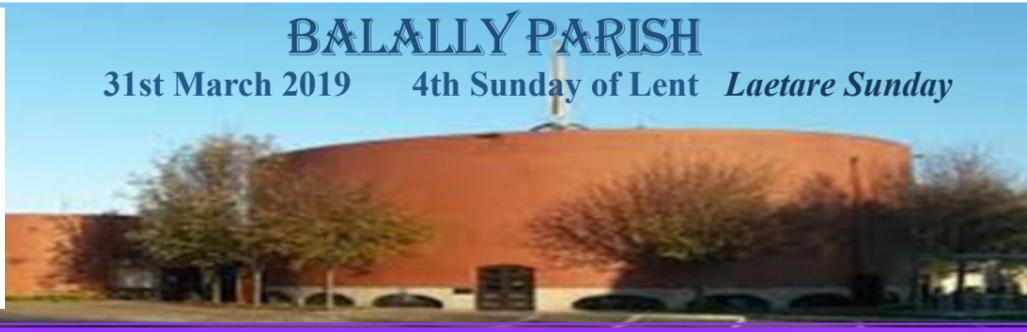


# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

## BALALLY PARISH

31st March 2019 4th Sunday of Lent *Laetare Sunday*



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### Mass Times & Intentions:

#### Sunday 31st March

**10.00am:** Rosie, Frances, Kathleen Gleeson & Parents John & Maryanne/ Mary Griffin (1st Ann) & (Special Intention for Mary's Friends)

**12 noon:** Pat McDonough (3rd Ann) / Michael & Margaret Egan & Bridget Hogan/Joseph Foley (28th Ann)

#### Monday 1st - Saturday 6th April 10.00am

**Monday:** Pat & Mary McCaffrey/Amy Lalor

**Tuesday:** Celine McCormack/ (1st Ann)/ Special Intention

**Wednesday:** Sr. Denise Cassidy/ Bertha O'Kane (1st Ann)/ Catherine Thornton/ Elizabeth (Betty) Byrne

**Thursday:** Mass in St Mary's, Sandyford

**Friday:** Altar List of The Dead

#### Saturday:

##### Sunday 7th April

**10.00am:** Carmel Killackey (2nd Ann)/

Dermot Connolly (3rd Ann)/ Antony Conlon

(2nd Ann)/

**12 noon:** Pat & Mary McCaffrey/Rita McCadden (9th Ann)& Baby Arron O Reilly/ Alo Brophy / Noel Cullen (1st Ann)

( Birthday Remembrance) / Noel Cullen (1st Ann)



Bartolomé Esteban Murillo,  
*Return of the Prodigal Son*

*4th Sunday of Lent*

### The Deep End: The Elder Son

Sometimes we can be so familiar with a Gospel passage we tend to switch off after the first few sentences. That would be a shame, especially when the Gospel is one of the great blockbuster parables. The real challenge in today's Gospel is what happens after the lost son returns. The elder brother has 'worked like a slave' all those years and is understandably upset. The Father's welcome of the younger son would have been considered extremely foolish by those listening to this story. However, the Father makes it clear that his outreach to the younger brother will not change his love for the older brother. It will cost the elder brother nothing to reach out. We have nothing to lose in welcoming home the lost. Today, we can try to place ourselves somewhere in this narrative: where do you stand? This Gospel shows us that God returns the lost to the community, regardless of the boundaries that we might put in place. Jesus teaches us a lesson in radical hospitality. No matter how far we wander from home, God is still a loving God. The elder brother has a choice: to come to the party or to sulk in the corner. Luke, excellent story-teller that he is, leaves the reader to decide the outcome.

'God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth, for not one of them is forgotten in your sight. Enlighten those who possess power ... that they may love the common good, advance the weak, and care for this world in which we live' ( Pope Francis, *Laudato Si*, 246)

Jane Mellett: [mellettj@gmail.com](mailto:mellettj@gmail.com)

### 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



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**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.

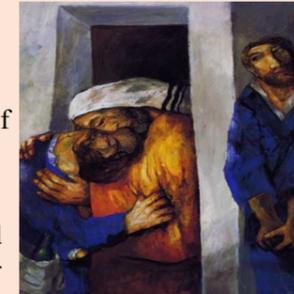
**Sacrament of Reconciliation :** after Mass on Saturdays/



**Confessions by request**

### The Lord who welcomes sinners

This man", they said, "welcomes sinners and eats with them." One of the dangers with religion is that it can be thought of as for good, holy people. And one of the lovely aspects of Christianity, especially as experienced within our Catholic tradition, is that it is for sinners. Holiness is our call, sinner is our condition, and there is no need to worry or be fearful. It can be difficult for us to accept this for ourselves and also for other people around us and so we find ourselves standing in judgement on one another and at times condemning one another. If we want to find Christ, though, we have to learn to reverence the poor, the weak, the sinful, and the faults and failings of others and ourselves. This is why criticism of one another has no part in our following of Christ, whether in our homes, in our close relationships or in our faith community. **Johnny Doherty, C.Ss.R.**



### Get Well

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

**This Week My child was lost and is now found.** The PPC (Parish Pastoral Council) had a very important meeting this week. Two new members were introduced as two other members moved to other responsibilities. Kay Hand and Grace Bontuyan have generously accepted to come onto the Council and offer their perspectives and experience. Andrew Morgan and Geraldine Kelly, after years of service on the Parish Council, have accepted to put their experience and talents to use in other roles within the parish community.



From Father's Desk

The Child Safeguarding members reported on the ongoing audit of child safeguarding in the parish to guarantee that we are striving to apply best practices in the parish.

On Saturday we had another event in the Laudato Si Saturday Lenten programme. In just a few minutes we gathered several bags of trash that were strewn around the gardens and trees. A child's buggy, bags of clothes, plastics, bottles and cans were among the many items that received Christian removal.

Both our schools have been practicing in the Church this week for the "Breath of Life Mass" and for the First Confession. We are very blessed to have such dedicated teachers.

The Communications Team had another meeting to finalize details for the presentation of the updated website to the parish volunteers. Of course on Monday evening we were brought into a space of wonder in our scripture course as we shared ideas on the passage of the "Prodigal Son". It has been a lovely way of living lent



### What did the Pope say in Ireland?

The faith, brothers and sisters, is passed on "around the family table", at home in ordinary conversation, in the language that persevering love alone knows how to speak. (Pro-Cathedral, 25<sup>th</sup> August 2018)



**400 CLUB DRAW** **Balally Parish 400 Club**  
 Next Draw 31st March Subscriptions will be collected in the porch after Masses this Sunday  
**Did you ever think of joining?**  
 Subscription: €10 per month

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

**Balally Parish Lenten Scripture Course:**  
 The weekly Scripture course looking at the Gospel of the following Sunday. The course continues on Monday nights: 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

**Mindfulness Group** The next Meeting will take place on: Monday 1st April, 15th April and 29th April from 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**

**New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week:**  
 "There are certain threshold moments when we sense something of the destiny to which we are called. Such moments unsettle us. We long to hear the *cantus firmus* (the enduring melody) sound louder in our souls, for that vague horizon of our ultimate vocation to become clearer in our hearts." Daniel O'Leary, renowned priest, author and teacher, an inspiration to countless people, died this January, but his inspiring weekly reflections can still be accessed. For these, and other rich online spiritual resources, visit [www.newpilgrimpath.ie](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie)

**BEGINNING EXPERIENCE**  
 Men & Women Separated, Divorced, Widowed. Few people are able to cope alone with the pain of loss. Next Residential Weekend Programme: **Friday 17th May – Sunday 19th May 2019.**  
**Venue:** Dominican Retreat Centre, Tallaght, Dublin 24  
 Booking Required. For Further Information, please phone **086-0877379** or email: [bedublin@gmail.com](mailto:bedublin@gmail.com)

**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
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**

**Naomh Olaf GAA Club**  
 Congratulations to David Byrne and the Dublin senior football team on their League win over Cavan last Sunday. Congratulations to Naomh Olaf's Tara Leahy who has been training with the Dublin under 14 football development squad for the past number of months. She played an important role in Dublin's recent win over Meath. She is now bringing back vital skills and advice to her proud under 14 team mates. Please note that the Club's use of the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council's facility in Stepside finished on Friday last, with the coming of summer time. The 8 to 9pm. Slot on Tuesday and Wednesday will be held until the 19th April for those senior teams who have availed of them during the winter. Thanks to Gerry Donnelly for a great turnout in support of the Naomh Olaf Golf Societies Quiz Night held in the Club recently. Sympathy is extended to the Doyle family Belarmine on the death of Sandra's father Noel Ryan. Noel was the grandfather of Naomh Olaf players Jack, Conor and Ethan Doyle. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis. There was no winner of the Lotto Jackpot. The numbers drawn were 23,26, 30 This week's Jackpot is €1600.

**Sympathy**  
 We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the Family and friends of  
**David Newman**, Ferns, formerly Balally Grove  
**& Brendan Lande** Sandyford Road  
 Who died recently.

**St Olaf's Ladies Club**  
 Wednesday 3rd April  
 in St Olaf's School at 8.30pm  
 "Talk on 1919 by Liz Gillis"  
**New members welcome**

**Geraldine's Green Top Tip of the week:**  
 This last excerpt for now, is a beauty and one to pause and reflect on, on a cold day. "Standing in a snowy wood on a winter's day and watching your breath become part of the breath of the world is a way to pray."

**STAG MEN'S SHED**  
 Is a place where men can share their skills and knowledge with others, learn new skills or develop old skills. The STAG Men's Shed is held every Wednesday from 6pm until 8pm at the premises of Southside Travellers, Kiernan's Enterprise Park, Furze Road, Sandyford. For further information please call Taff on 087-1224416 Southside

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**Dublin Gospel Choir Celebration Concert :**  
 Join Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Mourne Road, Drimnagh, to celebrate the closing of their 75th Anniversary of their Parish, on Friday 5th April at 8.00pm. Tickets are available from the Parish Office and online via the Parish website - <https://mourneroad.ie>. Adults: 10.00, Children: €5.00. For further information please call the Parish Office on Tel: 01 4556105.  
**CHILD SAFEGUARDING AUDIT**-This week the child protection officers, Bruno Babel and Audrey Dowling, have undertaken an audit of the Child Safeguarding policies and of their implementation in the Parish. If you have any suggestions please don't hesitate to write to the parish email [parishofbalally@eircom.net](mailto:parishofbalally@eircom.net) If you have concerns these numbers might be what you need:  
 Garda Síochána (Dundrum): 01-6665600  
 Dublin Diocese Child Protection Office: 01-8360314 Dublin Diocese Director of Child Protection Service: 01-8842590

**Avila Retreat Centre ~ Saturday 6th April 2019**  
**Returning to the Well of Celtic wisdom** During this day we will explore some of the central strands of Irish Spirituality and remember some of the central early holy men and women with **Padraigin Clancy**  
 Suggested offering €25  
 For booking & enquiries contact the Avila Retreat Centre Phone 01-

**J.S. Bach St. John Passion Concert:** Come along to St. Mary's Pro Cathedral on Palm Sunday (April 14 at 8.00pm) to enjoy the wonderful operatic voices of the Dublin Bach Singers in concert. Conducted by Blánaid Murphy and joined by the Marlborough Baroque Orchestra and many more guests. Tickets cost €25 and are available on [www.eventbrite.ie](http://www.eventbrite.ie)  
**The Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock** takes place next Month on Saturday April 27 and will be led by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin. For more information, please email: [knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie)

**Lenten Reflection**  
 "after psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives" Mt 26:30  
**A journey in song from Palm Sunday to the Resurrection**  
**Psalms, Plainsong, and Dánta Dé (hymns of Ireland)**  
*Listen—Sing—Reflect*  
**Kerrie O Connor—Vocalist**  
**Choir Director Church of the Miraculous Medal**  
**Mary Louise O Donnell—Harpist**  
**Director of Music St Agnes' Church Crumlin**  
**Naomi O Shea Violinist**  
**Director of Music St Joseph's Church Terenure**  
**Venue: Church of the Ascension of the Lord, Balally**  
**Date :Sunday 14th April**  
**Time: 4pm**  
*All Welcome*

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