

# Church of the Holy Spirit Ballyroan

24th Of August 2025

Twenty-first Sunday In Ordinary Time

**Gospel reflection Sunday 24 th August Sunday  
21C: Luke CH13.**

***Some who are last will be first, and some who were first will be last...***

Our Gospel reading is another challenging message from Jesus. Jesus is responding to a question about who will be saved, and his response is to 'try to enter by the 'narrow door... people will come from east and west, from north and south and will eat in the Kingdom of God.'

**What can this mean?** Jesus is telling his listeners not to be complacent. The fact that they are Jews and were the chosen people will not be enough. The message was for the non-Jews too, the gentiles of whom many accepted his teaching of the Kingdom of God, and the message is for us also. While we do not want to live in the fear of rejection from God's Kingdom, we cannot be complacent and not commit to our relationship of faith with Jesus.

***We are being called to live out the Gospel message of love, not to just listen to it.***

Deacon Frank



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**There are copies of the Irish Catholic Newspaper and the Messenger Magazine for sale at the back of our church:**

**JOIN THE BALLYROAN  
PARISH**

**AV TEAM**

Have you got I.T skills? Are you interested in operating the AV system in the Church of the Holy Spirit, Ballyroan on Saturdays at 7pm, Sundays at 10am or 12pm?

If so, please contact Fr Michael



On Sun day 31st of August after the 12 noon Mass we will be holding a sponsored walk to St. Enda's Park in Aid of Nandri a charity very dear to Fr. Michaels Heart. Sponsorship Cards can be gotten after all Masses at the back of the church and The Parish Office. We are also delighted to announce that we will have Tenor Michael Flood and Trish Kavanagh (Pianist ) playing at the 12 noon mass. They are both very accomplished and not to be missed.

Any Questions please contact :Sheila (087) 7614192 Bernie (086) 8499041

**DAY OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION FOR  
GAZA – AUGUST 24**

**MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP FARRELL**

*I invite all parishes in the Archdiocese to dedicate Sunday 24th August as a special day of prayer and reflection for Gaza and for a renewed commitment by the international community for a just and lasting peace in the Middle East. This appeal, which I am making in conjunction with Archbishop Eamon Martin of Armagh, unites us in prayer before God, crying out for an end to all the terror and violence being perpetrated with tragic results for all.*

**+Dermot Farrell, Archbishop of Dublin**

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**We pray for all our young people** who will return to school in the following week. We especially pray for all those children beginning their first year in school or start. We are so lucky to have such wonderful schools within our parish!  
Finally we pray for all our young people who have received their Leaving Certificate results last Friday: May God guide them in their career and educational choices in the coming weeks: **Amen**

**Notices & dates for your diary**



**UNIVERSITY OF  
THE THIRD AGE**

Monday 1st September at 10:30am Ruah parish Centre

**Active Retirement Concert**

Sunday 31st August at  
7.30pm

Ruah Parish Centre



**Mass Intentions:  
23rd – 29th August**

**Saturday:** Rose McNamara (A) & special intention.

**Sunday 10am:** John O'Flynn (RIP), Camileus Flemming (A)

**Sunday 12noon:** Brendan Glennon (RIP), Nora Kenny (A)

**Monday 10:** Sean Dunne (R.I.P.) Jude exam intention.

**Tuesday 10:** No Intention

**Wednesday 10:** Peggy Durkan (RIP), and special intention

**Thursday 10:** Vlad & family special Intention

**Friday 10:** No Intention

**Attention all parents who would like their son or daughter to make their Confirmation next year!**

***Confirmation Parent/ Child Information & Registering Meeting 2025***

Tuesday 16th September (girls)

Tuesday 23rd September (boys)

at 7pm-8.30pm Ballyroan Ruah Parish Centre.

*You can choose either date depending on your family circumstances)*

**Parish Information**

**Parish Priest:** Father Michael Murtagh

**Deacon:** Frank Browne

**Parish Secretary:** Mary McDade

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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