

# Church of the Holy Spirit Ballyroan

15th of December 2024

Third Sunday Of Advent

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We are already at the third Sunday of Advent which is also known as **Gaudete Sunday**. We will light our rose-coloured candle today. The word “gaudete” is derived from the Latin words “gaudium,” meaning joy, and the Church’s thinking is that because we are so close to the feast of Christmas, it is a good reason to be joyful.

**Our Gospel reading is from Luke 3:10-18.** I like the verse *‘He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.’*

Luke offers a summary of the preaching of John the Baptist but wants to make a clear distinction between Jesus and John. For Luke, John is humble, he tries to speak the truth no matter the cost to himself, but he takes delight in proclaiming the good news of the coming of Christ and the gift of the Holy Spirit. This gift can change all our lives for ever!

*Can we be like John the Baptist and prepare a place for the Lord in our lives?*

*Reflection by Deacon Frank*



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A poster for a Christmas event. At the top, it says 'ARABELLA VOICES PRESENTS AN EVENING OF Christmas Song'. Below that, it says 'CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT BALLYROAN'. The date and time are 'FRIDAY 20th OF DECEMBER AT 7:00pm'. There are two photos: one of a man with a beard (Damian Gallagher) and one of a man in a suit (Charles Cavanagh). At the bottom, it says 'MUSICAL DIRECTOR DAMIAN GALLAGHER' and 'SPECIAL GUEST CHARLES CAVANAGH'. A note at the bottom says 'ADMISSION: FREE RAFFLE TO BE HELD ON THE NIGHT ALL DONATIONS RECEIVED ON THE NIGHT WILL GO TOWARDS FUNDING THE CHOIR AND THEIR CHARITABLE PROJECTS IN 2025'. The background is purple and black with Christmas decorations.

Huge Congratulations to everyone who made the carol service on Thursday last so special. Thank you to Ann McNulty and all who sang so beautifully. It was a special evening for all.

Thank you.



## 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.

Closing date 15th December



No drop in meeting for bereaved people will take place in December in the Ruah centre. Meetings will resume again on January 13th 2025.

Telephone support on 0894504451



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Dear Parishioners, We have a beautiful calendar with all things that the Church Of The Holy Spirit Ballyroan can 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 buy one at a cost of €8, You can do so in the parish office.

Thank you for your support.

Fr Michael and parish team

## Mass Intentions 14th Dec — 20th Dec

**Saturday 7pm:** Sean O' Neill (A) Phil Mulrooney (R.I.P.)

Irene & Anthony Cullen (R.I.P.) Herlihy Family (L)

**Sunday 10am:** Denis O' Riordan (A) Noel Lakes (Birthday Remembrance R.I.P.) Carmel Egan (A)

**Sunday 12pm:** Denis & Betty Maher (A) Jo & Pat Moriarty (A) Phyllis Meehan (A) Don Molloy (R.I.P.) Joyce Dyas (A)

**Monday:** Jim Carr (A) Edwin Carr (A) Eithne Keary (R.I.P.) Patrick Nolan (A)

**Tuesday:** John Caffrey (R.I.P.) Margaret Boylan (R.I.P.) Ann Kerins (S.I.) Marie Comiskey (Get Well)

**Wednesday:** Eithne Keary (R.I.P.) Tareqwa Ní Chonail (Birthday Remembrance) Mrs Henry (R.I.P.)

**Thursday:** Baby Grace Kelly-Grehan (R.I.P.) Joseph & Margaret Staunton (R.I.P.) Michael Donnelly (R.I.P.)

**Friday:** Bridget Gibbson (R.I.P.) Sr. Catherine Maddock (R.I.P.) Gobnait Twoomey (S.I.L.) Ray Shannon (R.I.P.)

**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 are very lucky to be joined by 6 visiting Priests. This is a wonderful opportunity to make peace with God before the festivities.

## **Parish Information**

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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