

Church of the Ascension of the Lord

5th August 2018 ~ 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Mass Times & Intentions:

Sunday 5th August :

10.00am: John Dowling (1st Anniversary)
Kay Clarke

11.30am: Tessie Hannon

12.45pm: Mass Pro Populo

Monday 6th August — Saturday 11th August 10.00am

Monday: Special Intention (birthday)

Tuesday : Louise Roycroft

Wednesday: Tony Roe

Ita Murphy

Thursday: Morning Prayer of the Church

Friday: Tom Furey & Jimmy Furey

/ Special Intention

Saturday: John Gavigan

/ Special Intention

Sunday 12th August

10.00am: Betty O'Neill

Norah Egan

Annabelle Corrigan

11.30am: Marie Lane

Eamon & Michéal O'Domhnaill

12.45pm: Leo Keenan



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Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." - Jn 6:32-33

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THE DEEP END: Old wives' tale

Growing up, did the adults in your life tell you any stories about food ?

- * Eating carrots helps you see in the dark.
- *Crusts will make your hair curly.
- *Spinach makes you strong
- * An apple a day keeps the doctor away.

These wise old sayings, passed down through the generations, were employed to encourage us to eat certain foods, mainly healthy fruit and veg. Some even had an element of truth. Nowadays we can establish the accuracy of such claims at the touch of a button, but many parents still find themselves trotting out these nuggets of wisdom. Behind it all is a desire to see children grow up as strong, healthy and happy as possible. There is a huge focus these days on healthy eating and having a physically healthy lifestyle. Mental health is also being spoken about more and more. Nourishing one's mind and keeping it healthy is just as important as fuelling the body. Both of these are essential long-term projects, the work of a lifetime. When it comes to the life beyond this one, Jesus talks about a different type of food – food that endures to eternal life. It is this bread, Jesus himself, that gives meaning to our work and our struggles here on earth. As Jesus tells us today: 'Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life.' Let us not forget to nourish our spirit.

Triona Doherty , Athlone, Co Roscommon Email trionad@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 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.



Lay-led **Evening prayer** is held every
Thursday at 7.30pm in the church.
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 through-
out the Summer months until 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



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.

(Tue & Thurs: 7.15 am Lent Only)

Holy Days: 10.00am and 7.30pm.

Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confessions by request



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

Our bread from heaven

Jesus said to the crowd: 'Do not work for food that
cannot last but work for food that endures to eternal



life'. Every one of us has a
whole variety of people and
things that are important to
us. And we don't want to
neglect any of them. How-
ever, we all have a great
responsibility to set priori-
ties, and to get those priorities
right. That is what Jesus is
calling us to this week. The
most important things are
those that last forever like
love, faith, hope. And the
most important people are
those of our own families
and communities. Married
couples need to make their
marriage their priority. Par-
ents need to make their family
their priority. As people of
faith we need to make our
parish our priority. All this
means that other things and
people become less impor-
tant while not neglecting
them.

Johnny Doherty, C.Ss.R.

This Week:

What goes on in the Parish during the
Summer? This is a question that is on the lips of
all. As groups take their holidays and schools are
closed what do people get up to in Balally?

In spite of appearances there is a lot going
on. A special committee is reviewing the heating/insulation
problems in the Church (yes ... heating problems) and hoping
to come up with a solution before the winter sets in. The Parish
office is busy preparing a calendar of events for the new course
while trying to juggle the instructions from the new Data Pro-
tection Legislation. All files have to be reviewed, thousands of
pages have been destroyed and information has to be labelled
and classified and put onto a data system. At the same time the
staff in the Pastoral Centre are making an effort to reorganise
things in the Centre and make it even more welcoming and
safe. Then of course the different teams are still in duty: the
Altar society preparing the Mass each day, the readers and
Eucharistic ministers doing their duties, the 400 Club (they do
not rest) and even the Funeral team which was called on three
times in the last while to assist families in the Requiem Masses
of their loved ones. And then the Gardeners ... they have been
out in force keeping our gardens alive and beautiful in spite of
the weather. They and the maintenance team are those people
who, behind the scenes, contribute their time and talents to the
Parish. Of course the biggest thing going on at the moment is
the preparation for the World Meeting of families. Houses are
being prepared to receive guests from Mexico and Guatemala,
people are volunteering as drivers and caterers, others are
getting their Garda Vetting in place as they are going to be
helping at the Popes Mass... And what about the priests?
What do they do? Be prepared ... they are getting their
homilies ready for the new course. If you don't know what
Eternity is like the length of their homilies is about to give you
a good idea.

Quote from Pope Francis (The Joy of the Gospel): "*The parish is the
presence of the Church in a given territory, an environment for
hearing God's word, for growth in the Christian life, for dialogue,
proclamation, charitable outreach, worship and celebration. In all
its activities the parish encourages and trains its members to be
evangelisers. It is a community of communities, a sanctuary where
the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a centre
of constant missionary outreach.*"



From Father's Desk

PASTORAL SYMPOSIUM

*Launch Out: Lay Pastoral Leader-
ship Roles* An opportunity to gather
and listen to Cardinal John Dew
Archbishop of Wellington



Followed by an invitation to take part
in a Pastoral Conversation - Holy Cross College,
Clonliffe Road, Dublin 3 29th AUGUST 10am - 1pm

To register contact

E: evangelisation@dublindiocese.ie

Exploring Faith and Ministry Programme

The *Pathways Programme* is suitable for adults who
wish to explore issues and questions of faith, ministry, the
Church today and the nature of belief, in an environment
appropriate to Adult Learning and Adult Faith Develop-
ment. *Pathways* is a two-year, one evening a week
course. It takes place on Thursday evenings in Holy Cross
College, Clonliffe Road from September to May (7.00 pm -
9.30 pm). Booking is now open. Early application is ad-
vised as places are limited. Contact: *Pathways* Director, Eil-
leen Houlahan at 01 8087594 or Web:

www.evangelisation.ie

Congratulations to our July Winners :

400 CLUB DRAW



- €1,000: Imelda Weir
- €300: Gerry Costello
- €200: Michael Holohan
- €100: Sean Fitzsimons

The August draw takes place in the Coffee Dock on Sunday 26th after the 10am Mass

Did you ever think of joining?

Subscription: €10 per month

Ph: 087 2577651 or 01 2954296

BINGO

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



Naomh Olaf GAA Club

Commiserations to Ciarán Foley, Donal Leavy, (Captain) Finn Murphy and the Dublin minor hurling team defeated by Galway in the All-Ireland minor hurling Championship semi-final. Good luck to Galway in the final. The final Naomh Olaf Summer Camp of 2018 for boys and girls from Senior Infants to 6th Class will be held from Monday the 13th August to Friday the 18th August, from 9.30 to 2p.m. If interested please contact Naomh Olaf G.A.A. Coaching Director Eddie Bouabbsie at 087-7085913, or register by clicking on the relevant button on the Naomh Olaf website, www.naomholaf.ie. The AIG Dub Club Chronicles which was put together at the Club recently is now available for viewing. It has been very favourable received in the Club. Thanks is due to all involved in its production. To view, Google AIG Dub Club Chronicles. Juvenile members should be encouraged to wear their club gear regularly during the summer. Its looks very well and it is a powerful advertisement for the Club. Sympathy is extended to the Kennelly family Balally Avenue, on the death of Attracta's sister, St. Angela Forde. Sympathy is also extended to the Doherty family Wesley Lawns on the death of Michael's brother James (Shay) Doherty. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamacha dilse. There was no winner of the Lotto Jackpot. The numbers drawn were 9, 14 and 16. This week's Jackpot is €1,700.



New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week.

At Prayer with Thomas Merton" presents daily payers for dawn and dusk, drawn from the writings of the great 20th century Trappist mystic, Thomas Merton, interwoven with sung excerpts composed by the sacred music composer (and president of the International Thomas Merton Society), Kathleen Deignan, C.N.D. It is a beautiful resource for a contemplative start and finish to each day of the week. To access this, and other rich online spiritual resources, visit www.NewPilgrimPath.ie.

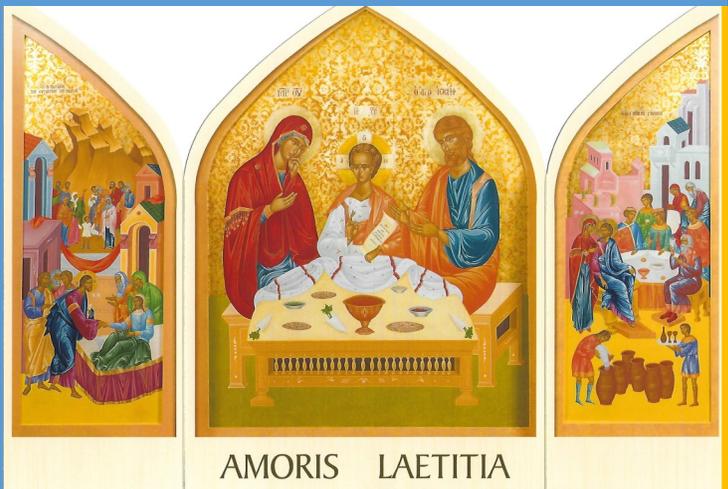
Be part of the distribution of Holy Communion team at the Papal Mass in the Phoenix Park on Sunday August 26th



The organisers of the WMOF are seeking the generous help of around 4,000 ministers of Holy Communion to volunteer for the Papal Mass. Those volunteering need to be already trained and functioning ministers of

Holy Communion in your own parish community. You will need to be steady on your feet. Although there will be some plastic tracking laid down, much of the distribution will be done in the grassy corrals of the Phoenix Park Papal Mass site. You will need to be garda vetted for this event, even though you have been vetted for this ministry in your own parish [if you are already Garda vetted for WMOF2018, that suffices]. You will need to be in the Phoenix Park by 10:30AM on SUNDAY 26th August so as to be walked through how and where you will minister. It may not be possible for you to be assigned to minister in the place where your family or fellow parishioners are situated, but we hope this won't put you off generously stepping up to help with this important task. And we will do our best to keep parish groups working together.

To Volunteer to be a Minister of Holy Communion at the Papal Mass Log on to : <https://bit.ly/2uJMgPb>



IMMA Irish Museum of Modern Art's 'Azure Programme'

of free, guided tours of our exhibitions for people living with dementia and their families, friends and carers. These tours last 45-60 minutes and are followed by a cup of complimentary tea/coffee and biscuits in **Itsa**, our café. Azure tours are facilitated by guides who have received specific training to best accommodate people with dementia. Participants can book in advance or, if booking in advance doesn't suit you, you're also more than welcome to come along to our tours as a 'drop-in' attendee. Our next Azure tours will take place on: Friday 13 July 2018 at 11am; Friday 10 August 2018 at 11am edcommbook-ing@imma.ie or phone at 01-6129955.

A new European Data Protection law, the General Data Protection Regulation ("GDPR"), was introduced on 25 May 2018. This new law applies to any organisation, including our parish that manages and processes people's personal information. We are now working on ways of ensuring that what we do with your information is compliant with this new law. **Over the next few months we will keep you informed through the parish website and in the newsletter as policies are put in place.** If you have any questions about this please do not hesitate to contact the parish office.



Mustard Seed Communities is a Christian organisation aimed at helping disabled and abandoned children set up in Jamaica by Monsignor Gregory. The charity runs a number of orphanages both in Jamaica and further afield. These orphanages are also home to teenage mothers and young people suffering from HIV/AIDS. The Mustard Seed Communities are unique in offering young disabled children a home for life, not just until adulthood.

Balally Parishioner, Susan Hickey will be travelling over to Jamaica in October along with a group of volunteers. Here they will care for the children while also participating in construction work and landscaping to renovate and improve the campus. She will be speaking at next Sunday's Masses and will hold an outdoor collection afterwards.

The next **Mindfulness Meditation session** will take place on Monday 13th of August from 7.30 to 8.30 pm. Further details from the Parish office or at 087 4178926.



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

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



Heritage Week at Luisne, Kilcoole

Join us in our celebration of Heritage week at Luisne Kilcoole

We are planning a multi-faceted event on **August 18th from 12- 5pm**. Events to include

Walks, concert, house tour etc.

Admission: Adult: €5 or Family €10

For further information log on to www.luisne.ie

Prayer for World Meeting of Families 2018

God, our Father,
We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son,
One family, in the Spirit of your love.
Bless us with the joy of love.
Make us patient and kind,
gentle and generous,
welcoming to those in need.
Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.
Protect all families with your loving care,
Especially those for whom we now pray:
We pause and remember family members and others by name)
Increase our faith,
Strengthen our hope,
Keep us safe in your love,
Make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share.
This we ask, through Christ our Lord, **Amen**

Mary, mother and guide, pray for us.
Saint Joseph, father and protector, pray for us.
Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us.



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One week on line summer school
Theology of the Arts. Does the Church Need Art? It consists of a series of six talks examining current theological debate on beauty and the arts and exploring ways in which individual art forms harmoniously unite with the worshipping community to create a beautiful house for the Lord. The summer school is very flexible as it is delivered entirely online and is available to start on **August 5 & 19**. No previous study of theology or art is required.
enquiries@Prioryinstitute.com
www.prioryinstitute.com Phone: 00353 1 4048124



Balally Parish Wednesday Hospitality Group Summer break. The hospitality Group are on their Summer Break The group will be back in the Parish Centre on **Wednesday 5th September after 10am Mass**
Also Closed 3rd October



FOCAL SCOIR

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