

Church of the Holy Spirit Ballyroan

11TH Of Jan 2026

The Baptism Of The Lord

Our Gospel reading this week is from St Matthew 3:13-17.

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptised by him.

The baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist is one of the most historically certain events in the Gospels. It is referred to in all four Gospels. Mark tells the story straightforwardly, while the other accounts vary to some degree.

Why did Jesus get baptised? He may have initially been a follower of John the Baptist while coming to understand that he was the Messiah, the Anointed One, the Son of God. While Matthew describes Jesus' experience of the Holy Spirit in a dramatic way, it was no doubt a turning point for Jesus. Jesus would then go on to begin his ministry that has changed all our lives. This is what Matthew is trying to convey to his readers- **Jesus experienced the loving presence of God (Abba-Father) at his baptism.**

If you have time, you might open a copy of the New Testament and reflect upon all four Gospel accounts of the baptism of Jesus. *When Jesus...came up from the waters...he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove!*

By Deacon Frank.



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 who would be willing to make the crosses. No special skills are needed – just a little time and willingness to pass on this lovely tradition to the children. If you are available to help, please contact the office next week .

Thank you.



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.

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 ~

Cyclamen on the Altar at Christmas

Dear Parishioner,

A sincere thanks to the 220 Parishioners who had Cyclamen in remembrance of a loved one placed on the altar at Christmas. The surplus funds and donations to the charity Mary's Meals, will feed an extra 93 children with a daily meal for the coming year in one of the 3 schools funded by the Mary's Meals Dublin Volunteer Group. The 3 Schools are: Gold Camp Public School, Liberia 504 children, Namitalala School Malawi 443 children, Chitala School, Zambia 687 children

Wishing all our Parishioner's a Very Happy and Peaceful 2026.

Regards,

John Shortt.



Mass Intentions: 10th JAN - 17TH JAN

Saturday 7 pm: Paul Gillen (A) John Murphy (A) Deceased members of the Dunne Family. Maura Keohane (A) Philomena Taylor (R.I.P.)

Sunday 10am: Georgina Gray (A) Noel & Margaret Hoare (R.I.P.) Mary Campbell (A) Eddie O' Brien (A) Paddy Roche (R.I.P.)

Sunday 12noon: Desmond Davenport (A) Eddie Homan (A) Deirdre Cartwright (A) Bridie Gilleece (get well soon) Joe Ganley (A)

Monday: Special Intention (Jude)

Tuesday: John & Elizabeth Nevin (A) Special Intention (L) Michael Cullinane (A)

Wednesday: Frank Dougan (A) William John Hinphey Margaret Hinphey (A)

Thursday: Seamus McHugh (A) June Cusack (R.I.P.)

Friday: Letitia Taaffe (M.M.) Paddy Coyne (R.I.P.) Nicholas Scallan (R.I.P.)

Parish Information

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Monday - Friday: 10.00am - 12.00 noon

Mass Times

Monday - Friday: 10am

Saturday: 7pm

Sunday: 10am & 12 noon