

# Church of the Holy Spirit Ballyroan

25th of August 2024

Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary time

Our Gospel reading is from John 6: 60-69.

Jesus said, "do you wish to go away"...Simon Peter answered..."Lord to whom shall we go? you have the words of eternal life". Our Gospel reading is from the end of John Ch 6. Historically we know that John's Gospel was the last of the four to be written, and the early Christian community may have been arguing about aspects of their faith, as we still do today. John's Gospel is speaking to all of us who struggle in our faith journey. Looking back on Jesus' ministry and the eyewitness accounts of what happened, the Gospel highlights this story.

Many of those listening to Jesus could not accept or understand his message that he was the 'living bread come down from heaven' and that 'anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.' Some then left him and lost faith, but others who struggled to understand stayed. Simon Peter who was to become the leader, stated that there was no turning back for him, he believed that Jesus had the message of eternal life.

What do the words of Peter mean for you?  
"Lord...you are the Holy One of God."

Reflection by Deacon Frank.

(ref: [www.tarsus.ie](http://www.tarsus.ie))



## Harvesting Gratitude

With Carol Barry



13th to 15th September 2024

At the Dominican Retreat Centre, Tallaght, D24 KA40

This weekend retreat offers us the invitation to pause, ponder, acknowledge and celebrate with gratitude the many blessings in our lives.

In light of the great Judeo-Christian tradition of **HARVEST THANKSGIVING**, a graced space is offered during these days to glean the kernels of truth and wisdom hidden in the mystery of our own daily life.

This will be a time to "ingather", i.e. to reflect, remember and recognise the grace of God at work within and around us in order to cultivate a spirit of gratitude, hope and outreach - "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit", Rom 15:13

Carol Barry will accompany and guide us on this weekend drawing on the biblical-cultural tradition and symbols of this ancient Judeo-Christian tradition of celebrating Harvest time. She will facilitate the day drawing on her experience and skills as a Theologian, Lecturer in Biblical Spirituality, Retreat Director, Anam Chara and practitioner of Bibliodrama and Deep Talk and Elder Pastoral care.

Cost: €280 Residential; €180 non-Residential.

For bookings please call the Dominican Retreat Centre, Tallaght on 01 4048189 or email at [dominicanretreats@gmail.com](mailto:dominicanretreats@gmail.com).



Active retirement singers meet

This Sunday 25th of August

in the Ruah Centre @ 7.30

All are welcome to what is sure to be a fun night of music, laughter, tea and coffee!!!



**The Season of Creation** is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all of creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. The season starts on 1 September, the World Day of Prayer for Creation, and ends 4 October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations. During the Season of Creation, we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action as the world's 2.2 billion Christians come together to care for our common home. Creation is not given to humanity to use and abuse, rather, humanity is created to be part of Creation and to care for it.

This year's theme for Season of Creation is "To Hope and Act with Creation"; taking the inspiration from the letter of St Paul to the Romans in chapter 8, "Creation is groaning". Creation is, in our present time, groaning because of the unsustainable actions that harm her: global warming: extreme weather events, damaging gas emissions into the atmosphere, the destruction of biodiversity in earth and seas. And those who suffer most are the poorest of the Earth. Consequently, we are called to hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. We are also called to hope through action for a more sustainable world.



**TO HOPE AND ACT  
WITH CREATION**  
SEASON OF CREATION 2024

*The firstfruits of hope*  
(Rom 8:19-25)

## **Mass Intentions 24TH Aug—30th Aug**

**Sat 7pm:** Vera Comiskey (A) Phil Colclough (A) Gloria O'Shea (R.I.P.) Terry McGann (R.I.P.)

**Sun 10am:** John & Sabina Hamrouge (A) Martin & Nic Kavanagh (Special Intention) Camillus Fleming (A) Edward McCartin (A)

**Sun 12pm:** Don nya Havelin (M.M) Ann Havelin (R.I.P.) Wayne O Halloran (R.I.P.) Nora Kenny (A) Theresa Murphy (A)

**Monday:** Prayers in Church Led by Joan McCarthy and Team

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**Friday:** Prayers in Church Led by Joan McCarthy and Team

## **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

