## **Church of the Holy Spirit Ballyroan**

23rdth of February 2025 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Times

Gospel reading 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2025. Sunday 7 C: Luke Chapter 6

## Love your enemies and do good to those who hate you...

Jesus' message is so radical in its altruism, it challenges us to go beyond what we might expect when trying to live a good Christian life. In our gospel today Luke describes how Jesus asks us to go even beyond the Golden Rule, to 'love others how we would want to be loved,' to love those who hate us. We are asked to give to those in need without the expectation of a recompense and do not judge or condemn others but forgive them. Clearly few of us may be able or willing to go as far as this Gospel challenges us, but the real message is surely, that God loves us and will forgive us, but that we need to try to mirror God's love for us in how we interact with others.

The more we can love, forgive and share with others, the closer we will become to God who is love, and the happier we may be.







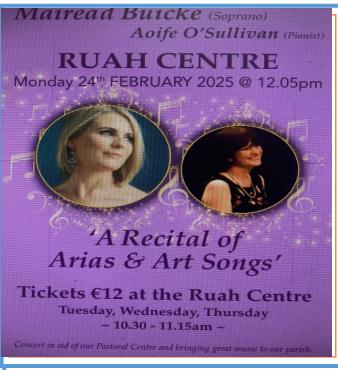
We would like to give a warm welcome on behalf of the Ballyroan Parish Community to Baby Fiadh Healy and Baby Ailbhe Nolan Ahern who have started on their journey with God. A lovely day was had by all.

Active retirement singers meet this Sunday in the Ruah Centre 23rd of February @ 7.30

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



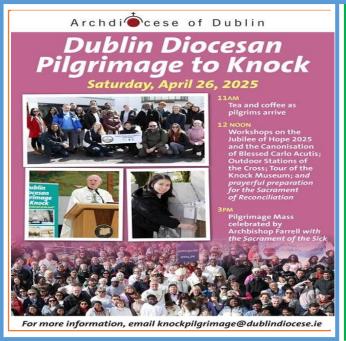
Fr. Michael is looking forward to welcoming the Boys and Girls from Ballyroan Boys School and scoil naomh Padraig On Sunday 2nd of March at the 12noon Mass. During this Mass the boys and girls will celebrate their ceremony of Light. We ask that all our parishioners will keep them in their prayers as the embark on this special part of their faith journey.





If anyone needs help booking flights

Barbara Brennan will be on hand to help.



## Mass Intentions 22nd - 28th Feb

Saturday 7pm Madeline Heffernan (Get well soon)

<u>Sunday:</u> Ita Hanney (R.I.P.) Katherine Moore (Special Intention) Rosemary Moore (R.I.P.)

<u>Sunday 12pm:</u> Susan Nutty (A) Patricia Gray (A) Mark Leyden (A) Michael J Murphy (A)

Monday: Maureen Cleary (Birthday Remembrance)

**Tuesday:** Paddy Devery (R.I.P.)

Wednesday: Eamonn Hickey (A) Florence Costello (A)

**Thursday:** Larry O' Neill (R.I.P.)

Friday: Special Intention (I)

SVP Collections will take place

1sth & 2nd March.

All donations welcome



## **Parish Information**

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**Mass Times** 

Monday - Friday: 10am Saturday: 7pm

Sunday: 10am & 12 noon