

Church of the Holy Spirit

BALLYROAN

A WELCOMING COMMUNITY
LIVING, SHARING AND GROWING IN FAITH

*"Come,
Holy Spirit,
guide us
always."*

PARISH NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 30TH AUGUST 2026

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*"Be doers of the word,
and not hearers only."*

James 1:22

TODAY'S READINGS

1st Reading:

Jeremiah 20:7-9

Psalm:

62:2-6, 8-9

2nd Reading:

Romans 12:1-2

Gospel:

Matthew 16:21-27

GOSPEL REFLECTION

*"If anyone wants to be a follower of mine,
let him renounce himself and take up his cross
and follow me." Matthew 16:24*

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus speaks with great clarity about what it means to follow Him. He tells His disciples that following Him is not always easy. It means putting God first, letting go of selfish desires, and being willing to take up our cross each day.

Jesus is not asking us to look for suffering, but He is inviting us to live with love, courage and faith, even when it is difficult. True life is found not in thinking only of ourselves, but in giving of ourselves – in our families, our communities and in the quiet, everyday choices to do what is right.

To lose our life for the sake of Christ is not a loss at all, but a gain. When we live with faith, hope and love, we discover a deeper joy and a fullness of life that nothing else can give.

*"Take up your cross each day
and follow me."*

Matthew 16:24

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)

Feast Day: 5th September

St Teresa of Calcutta was a small woman with a big love. She saw the face of Jesus in every person, especially the poorest of the poor. Through her simple acts of kindness, she brought dignity, hope and love to those who felt forgotten.

Her life teaches us that we do not have to do great things, but we can do small things with great love. St Teresa reminds us that every act of kindness matters, and that we can all be the hands and feet of Jesus in our world today.

*"Not all of us can do great things.
But we can do small things with great love."*

St Teresa of Calcutta



PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Lord, help me to be a person
of faith, courage and love.
Give me the strength to follow You each day,
even when it is difficult,
and to serve others with a generous heart.
May I see Your face in everyone I meet.
Amen.



*Faith in action
brings light to the world.*

*God doesn't call the qualified,
He qualifies the called.*

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22ND SUNDAY in Ordinary Time

Sunday 30th August 2026

*"Come,
Holy Spirit,
renew our parish,
our community
and our world."*



MASS INTENTIONS 29TH AUGUST – 4TH SEPTEMBER

Sunday 30th August		10am Mass: Patrick McCarthy (R.I.P.) Angela Corcoran (R.I.P.) Special Intention (living) Joan Lahiff (R.I.P.)
Sunday 30th August		12 Noon Mass: Teresa Murphy (A) Mary Mannion (M.M.) Special Intention (living)
Monday 31st August		10am Mass: Dan Lehane (A)
Tuesday 1st September		10am Mass: Mary Keenaghan (R.I.P.)
Wednesday 2nd September		10am Mass: Special Intention for all students going back to school this week.
Thursday 3rd September		10am Mass: Mary and Bert Naughton 70th Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations.
Friday 4th September		10am Mass: Altar Lists of the Dead



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



ACTIVE RETIREMENT SINGERS



7.30 pm this Sunday.
 All are welcome.
 It's a great way to meet
 new friends.

New voices always welcome!

PARISH COFFEE MORNING



Join us this
**Tuesday the 1st
 September**
 after the 10am Mass
 for tea and chats.
 All are welcome.

*Good Coffee
 Good Company
 A Welcoming Parish*

NOTICE

Please note that from
September the 5th
 the evening Mass will return
 at new time of 6pm.

After speaking with parishioners
 it was decided that this would allow
 little members of our parish to come
 to Mass before bed. Also allow people
 get home safe in the winter months.
 We look forward to welcoming you at 6pm.

We Remember



Please remember
**Greta Nelson
 Washington Park**

who passed away from our parish
 recently. May her soul and all the souls
 of the faithful departed through the
 mercy of God rest in peace.

Amen.

Prayer for Our Children As They Return to School



Loving God,
 bless all our children as they return to school.
 Give them happy hearts, curious minds
 and the courage to try their best.
 Bless their teachers, families and friends.
 Keep them safe, help them to be kind,
 and guide them in all they do.
 May this be a year of learning,
 friendship and growth.
Amen.



*Small
 Steps.
 Bright
 Futures.*