre Cartwright (A) Joe Ganly (A) Edward O’Brien (A) Myra, Sean and Kevin O’Kelly (R.I.P) Deceased members of the O’Kelly and Finucane Families

**Monday:** Fr. Pdraig McGowan (A)

**Tuesday:** Special Intention (L)

**Wednesday:** Bill and Margaret Hinphey

**Thursday:** Seamus McHugh (A)

**Friday:** Special Intention Deceased

### Cyclamen

Dear Parishioner, A sincere thank you to the 200 Parishioners who purchased cyclamen, which were placed on the altar, in remembrance of their loved ones over Christmas. The surplus funds came to €1,400, which have been donated to the charity Mary’s Meals. This money will enable 70 extra children to receive a daily meal for the coming year, in one of the 3 schools in Africa which our Dublin Volunteer Group Sponsor, i.e. Gold Camp Public School Liberia, Chitala School, Zambia, and Namitalala School Malawi. Many thanks, John Shortt.

### **Parish Information**

**Parish Priest:** Father Michael Murtagh

**Deacon:** Frank Browne

**Parish Secretary:** Mary McDade

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**Parish Office:** 01 4947303

**Parish Office Opening hours:**

Monday - Friday: 10.00am – 12.00 noon

#### **Mass Times**

Monday - Friday: 10am

Saturday: 7pm

Sunday: 10am & 12 noon