

Church of the Holy Spirit Ballyroan

01st Of June 2025

The Ascension of the lord

Gospel Reading 1st June Gospel of Luke CH 24. Ascension Sunday

I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with the power from on high.

The Gospel reading about the Ascension of Jesus to heaven is in all the four Gospels. (Mark 16:19, Matthew 28:16, Luke 24:36, John 20:17 and the Acts of the Apostles 1:1), although there are differences. **The Ascension is a metaphor for Jesus' entry into the transcendent or heavenly realm.** All the writers of our Gospels want to convey the experience of the Risen Christ in their lives and later with Pentecost, the Spirit of God that allowed them to have faith, and to preach the good news that death is not the end. Love has conquered death, and we are all being called to share this good news.

Our Gospel today, from Luke bridges his two-volume work, including also the Acts of the Apostles. Luke's second work offers us a glimpse of the life of the early Christian Church, particularly after the experience of Pentecost, the descent of the Holy Spirit as promised by Jesus. Next week we will be celebrating the feast of Pentecost.

Perhaps we can take time to reflect on the Ascension stories this week and be open to the presence of the Risen Christ who will always love us?

Reflection by Deacon Frank.



As a lovely initiative Fr. Michael has left a box at the back of the church with the names of all the young people doing their leaving cert exams. We are asking each parishioner to take a card with a name on it and pray the little prayer for which ever persons name you draw out. As we all know this is a stressful time for students and your prayers will give them that extra little support they may need.

Dear Lord,

We pray for all students taking their exams.

That the effort and preparation they have put in for these exams will be crowned with success. That your love will surround them and keep them calm and focused as they take each exam. I pray that all their wishes, dreams and hopes come true,

Amen



Claudia Boyle (Soprano) Emily Boyle (Piano)

Great Opera and Song

Monday 16th JUNE 2025 @ 12.05pm

RUAH CENTRE



We welcome the return of international star Claudia Boyle, accompanied by pianist Emily Boyle.

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 : June 31ST –6TH

Saturday : Nancy McCabe (M.M.)
Felix McCabe (A)

Sunday 10am: Myra O'Kelly (A) Fergus Kernan (A) Jim & Mary Power (A)

Sunday 12noon: Breda Fitzgerald (A)

Monday : No Mass (Bank Holiday)

Tuesday: Pat Lonergan (A)

Wednesday : Margaret Byrnes (S.I.)

Thursday: Jim Somers (R.I.P.)

Friday: Liam McLoughlin (R.I.P.)

The next drop-in meetings for bereaved people will be held on Monday 9th June in the Ruah Centre.

Morning meetings: 11am to 12 noon. Evening meeting; 7.30pm to 8.30 pm.

Whether your loss is recent or long ago, you are welcome to attend.

Confidentiality assured. Phone 0894504451.



Bethany
Bereavement Support

National Bereavement Support for Adults

We are looking for new Volunteers.

Are you someone who has a few hours a month to help?

The charity Nandri will hold an information evening

Wednesday June 4th at 8pm in the Ruah Centre

Please register your interest in attending to Gillian

Secretary.nandri@gmail.com or TEXT 085 8607592



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