

Church of the Holy Spirit Ballyroan

31st Of August 2025

Twenty-second Sunday In Ordinary Time

**Gospel reflection Sunday 31st August Sunday 22C:
Luke CH14.**

Those who humble themselves will be exalted...

The **theme** of our readings is humility – **Humility means being down to earth** but not having a low self-esteem rather being respectful and having integrity. The message about the value of humility is for those particularly with a sense of their own self-importance

Our Gospel reading from St Luke refers to an invitation for a meal that Jesus received from an important religious leader. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus is seen regularly eating with people, as Jesus uses the **occasion of a meal to break down religious taboos**, and other social barriers to allow him to proclaim the Kingdom of God which is open to everyone.

In the ancient world meals were an important time, for family and community celebrations. The richer you are, the bigger the celebration and the special status of being invited. So, Jesus in this Gospel, is challenging the religious leaders not to exclude people because they are perceived as less important.

Our Gospel is challenging us to reflect on how we interact with others. Can we show as much respect to someone from a different culture, someone less important in terms of their social status than us. We are being asked to build others up rather than use others to build ourselves up!

Deacon Frank



The Irish Catholic Newspaper & The Messenger Magazine are on sale at the back of 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



Not too late! Join us on Sunday 31st of August after the 12 noon Mass for our **sponsored walk to St. Enda's Park in Aid of Nandri**, a charity supported by our parish. Sponsorship Cards can be gotten after all Masses at the back of the church.





Fr John Kang celebrated Mass in Ballyroan last week and enjoyed a game of table tennis afterwards.

Fr John who is studying in Maynooth told us that in his parish in China 37 young men have joined the priesthood and 20 have become sisters, from a Catholic Parish population of 3000 parishioners!

Mass Intentions : 30th Aug – 5th Sept

Saturday: Phil Colclough (A), Mai & Marie Magahran (A) & Helen Kilfeather-Keaman (RD).

Sunday 10am: Jim McGowan (MIM), Dedan Ahern (A),

Sunday 12noon: Therese O'Reilly-Murphy (A), Patrick & Philomeana Keane (A), Kevin Mullin (Birthday remembrance).

Monday 10: Philip Cairns Jr. (Birthday remembrance), Paul Malone (RD), Angela Byrne (A), Breda Flynn (Mass intention).

Tuesday 10: Michael Maguire (RD), Rosanna Hughes (A).

Wednesday 10: Peggy Durkan (RIP), and Dan Lehane (A).

Thursday 10: Maguire Family (L), Frank Hughes (A).

Friday Altar List of the Dead.

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)

Dates for your diary:



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

Active Retirement Concert

Sunday 31st August at 7.30pm
Ruah Parish Centre

Ballyroan Parishioners Coffee Morning

Tuesday 2nd Sept after 10am Mass

Bridge Classes Thursdays 19.15-21.15

At Ballyroan Community & Youth Centre

Begins 18th September:

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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