

Church of the Ascension of the Lord

23rd September 2018 ~ 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Mass Times & Intentions:

Sunday 23rd September

10.00am: Florence & Gereldine Fitzgerald /Leo Behan

11.30am: John, Annie, Dympna, & Claire McGarry

12.45pm: Rita McGuirk/Special Intention

Monday 24th Saturday - 29th September

10.00am

Monday: Barry Sweeney/ Special Intention

Tuesday : Josephine Nolan

Patricia Nolan (18th Anniversary)

Wednesday: Mary Geoghan

Thursday: Morning Prayer of the Church

Friday: Jane & Joseph Kelly

Betty Healy

Saturday: Tony Tighe (Birthday Remembrance)/

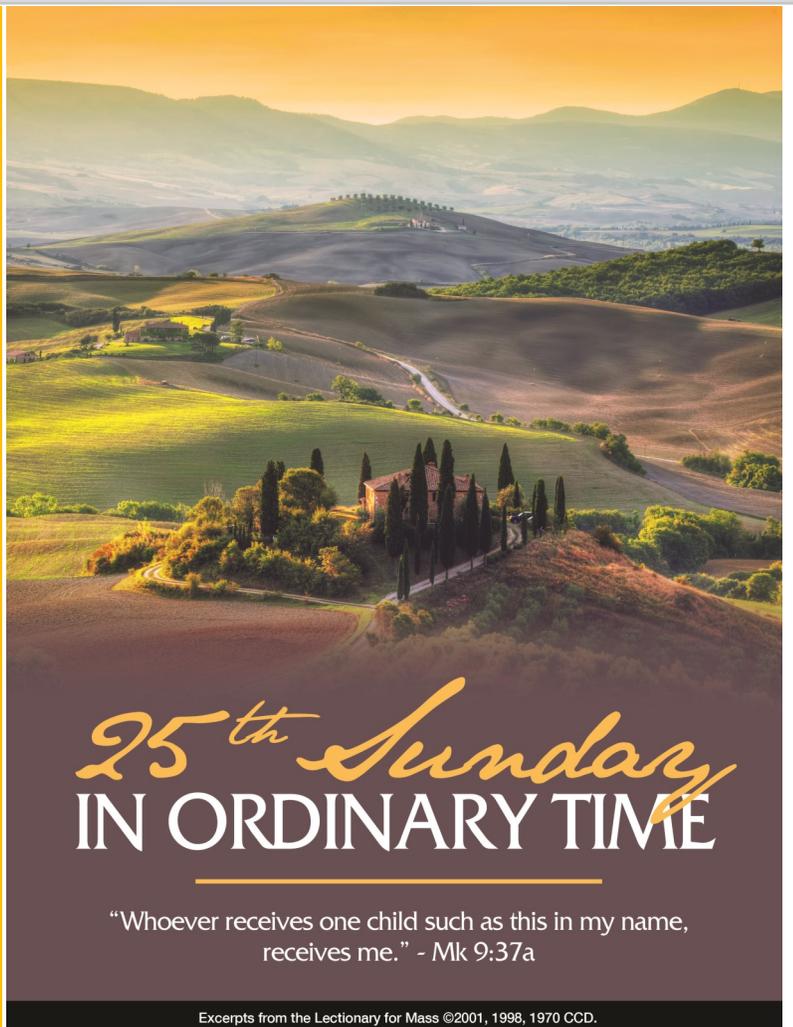
Gavin Mee

30th September

10.00am: 1st Holy Communion Enrolment

11.30am:

12.45pm Cunningham Family & Molly Graham



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THE DEEP END: How to welcome the child

In today's gospel Jesus is presented as the courageous leader, instructing those who will follow on from him and carry on his work for future generations. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.' This September we are celebrating the Season of Creation. Pope Francis challenges us to reflect: 'What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up?' (Laudato Si', 160). In the context of today's gospel we might ask: how are we welcoming generations to come? Pope Francis urges us to remember that the goods of the earth are not meant to be exploited and states, 'Doomsday predictions can no longer be met with irony or disdain. We may well be leaving to coming generations debris, desolation and filth.' During this creation time let us reconnect once more with nature and restore our relationship with the environment. As parish communities we must play our part in ensuring that our world is liveable for generations to come. Climate change is a global problem with grave implications: environmental, social, economic, political and for the distribution of goods. It represents one of the principal challenges facing humanity in our day.'

Jane Mellett
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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 the month 1.30pm straight after the 12.45pm Mass

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

MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

continues until the end of September. EVERY Thursday morning **Morning Prayer of the Church** will be held instead of Mass at 10.00am. This is your opportunity to join in the Universal Prayer of the Church being offered throughout the world and led by parishioners here in Balally.

On **Thursday 5th October** at 10am and all Thursdays till Christmas we will have a 'Scripture course' to explore the following Sunday readings. All welcome

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**

days: 10:00am.

Days: 10.00am and 7.30pm.

Sacrament of Reconciliation/ Confessions by request



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Christ, The Son Of God

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If anyone wants to be first he/she must make himself/herself least of all and servant of all.' Whoever said that religion is the opium of the people obviously never read the Gospels because if opium was nearly as difficult to take as some of the things that Jesus said there would be very few people taking it! And yet the truth is that only his way works. We all want to be first in so many different ways. We can see people in every sphere of life going around puffed up with their self-importance, often putting others down in order to keep their position. It is the opposite to the way of Jesus and can never lead to lasting happiness. This week again we are invited to practice putting other people first, especially in our families and communities and know the joy that this brings.

Johnny Doherty, C.Ss.R



Have you got a head for heights? Why not take part in **Irish Wheelchair Association's Abseil in Croke Park on Saturday 6th October**. To register or to find out more log on to www.iwa.ie/abseil

This Week:

.On Sunday Ciaran Callan informed the community of the financial situation of the Parish. This was after the accounts were approved by the financial committee. The Board of Management also had its monthly meeting and reviewed the finances of the Parish Centre and made some recommendations about its use. Another important meeting took place on Monday. The Altar society gathered to organize itself for the next few months in the light of changes in the Mass Schedule. On Tuesday the Parish Team met with the sacramental teachers and the Principals of the two schools. A very comprehensive calendar of events in preparation for the sacraments was agreed upon We are very lucky with the teachers and principals we have in the schools.

The upgrading of the Parish Centre continues and will continue for some time..



From Father's Desk

True greatness is not wanting to be first while others are second third and fourth, but true greatness is the willingness to be last. True greatness is not positioning yourself so that others praise you, but rather putting yourself in a position to serve everyone—to be a blessing to as many as you possibly can.



Be a rainbow in someone else's cloud

Organ Recitals at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral

Lunchtime organ recitals will be held on Wednesdays this September at St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Dublin from 1.15pm – 2.00pm. Admission is €5 (at the door). 12th September – John O'Keeffe (St. Patrick's College, Maynooth). 19th September – Raymond O'Donnell (Galway Cathedral, with members of the Schola Gregoriana, Maynooth). 26th September – Gerard Gillen (Titular Organist).



COMPUTERS FOR THE TERRIFIED! 1 TO 1 TRAINING FOR OVER 55's



Are you frustrated by your lack of computer skills? Do you feel that the digital age has passed you by? Are you confused by well-meaning family instruction (i.e. no patience with you!) **LEARN HOW TO:** Search the Internet Send & receive emails, Shop and book flights .Use your own device or use computers available at some venues. Age Action runs beginner courses in **Computers, iPads and Tablets** for older people who have little or no experience or for the absolutely terrified! Courses run once a week for 5 or 6 weeks. **All Courses are Free of charge** Classes are run in:-**City Centre, Ballyroan, Palmerstown, Inchicore, Ranelagh, Stillorgan and Tallaght** If you wish to become a volunteer or to book a course Tel: 01 4756989

400 CLUB DRAW



400 club - The September draw takes place in the Coffee Dock on Sunday 30th Sept after the 10am Mass and **Subscriptions will be taken up in the porch after all Masses this Sunday 23rd of September.**

Did you ever think of joining?
Subscription: €10 per month Ph: 087 2577651 or 01 2954296

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

BINGO

New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week.

For nearly three thousand years, men and women from diverse lands and cultures have been lifting their hearts to God by praying and singing the psalms. "The Psalms: 150 Ways of Praying" is a short introductory online course from the English Jesuits. It explores why these beautiful and timeless songs have such universal appeal and shows how the psalms can set us on a pathway to deeper prayer. For this, and for other online spiritual resources, visit www.NewPilgrimPath.ie



The Monthly outdoor collection for the **Society of St Vincent DePaul** after all Masses this Sunday 23rd Sept

Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the families and many friends of

Gavin Mee, DunEmer
&

Eithne Cullen, Clonard Lawn
Who died last week

May they rest in the peace of Christ



Autumn Liturgy Seminar Our Autumn Liturgy Seminar will take place on Saturday 29th September Clonliffe College. We have on offer a range of workshops on various topics. You may attend two workshops of your choice from four on offer. Booking is essential and forms are attached to this e-mail & available on the liturgy website www.litmus.dublindiocese.ie



Naomh Olaf GAA Club

Congratulations to the Dublin ladies senior football team on their victory over Cork in the ALL-Ireland ladies senior football final in Croke Park on Sunday last on the score of 3-11 to 1-12. It was a thrilling final played before a record attendance of 50,141. The game itself was a wonderful advertisement for the ladies sport. The under 16 hurling team enjoyed a Championship win over St. Sylvesters and the minor hurling team had a well - deserved Championship win over Fingallians last weekend. When Chloe Ní Cheallaigh and the Dublin Premier Junior camogie team won the All-Ireland final in Croke Park recently Chloe made a piece of Club history by being the first Naomh Olaf player to win an All-Ireland camogie medal. Earlier this summer Christine Shanahan and Julie Grimes Naomh Olaf had won Leinster medals when the Dublin under 16 "B" camogie team won the Leinster final. This is due reward for all of the hard work which has been going on behind the scenes in Naomh Olaf to promote camogie. Mary Gibney and all of fellow team coaches deserve great credit. Having won their two Championship games earlier the senior football team resumes Championship action next weekend. There was no winner of the Lotto Jackpot. The numbers drawn were 5, 14 and 28. This week's Jackpot is €1.300. Buy on line or get your €2 ticket in the Clubhouse or sign up for the year via the Club's website www.naomholaf.ie.



DON'T MISS Family Fun Day at Luisne in Kilcoole on Sunday, September 23rd from 12 - 5pm. See www.luisne.ie for details.

VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE

From Sunday 7th October **there will be a change in the Sunday Mass timetable:**

There will now be two Masses on Sundays at :

10.00am and 12.00 noon. There will be opportunities toward the end of the month to meet with the parish team and members of the Parish Pastoral Council to chat about the future of the parish.

Parish Meetings

will be held on the mornings of - 24th, 25th & 28th September after the 10am Mass and evenings 24th, 25th & 26th September at 7.30pm in the Coffee dock.

You are all welcome to come along and participate

Child Safeguarding

This year 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

CREATION TIME 1st September— 4th October



*But ask the animals and they will teach you,
or the birds in the sky and they will tell you,
or speak to the earth, and it will teach you...
Which of all of these do not know that the
hand of the Lord has done this? (Job 12:7-10)*

Faith for Life : Faith for Life is an adult faith course designed to help you to discover more energising and empowering ways to live out your faith in the reality of today's world through relationships, family, home, workplaces and the events of daily life. It aims to help you to be more active, open, faithful, confident, trusting and willing to work for change. The Faith for Life course is experienced as a journey of 4 'Movements' inviting you to explore the call you received in Baptism. The process for each weekend includes teaching, personal and group reflection, prayer and liturgy. The course is run over four weekends: 6/7 October 2018, 17/18 November 2018, 12/13 January 2019 and 23/24 February 2019. To apply, contact the Office for Evangelisation and Ecumenism at evangelisaion@dublindiocese.ie This course has been designed and is delivered through a partnership agreement between the Archdioceses of Dublin and Liverpool. Upon completion, participants will be awarded a Certificate of Achievement.

“Grow”

Community Mental Health Movement

Will host a Community Health & Wellbeing Programme for five Mondays from 7.00pm—9.00pm Starting on Monday 24th September in the Iona Centre, Knocklyon. The course is entitled 'Understanding and Minding your Mental Health'. It is free and all are welcome. It presents aspects of positive mental health. Contact John 086-8033126 or come along on the night. log on to midlandregion@grow.ie or visit www.grow.ie GROW: promoting Positive Mental Health.



It's time to change your Interior Life

Step Inside! An Adult Education Certificate in Spirituality is being offered by the The Dominican Centre, Blackrock. This two-year part-time programme runs on Thursday evenings and on six Saturdays. It begins on 27 September 2018. It is both exciting and spiritually enriching. It is set in a convivial atmosphere and is open to all. No prior learning is required and there are no exams. For further information contact Anne Ryan, mob: 086 884 3652, email: anneryanflanagan@gmail.com, Website www.lumenop.ie

Interested in Spirituality?

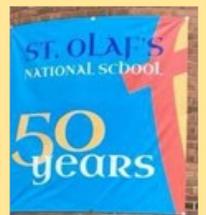
There are still places available on the Spirituality Programme being offered by Dominican Centre, Sion Hill, Blackrock. This two-year part-time programme takes place on Thursday evenings from 7.00 – 9.30pm and on six Saturdays each year. It starts on 27 September 2018. It is open to all, no prior learning is required and there are no exams. For further information contact Anne Ryan, anneryanflanagan@gmail.com,



St Olaf's 50th Anniversary.

In the school hall from 7-9pm on Sunday Sept 30th. Cheese/Wine /refreshments
Old roll books/ photographs and lots of memories will be on display.

Past pupils/ past parents of pupils/ Balally & other local residents/ Former Board of Management members/ Retired staff are welcome.
Anybody who would like to share in some memories of the last 50 years of St Olaf's NS this is the place to be!
We hope to see you on the night.



Legion of Mary Annual Pilgrimage to Knock

Next Sunday 30th September
Bus departs main-street Dundrum (opposite old Shopping Centre) at 8.10am sharp.
Book before Wednesday 26th September.
Cost : €25 for Adult, €10 for Child.
Contact Pat on 086-3669778



Living with Loss

An information evening for the public about bereavement with guest speaker Niamh Fitzpatrick (Psychologist, sister of Capt. Dara Fitzpatrick) Observations on grief from the inside out

Thursday, 1st November 2018 5.30pm - 8.00pm The Alex Hotel, 41-47 Fenian Street (off Merrion Square), Dublin 2.

The evening will open at 5.30pm with a formal introduction. There will also be an opportunity to chat to voluntary bereavement support services about the supports they provide. During the evening Niamh Fitzpatrick will address the gathering and speak on the theme 'Living with Loss'.



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