

Church of the Holy Spirit Ballyroan

07th Of December 2025

Second Sunday Of Advent

2nd Sunday of Advent 7th December 2025: Gospel Matthew CH 3

“Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven has come near”

This Sunday we are introduced to **John the Baptist**, and his passionate message of repentance. Historically we know that Jesus was attracted to John and was one of his disciples/followers up until John’s arrest. Jesus experienced the Holy Spirit at his baptism and that he was the Messiah (the Anointed One of God). **Jesus’ message is no longer just about repentance, but also about God’s mercy and compassion.**

Advent is different to the season of Lent, but it is also a time to reflect on our lives and our relationship with God and others. As we prepare for Christmas, can we make time each day to take a moment to reflect and pray, so we can prepare for the good news of Christmas?

The divine has become human in the infant Jesus so that we can share in God’s divinity.

Love is embracing us so we can love in return.

Advent wreaths are constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which four candles are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent. The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord’s coming into the world. We will light our **second purple candle this weekend.**



This Sunday, after the 10am Mass, a food collection will take place in the Ruah Centre in support of the Capuchin Day Centre. Your generosity will help provide essential supplies for those most in need. We kindly ask that all donations be non-perishable and that no glass containers be included for safety reasons. Thank you for your continued support and for living out the Gospel call to care for our brothers and sisters. Your contribution, no matter how small, makes a real difference. Thank you—Emer Keogh



Holy Mass will be held for the Feast of Immaculate Conception in the Church Of The Holy Spirit Ballyroan

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Christmas Carol Service

Tuesday 9th December 2025

at 7.30pm

Come and Join us in singing
your favourite Christmas Carols

All Welcome



Dear Parishioner, The Cyclamen in remembrance of your loved ones and placed on the altar and prayed for at the Christmas Masses, are available to order at the back of the church after all the masses this weekend. These Cyclamen can be collected after the Christmas Masses. The closing date for orders is Sunday 14th December. Thank you for your continued support. John Shortt.



NEW SOCK APPEAL FOR THE HOMELESS

A parishioner from Knocklyon Parish has a project to donate socks to the homeless for Christmas. These socks are donated to Focus Ireland and the A and E in Tallaght on Christmas morning for distribution. So that the homeless can have a new pair of socks on Christmas morning. If there any leftover socks they are distributed during the year. We are asking for anyone who can to donate a pair of new socks wrapped and labelled as to whether is it for man, woman, or child and left in the Sacristy before the 14th of December and they will be delivered to Knocklyon

There will be no meeting of the Bethany Bereavement Group in the month of December. Our next meeting will be held on 12th January 2026, in the Ruah Centre, There will be no morning meeting.
Evening meeting: 7.30pm To 8.30pm.
Whether your loss is recent or long ago, you are welcome to attend. Confidentiality assured.. Helpline 0894504451.

Confessions will be held in the Church on Saturday mornings from 10.30 until 11.15 for the next 3 Saturdays during Advent.
The Sacrament of Reconciliation service will be held on Monday the 22nd December at 7pm. A number of priests will be attending.

The Annual SVP Appeal Christmas Collection will take place on Sat 6th and Sun 7th Dec



Mass Intentions : 06th Dec- 12th Dec

Saturday 7pm: Grace Kelly Grehan (A) Liam McDoughlin (R.I.P.) Patricia Cahill (A) Helen O' Brien (A) Peirce Woods (R.I.P.) Michael Cross (A)

Sunday 10am: Elizabeth Walsh (A) Des Bradley (A) Dermott Connaughton (A) Vera Fitzpatrick (R.I.P.) Reg Gilmer (R.I.P.) Eileen Kiely (Special Intention living)

Sunday 12noon: Bridget Whelan (A) John Cantwell (A) Jim O' Dwyer (A) Michael & Ciaran Maher (A) Frank Nulty (M.M.) Gerald Ryan (A)

Monday : Jim O'Dwyer (A) Christy Comiskey (A) Kay Lynch (Birthday Remembrance)

Tuesday: John O' Brien (A) Denis Mullins (R.I.P.) Michael McHugh (R.I.P.)

Wednesday : Peggy Durkan (R.I.P.) Jim, Mary and Edwin Carr (A)

Thursday: Mass Association for the Deceased

Friday: Mass Association for the Living

Please remember in your prayers Denis Mullins, Ita Moore, Jim Galavan and Clare Taaffe who passed away in our parish recently.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let Your perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

Clare Taaffe's Funeral will take place on Monday 8th of December

Parish Information

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Mass Times

Monday - Friday: 10am

Saturday: 7pm