Church of the Holy Spirit Ballyroan 09th Of March 2025 First Sunday Of Lent

Gospel reading 9th March 2025. Sunday Lent 1C. Luke Chapter 4.

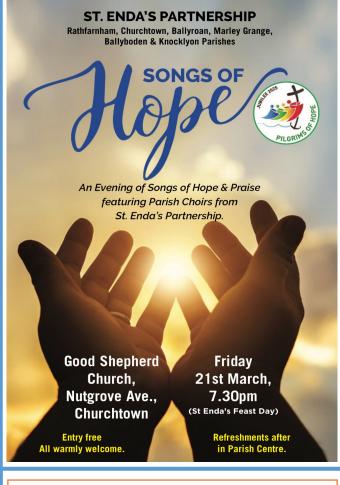
Luke's Gospel reading tells us about the temptation of Jesus by the devil. Jesus had earlier experienced the Holy Spirit descend upon him, when he was baptised by John the Baptist. All three Synoptic Gospels: Luke, Matt Ch4 and Mark Ch1, record this story. Have you experienced a low point after a high moment in your life, or like Jesus a frightening experience after a spiritually happy one? We are called to remain strong in faith and trust our loving God who will see off all that seeks to undermine our faith.

The season of Lent is a time for to prepare for

Easter. It began on Ash Wednesday when many of us received the holy ashes to identify us as followers of Jesus Christ and to acknowledge our own fallings to live up to Jesus' high standards of love of all.

During Lent, you might consider as a family **donating to Trócaire** (the Catholic overseas development agency), by putting some money in the Trócaire box every time you decide not to buy treats in the shop. But the real purpose of the Lenten season is to set aside time for **reflection on the amazing life of Jesus Christ**. A simple countryman who lived a normal life up to his late 20's and then over three years, changed our world as we know it. He experienced the Holy Spirit at his baptism by John the Baptist, and was then convinced that he was the Messiah, the Son of God and so began his ministry, of sharing the good news of a new kingdom of love.







Huge Congratulations to all the Girls from Scoil Naomh Padraig who made their Confirmation in the Church Of the Holy Spirit Ballyroan. Thank you to everyone who made it such a wonderful day.

CAMINO DE SANTIAGO THE FRENCH WAY

Join Ballyroan Community for a trip of a life time !

3rd - 10th Sept 2025 Cost €790 exc Flights Only a few places left !

> Information Evening in the Ruah on 10th March at 6.30pm

Experience breathtaking landscapes, ancient villages, and deep spirtual connections.

Contact Barbara 086-8640893 Or Mary in the Ruah Centre



Niamh Murray (Soprano) & Accompanist Ronan Murray RUAH CENTRE

Monday.31* 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 ~



For the six weeks of Lent it is proposed that we have Mass at 6pm in the evening on <u>Wednesdays</u> and <u>Fridays</u>, to facilitate those that are working an opportunity to go to Mass. There will be no morning Masses on those days

However that means that for lent, Daily Masses will be at 10am on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday in the Church and on Wednesday and Friday Mass will be at 6pm also in the Church. <u>Weekend</u> <u>Masses will remain at the same times.</u>

Mass Intentions 8th - 14TH March

<u>Saturday</u> 7pm Greg O'Halloran (M.M) Rosemary Moore (R.I.P.) A mass of thanks giving - The Magaharan Family

<u>Sunday</u>: Cally Connell (A) Sean Crowley (A) Peter Weafer (A)

Sunday 12pm: Mary Rafter (A)

Monday: Paddy Devery (R.I.P.) Dick Murray (Birthday

remembrance)

Tuesday: Mass Association Deceased

Wednesday: 6PM MASS: Kieran Flynn (R.I.P.)

Thursday: Special Intention Get Well

Friday: 6pm Mass All deceased members of the Dowling

and Lynch Families

Bethany Bereavement Support

The next drop in meeting for bereaved people will be held on Monday, 10th March 2025 in the Ruah Parish Centre. Morning meeting: 11am to 12 noon. Evening meeting: 7.30 pm to 8.30 pm

Whether your loss is recent or long ago, you are welcome to attend . Confidentiality Assured. Helpline 089

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Parish Information

Parish Priest: Father Michael Murtagh

Deacon: Frank Browne

Parish Secretary: Mary McDade Child Safeguarding & Protection Service:

Nuala Mcleod

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| Parish Office: | 01 4947303 |
| Parish Office Opening hours: | |
| Monday - Friday | : 10.00am – 12.00 noon |
| Mass Times | |
| Monday - Friday | : 10am |
| Saturday: | 7pm |
| Sunday: | 10am & 12 noon |