

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

BALALLY PARISH

17th February 2019

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Mass Times & Intentions:

Sunday 17th February

10.00am: Martin & Eta Mannion/

Eamon & Teresa Kealy

12.00 noon: Andy Mc Kiernan (1st Anniversary)/

Joe & Gertie Keating

Monday 18th Feb - Saturday 23rd February

10.00am

Monday: Paddy & Mary Griffin & Bill & Deirdre

O'Connell / Ray O'Connell

Tuesday: Francis Moloney / Frank Walsh

Wednesday: Kay Williams

Thursday: Mass in St Mary's, Sandyford

Friday: Sr. Denise Cassidy & Tom Hegarty

(Her Brother in law)

Saturday: Madeline Colgan (Months Mind)

Sunday 24th February

10.00am: Elizabeth & Ita Fagan/

12 noon: John Kavanagh (14th Anniversary)/

Matt Bermingham / Marie Bradshaw (6th Anniversary)



Sermon on the Mount

Artist: Laura James

The Deep End: How Happy

What's so great about being poor, or hungry, or sad? On the surface, these Beatitudes of Jesus seem very strange: 'How happy are you who are poor'. Surely it is better to be wealthy, to be well fed, and to enjoy good times – or to at least be comfortable and content? But Jesus is not interested in comfort, or in maintaining the status quo. The Jesus of Luke's Gospel is something of a revolutionary. He has come to turn the social order on its head: last becomes first and least becomes greatest. His concern is always for the poor and marginalised. Jesus' vision is of a world where the unjust structures that cause poverty, hunger and oppression are swept away. Sadly, as we hear on the news every day, inequalities in our world with regard to wealth, education, health and opportunities remain as stark as ever. Speaking about how we can tackle injustice today, Pope Francis has offered six 'new Beatitudes' for the modern Christian. Like the teachings of Jesus, they remind us that the task of the Christian is to tackle injustice and to act in solidarity with those on the margins of society. Pope Francis' 'new Beatitudes' include: Blessed are those who renounce their own comfort in order to help others. Blessed are those who look into the eyes of the abandoned and marginalised and show them their closeness. Blessed are those who protect and care for our common home.

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Other Church Services:

**Holy Day Masses: Vigil 7.30pm;
10.00am ,1.10pm**

Confessions: Saturday after 10.00am Mass

**Baptisms: Second Sunday of every month at
1.00pm**



View the Live Broadcast of our services

Go to www.balallyparish.ie/balally-goes-live/ for a live streaming of our Services

The Rosary: is recited every morning at

9.40am before 10:00 am Mass. All Welcome.



Eucharistic Adoration with prayer and reflection - is held here in the church every Friday morning after the 10.00am Mass

St Mary's Sandyford, Mass times:

Saturdays: Vigil 6.00 p.m.

Sundays: 9:00 a.m., 11:00a.m, 6:00p.m.

(Youth Mass) Mondays to Fridays: 10:00am.

Holy Days: 10.00am and 7.30pm.



Sacrament of Reconciliation :
after Mass on Saturdays/

Confessions by request

Mindfulness Group

The next meetings will take place on:

Monday 18th February,

Monday 4th March and

Monday 18th March

at 7.30 to 8.30. In the Upper Room, accessible from the Church Porch . If you are interested, further information is available from the Parish Office or ph. 087 4178926. **All are Welcome**



The monthly outdoor collection for the Society of St Vincent DePaul

will take place after all Masses this Sunday 24th February. **The Annual Clothing collection** will take place in this church on Sunday 3rd March. Plastic bags will be available in the porch next Sunday 24th



Geraldine's Green Top Tip of the week:

Drive at the speed limit, increasing your speed equals more guzzling. Also make sure your tyre pressure is at its recommended levels, this can improve mileage by about 3 percent.

This Week...

"And they left everything and followed Him"
Was the conclusion of last Sunday's Gospel.
A big challenge in a few words.



From Father's Desk

What has been going on in the Parish?

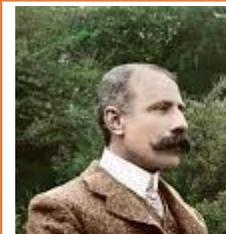
The communications team met again to continue the upgrading of the website. It takes a lot of dedication and hard work to get keep the website upgraded. The new version builds on the experience of the old and hopes to be an instrument of continual communication within the parish. On the 9th of March the website will be explained to the groups and ministries in the Parish.

The Baptism team have put up the names of the children to be baptised in the Parish over the next few weeks. This is done so that we can pray for them and receive them into our community.

Many parishioners turned out to pay their final respects to Philip Mc Donnell as he was taken from the Requiem Mass in Balally to his native Mayo and we also bid farewell to Terri Finlay from Wedgewood. The Funeral team ministered during the Masses and helped to make them both solemn and beautiful.

The 400 club reports an increase of 16 members after last week's words of thanks to the Parish.

Sadly the roof of the Parish Pastoral Centre has been damaged by storm and will need extensive renovation. The architects and



85th Anniversary Concert—

Remembering the works of Edward Elgar

Friday 22nd February,

National Concert Hall -John Field Room

€18 (Concessions available)

Sarah Lane - Violin
Catriona McElhinney
Grimes - Piano



Archbishop Diarmuid Martin has sent out a general invitation to anyone who wants to take part in a diocesan sacraments survey.

The link for the survey is:

<https://www.dublindiocese.ie/survey-on-sacraments/>

Sacrament of Baptism

We Welcome baby

Chloe McAuley Who was Baptised into the Christian Community in this Church last Sunday



What did the Pope say in Ireland?

How can we experience "what truly lasts" in this culture of the ephemeral? (Pro-Cathedral, 25th August 2018)

Did he really say that?



Balally Parish 400 Club

Next Draw takes place next Sunday 24th February

Subscriptions €10 per month will be taken up after Masses this Sunday 17th



Did you ever think of joining?

Subscription: €10 per month

Ph: 087 2577651 or Parish Office 01-2954296



Naomh Olaf GAA Club

An appreciation of club member Joe Fleming is published in this weeks addition of the Dublin Gazette available in all the usual outlets. The fixtures for the Adult men's football and hurling teams for 2019 have been published by the Dublin County Board CCC. These fixtures together with regulations for the year are now available on naomholaf.ie. on the fixtures section. Naomh Olaf Club are hosting a number of live music events in the Clubhouse in the coming year. The first one takes place on Saturday the 2nd March. On the night "Pump Up Jam" will bring their 90's extravaganza to the hall. Tickets are reasonable priced at €10 and are available from the Clubhouse or online through eventbrite.com. Sympathy is extended to the Curtin family formerly of Ardglas on the death club member John Curtin, and also to the McDonnell family on the death of club member Phillip McDonnell, Balally Park. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamacha dilse. There were two winners of the Lotto Jackpot of €1700. The numbers drawn were 2, 10 and 19. This week's Jackpot is €1,000.



The Parish BINGO is held every Friday at 8.30pm in the Pastoral

Climate Change plans DúnLaoghaire - Rathdown

The four Dublin local authorities, including Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, have prepared a draft of plans for action on climate change, and invite comments. They can be found at <https://dublinclimatechange.codema.ie/>. The full document for DúnLaoghaire - Rathdown is 102 pages.



Reflecting on the Gospel of St Luke
Opening the Bible:
Integrating God's Word into my life in Lent

During the season of Lent, we will be offering a weekly Scripture course in the parish looking at the Gospel of the following Sundays (St Luke) The course will run on Monday nights: 4th, 11th, 18, & 24th March, 1st & 8th April, at 7.30pm. If you are interested in participating in the course please contact the Parish Office 01 2954296 or email: parishofbalally@eircom.net. Cost: donation

Get Well

to all our parishioners who are sick, at home or in hospital, we wish you a speedy recovery



Just 500 years or so after the death of Christ, the first monks arrived on Skellig Michael, an island 12km from Ireland's south west coast, lying at the very edge of the then known world. The monastery that they established in this inhospitable environment remains one of the most remarkable testaments to human faith on earth. The ancient history of Skellig Michael, its sacredness as a place, its influence on Christianity, and its breath-taking beauty are all explored through words and images on the featured website of the week at www.NewPilgrimPath.ie

Archdiocese of Dublin

Child Safeguarding - The new updated **Diocesan Safeguarding Policy**, was launched at Deanery meetings throughout the Dioceses. This document clearly outlines the policies and procedures that all parishes must have in place to safeguard children. Should anyone want a copy of this document, it can be downloaded from the Dublin Diocesan Child Safeguarding & Protection Service website or alternatively, you can contact any member of the Parish team, who in turn will email you a copy. *You will be pleased to know the child safeguarding is the first item on every Parish Pastoral council and team meeting*

One Day Safeguarding Training Programme – January to June 2019 The following people must complete this training if they have not done so in the last three years or at all: Parish Clergy, Parish Safeguarding Reps, Parish Staff, Sacristans and anyone working directly with children. Dates are as follows:

Date	Venue	Time
23.03.2019	Arklow, Co. Wicklow	9.30am to 3.30pm
06.04.2019	Greystones, Co. Wicklow	9.30am to 3.30pm
11.05.2019	Templeogue, Dublin 6.	9.30am to 3.30pm
18.05.2018	Clonliffe College	9.30am to 3.30pm

Contact: Garry Kehoe.
Training & Development Co-ordinator,
Dublin Diocesan Child Safeguarding & Protection Service.
Ph: 01-8360314 Mob: 086-0841734

**Luisne Centre for Well-being,
Kilcoole -**

A Journey Through Lent.

We could consider the Way of the Cross as a pilgrimage or journey, following the path not only of Christ's journey through suffering and death to new life but also our own. Humanity and all of Creation is on a critical journey as we are challenged by climate change. Will this critical journey lead us towards sustainability and new life? These sessions will look at the Way of the Cross in the light of Pope Francis' teachings in Laudato Si. They will be based on a document published by Trócaire in cooperation with CAFOD and SCIAF. Thursdays of Lent beginning March 7th, 11 – 12noon Facilitator: Sr. Miriam. Contact: office@luisne.ie. Wwww.luisne.ie
Cost: Suggested Donation: €15 for the series



Newest version of the Pope Mobile

28th Divine Mercy Conference: Divine Mercy Conference Committee wish to invite you to their annual conference on the 23rd, 24th February in the RDS, Ballsbridge. On Friday night, 22nd February, we are continuing our very successful addition to the programme which includes Holy Mass, Adoration and Confessions and which is aimed specially for our young people. This year's theme is: *Let Us Not Be Put to the Test* (Mt.6:13). Full schedule available from www.dublindicoese.ie/noticeboard - All welcome.



Irish Hospice Foundation

Working on Communicating in Challenging Circumstances when people are experiencing loss and grief; this a workshop for non-clinical staff and will be held on Thursday, 28th February from 9.15am– 4.15pm in The Irish Hospice Foundation, 32 Nassau Street, Dublin Dublin 2. Fee is €100 and includes lunch. This workshop will support non-clinical staff in developing communication and relational skills when dealing with loss and grief. Both a theoretical and experiential approach will be taken. Bookings can be made on the following link : <https://hospicefoundation.ie/education-training/bereavement-training/workshops/> 01 6793188/ 01 6730047.



Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the
Family and friends of
Philip McDonnell, Balally Park,
& **Terri Finlay**, Wedgewood,
Who died recently.
May they rest in the peace of Christ



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A screening of a Movie that has Faith at its Heart.

Each month Parishioners are invited to enjoy a movie that has a faith message and spiritual resonance for our daily lives. This month's film is: **PAUL, APOSTLE OF CHRIST** Running Time: 108mins Approx (+10mins Interval) Certificate: 15 (Scenes of moderate violence) Starring James Faulkner as St. Paul and Jim Caviezel as St. Luke In Paul, Apostle of Christ, We witness Luke the physician risk his life to visit Paul who is held captive in a Roman prison under Nero's rule. Together, they struggle under a determined emperor and the frailties of the human spirit in order to live out the Gospel of Jesus Christ as an example of an unbelieving world. Take your seats on **THURSDAY: 21st February @8pm** in Sandyford Pastoral Centre (Beside St. Mary's Church) No door charge, Popcorn and refreshments will be available on the night at the coffee dock. (All Children should be accompanied by a Parent.)



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