

Church of the Holy Spirit Ballyroan

18th Of Jan 2026

Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

**Our Gospel reading is from John CH 1: 29-34-
*Here is the Lamb of God!***

There are four accounts of the baptism of Jesus in each of our Gospels, so it was a very important event. In John's Gospel which was the last and most spiritual to be written, we read the words; ***Jesus is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.*** This Gospel uses symbolism from the Old Testament of the **Passover Lamb** from the time of Moses (1500 BC approx.), and in the New Testament the Passover Lamb is symbolising Jesus who frees us with love and mercy. Jesus was changed forever after his baptism after experiencing the Spirit of God and began his short ministry that changed all our lives forever.

While most of us will not remember our baptism, we may remember the baptism of our children or relatives. It is usually a joyful occasion, but as in the case of Jesus something wonderful happens when we are open to the Spirit of God in our lives. **We are changed forever by baptism, becoming members of the Church, which means the Body of Jesus Christ.** As adults we are called to live out our baptism by sharing the good news of the Gospel in words and actions.



St. Brigid Crosses

St. Brigid is the Patroness of Ireland, a great Celtic woman. She is beautifully woven in with our faith, our tradition and our Irish heritage. As part of our preparations for St. Brigid's Day and Candlemas, we would like to give each pupil preparing for Confirmation a St. Brigid's Cross. We are looking for volunteers to go out this weekend and collect rushes that will be used to make the crosses. This will be a huge help.



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

18th – 25th January

**The Christian Unity Service will
be held**

**On Sunday 18th January at
3.00pm**

In Whitechurch Parish Church

This is our annual opportunity to pray together for the gift of Christian Unity, that the prayer of Christ "that they all may be one" be truly realised.

Deirdre Higgins (Soprano)
Accompanied by *Mairead Hurley* (Pianist)

RUAH CENTRE

Monday 26th JANUARY 2026 @ 12.05pm



*A lunchtime feast of popular delights
of your favourite operas,
shows and folk songs.*

Tickets €13 at the Ruah Centre

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
~ 10.30 - 11.15am ~

Candlemas

- **Feast of the
Presentation of the Lord**

On 2nd February, we celebrate Candlemas Day. Please bring candles with you to the Masses over the weekend of the 1st of Feb. Fr. Michael will bless them at these masses. It's a beautiful reminder of Christ, the Light of the World in our Homes.

Mass Intentions : 17th JAN– 23RD JAN

Saturday 7 pm : Letitia Taafe (M.M.) Paddy Coine (R.I.P.) Nicholas Scanlan (R.I.P.) Nuala Harris (M.M.) Peg and Des Hughes (Remembrance (R.I.P))

Sunday 10am: Paul Black (A) William John Hinphey (A) Margaret Hinphey (A) Special Intention (L) Theresa Clancy (R.I.P.) Joe Carey (R.I.P.) Special Intention Exams)

Sunday 12noon : Liz Clarke (R.I.P.) Margaret Finnegan (R.I.P.) Kevin Murtagh (R.I.P.) Peggy Durkan (R.I.P.) Get Well (S.I) Ann & William Kelly (A)

Monday : No Intentions

Tuesday : Kevin Murtagh (R.I.P.) Bishop John Moore (A)

Wednesday : No Intentions—Ger Healy : Morning Prayer

Thursday: No Intentions—Ger Healy : Morning Prayer

Friday : Michael Murphy (A)—Ger Healy : Morning Prayer

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



“ **One Body,
One Spirit** ”

**WEEK OF PRAYER
FOR CHRISTIAN
UNITY 2026**

Opening Service: Sunday, 18th January 2026 at 8pm

Location:

St. Thomas Indian Orthodox Church
Malankara House, Old Lucan Road, Palmerstown,
Dublin 20, D20 VP97

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