

# Church of the Holy Spirit Ballyroan

30th Of March 2025

Fourth Sunday Of Lent

## *Prodigal Son by Rembrandt*

**Gospel reading 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025. Sunday Lent  
4C. Luke Chapter 15:1-3, 11-32**

**Today we read Luke's wonderful description of  
Jesus' parable of the prodigal son!**

The unconditional love the father has for his son, is symbolising how God loves us and will forgive us if we ask. But there much more in this story for us to reflect upon.

### **Can we relate to being like the prodigal son?**

Perhaps at times being self-absorbed, only thinking of ourselves. Then like the son, we need to forgive ourselves for our failings and seek the forgiveness of others.

**Can we relate to the brother?** Perhaps we too can be like the older brother and be resentful of others who do not live up to our standards of how to behave. Is God asking us to let go of any resentments and have the strength to forgive and love others?

Finally, **can we relate to the father figure** who loves his son unconditionally and forgives him for his failings.

**The message of Luke's Gospel story is that we should to try to be like the father.** To be this God-like father, that asks no questions but only welcomes his child home when he has reached out for forgiveness.



Active retirement singers meet  
this Sunday in the Ruah Centre  
30th of March @ 7.30

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



## **Prayer of Gratitude for Mothers**

"Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of motherhood. Today, we celebrate the loving sacrifice of mothers, both biological and spiritual, who nurture and guide us in Your ways. Bless them with joy, strength, and love to continue their selfless devotion. May they feel deeply appreciated and honored not just today, but every day.

Amen."

*Niamh Murray* (Soprano)  
& Accompanist  
*Ronan Murray*

## RUAH CENTRE

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2025 @ 12.05pm



### 'Melodies at Springtime'

*A programme of great songs, fun and laughter*

**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.*

## Mass Intentions 29th - 4TH April

**Saturday:** Eilis Cahill (A) Patrick Noonan (R.I.P.)  
Marian Kelly (M.M.) Cecilia Pakenhan (A) Ambrose Somers (A)

**Sunday 10am:** Paddy Egan (A) Cormac O Brion  
(100 YEAR BIRTHDAY Congratulations)

**Sunday 12noon:** Leslie and maire Warren (A)  
Maura Gaffney (A) Sheelagh Dooley (A)

**Monday:** Dick O'Kelly (A) Joe o 'Donoghue  
(R.I.P.) Sheelagh Dooley (A)

**Tuesday: Rosemary Moore (R.I.P.)**

**Wednesday :** Margaret Finnegan (A) Ted Finnegan (A) Pauline Cahill (A) Kathleen O'Toole (A)

**Thursday:** Tareqwa Emer Getatu Ni Choncill (A)  
Ken Merriman (A) Mary McMahan (R.I.P.)

**Friday:** Altar List of the Dead



Congratulations to the 70 students from Ballyroan Boys school, saplings and Rathfarnham national school who were confirmed by Fr. Sean O Leary and Fr. Michael on Friday 21st of March. Did you know that Fr. Sean was in organised to the priest in 1982 in our church here in Ballyroan. Who knows maybe one or two of these young lads will follow in his footsteps.

### Camino Trip Update!

Interest in our Camino trip has been very successful. We have one place left for a male sharing a twin room. If interested please contact Barbara on (087) 8640893

Later on in the year we will organise a number of walks in preparation . Bien Camino!

### Parish Information

**Parish Priest:** Father Michael Murtagh

**Deacon:** Frank Browne

**Parish Secretary:** Mary McDade

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Nuala Mcleod

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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