

Church of the Holy Spirit Ballyroan

26th of January 2025

Third Sunday in Ordinary Times

Sunday of the Word of God. 26th January 2025 Year C.

The Sunday of the Word of God was established by Pope Francis. This Sunday our **Gospel is from Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21**, it gives us the opening scene of Jesus' ministry in the synagogue at Nazareth.

Can you imagine Jesus returning to his hometown of Nazareth and going into his familiar synagogue. After his baptism by John, Jesus is so different from the man who had left some months before. Luke tries to capture this and describes Jesus reading from the prophet Isaiah (61:1-2) ***'the Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring the good news to the poor.'***

Whatever may have happened, Luke's Gospel wants to highlight that Jesus was both a prophet and ultimately a martyr. Jesus was filled with the Spirit of God as highlighted in the earlier description of his baptism and he was then ready to share the message of God's Kingdom of love that we are all invited to be a part of.

Are we willing to accept his invitation and allow the Spirit of God to be a part of our lives?



Father Michael wishes to celebrate all marriages in our parish. It's a great way to honour the enduring love and commitment you have made in your relationship. All are welcome if you are married a year, of 50 years or even if your loved one is no longer with us, come along and celebrate the love that you share or shared. This will be a beautiful couples celebration on the 8th of Feb @ the 7pm Mass. We will also be having refreshments in the Ruah centre after Mass.

Candlemas day falls on 2nd Feb. You are asked to bring a candle to which ever mass you attended over this weekend. Fr. Michael will bless this candle and ask that it protect you and your homes in times of storms.



St Brigid's Day falls in the 1st of Feb. Fr. Michael will bless St. Brigid's days cross at the Saturday evening Mass @ 7pm. We will supply a limited number of St. Brigid's crosses. If you are able to do so please bring your own. Fr. Michael will ask St. Brigid to watch over your homes and protect them.





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.

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.

Buen Camino

Mass Intentions 24th Jan — 31st Jan

Saturday 7pm: Seamus Maninan (R.I.P.) Aidan & Myra Candon (A) Helen O' Brien (M.M.)

Sunday 10am: Michael Murphy (A) Mona & Pierce Sinnott (A) Eileen Kiely (R.I.P.) Fr. Christopher Kenny

Sunday 12pm: Sean Beggan (A) Carmel Farrell (A) Mary Daly (R.I.P) Alan Whelan (A)

Monday: John O'Keeffe (R.I.P.) Enid Perry (R.I.P.)

Tuesday: Special Intention (L)

Wednesday: Special Intention (R.I.P.)

Thursday:

Friday: Michael Cross (A) Joan Quinn (R.I.P.)

Bláthnaid Nicholson (Soprano)
Accompanied by *Mairead Hurley* (Pianist)
RUAH CENTRE
Monday 27th 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.

We ask that you please remember Greg O' Hal-loran in your prayers who recently passed away from our parish. Greg was a valued member of the Ballyroan Parish Choir for Many years. He will be sadly missed by all. Our Sympathies go out to his wife Muriel and daughter Margaret and to all his family and friends May his gentle soul rest in peace.

Active retirement singers meet

This Sunday in the Ruah Centre

26th of Jan @ 7.30

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



Parish Information

Parish Priest: Father Michael Murtagh

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Monday - Friday: 10.00am – 12.00 noon

Mass Times

Monday - Friday: 10am

Saturday: 7pm

Sunday: 10am & 12 noon