

Church of the Ascension of the Lord

29th July 2018 ~ 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Parish Office Open Hours:

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Mass Times & Intentions:

Sunday 29th July:

10.00am: Mass Pro Populo

11.30am: Gerry, Bea, & Rachel Barry

James Rooney (1st Anniversary)

12.45pm: Durney & Fleming Families

Monday 30th July—Saturday 4th August

10.00am

Monday: Nora Doyle

Tuesday : Colette O'Donovan

Wednesday: James Rooney (1st Anniversary)

Thursday: Morning Prayer of the Church

Friday: First Friday (Alter list of the Dead)

Saturday: Elizabeth Barfield

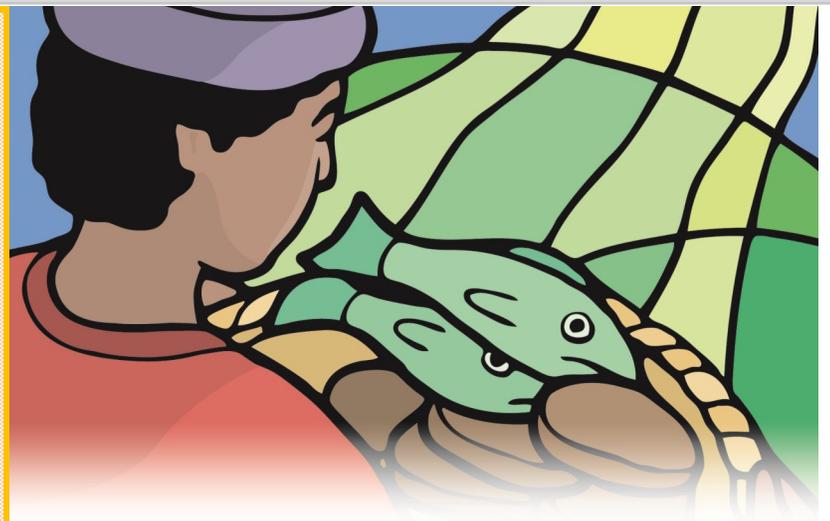
Sunday 5th August

10.00am: John Dowling (1st Anniversary)

Kay Clarke

11.30am: Tessie Hannon

12.45pm: Mass Pro Populo



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?” Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. - Jn 6:9, 11

THE DEEP END: Jesus comes to serve

In John's version of the feeding of the five thousand, Jesus performs this great miracle and it is the sign the crowds were waiting for. There is a lot of rich symbolism in this passage referring to Jesus as the Bread of Life, the one who will satisfy people's hunger, the great teacher. But perhaps the final lines tell us a lot about the type of 'king' Jesus really is. The crowds are so enthused by Jesus' miracles and teaching that they want to 'take him by force and make him king'. Jesus tries to discourage them from their own ideas of kingship. His kingship involves a different path to the one the crowd are expecting. Jesus is cautious and to escape the attention, perhaps to be alone and pray, he takes himself out of this situation and retreats to the mountain. It could be tempting to give in to the crowd and have them declare you as their king. Jesus' example of leadership is service in today's gospel, feeding the people, nourishing the people, meeting their needs. It also shows us how God can work with what we have to offer, no matter how little that sometimes is, he can turn this into much fruit.

A final lesson may be for those in authority of any sort, that they know when it is time to leave the people they serve, to reflect on their mission, to recharge and nourish themselves. Only in this way can they listen to the Spirit and experience the inner freedom necessary to lead as servant.

Jane Mellett 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 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 throughout 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



Christ who feeds us

Jesus said to Philip: 'Where
can we buy some food for
these people to eat?' In
spite of all the riches of our
world, countless people die
each year of starvation. We
can feel totally helpless in

the face of this and as a result we ignore it. Generosity is
one of the great virtues of our people over the generations
and is one that we need to practice in a special way today.

But there are other hungers that we can do even more
about and Jesus is calling on us to attend to these also.
One of the greatest human hungers is for love and affec-
tion. This may be in our own close relationships of mar-
riage and family life. There is also the hunger in so many
people in our community today for someone to look out for
them. That is a must if we are to be a true community of
faith in the parish.

Johnny Doherty, C.Ss.R.

This Week:

World Meeting of Families in August :

We have two buses booked for the Pope's
Mass in the Phoenix Park: 144 passengers and
their tickets

We have a waiting list set up as there may be
some cancellations.

Visitors from Guatemala and Mexico

We have had a very generous response to our request for
accommodation for the visitors and we have homes for almost
all our guests for their visit.

People have been asking how they can help out.?

Other than accommodation, we will need volunteer drivers, and
assistance with the hospitality/ catering teams. Please contact
the parish office for further information



From Father's Desk



Fr. Lane was one among 400 delegates invited to the Vatican
to commemorate the third anniversary of the publication of
Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home.

Question: What are they discussing? Breakfast in Balally, or
Climate Change, or the wonderful community of Balally ?

The next **Mindfulness Meditation session**
will take place on Monday 30th of July from
7.30 to 8.30 pm.

Further details from the Parish office or at
087 4178926.



PASTORAL SYMPOSIUM

*Launch Out: Lay Pastoral
Leadership Roles*

An opportunity to gather and lis-
ten to Cardinal John Dew Arch-
bishop 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

T: 01 837 3732 – ext 247/248

W: www.evangelisation.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 advised as places
are limited. Contact: **Pathways** Director, Eileen Houlahan at 01 8087594 or Web: www.evangelisation.ie

400 CLUB DRAW



The July draw takes place in the Coffee Dock this Sunday 29th after the 10am Mass

Did you ever think of joining?
Ph: 087 2577651 or 01 2954296



RADIO MARIA IRELAND

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



Naomh Olaf GAA Club



Congratulations to David Byrne and the Dublin senior football team on their Championship win over Tyrone on the score of 1-14 to 0-14 qualifying to play in the semi-final of the

All Ireland senior football Championship. David has been unavailable for selection for some time because of an ankle injury sustained off the field of play. Thankfully he is making a good recovery and hopefully he will be available for selection soon. Congratulations also to Chloe Ni Cheallaigh and the Dublin Premier Junior Camogie team on their Championship win over Roscommon on the score of 2-9 to 0-5. Christine Shanahan and Julie Grimes are also to be congratulated on the part they played for the Dublin under 16 “B” Camogie team when they drew with Cork in the Championship. The final Naomh Olaf Summer Camp for boys and girls from Senior Infants to 6th Class will be held from Monday the 14th August to Friday the 18th August from 9.30am to 2pm. 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. Naomh Olaf senior football team play St.Sylvester’s in a senior Division 1 League game in Wedgewood next Wednesday evening at 7.15p.m. There was no winner of the Lotto Jackpot. The numbers drawn were 1, 9, and 26. This week’s Jackpot is €1,600.



Thank You

Greetings from Kiltegan and many thanks to Balally Parish for hosting Fr. Brendan Payne on the weekend of July 7/8. A word of appreciation and thanks to the people of the parish for their generous donations of €500 to our Society and assure them that they will be remembered in our Masses and prayers.
Fr. Seán Deegan, Director of Promotion

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

In the Gospel of Matthew, (14:13-21), we read how Jesus fed the five thousand. Jesus “blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds.” It looks likely that we will have as many as 500,000 present for the final Mass of the World Meeting of Families 2018 at which Pope Francis will be our principal celebrant.

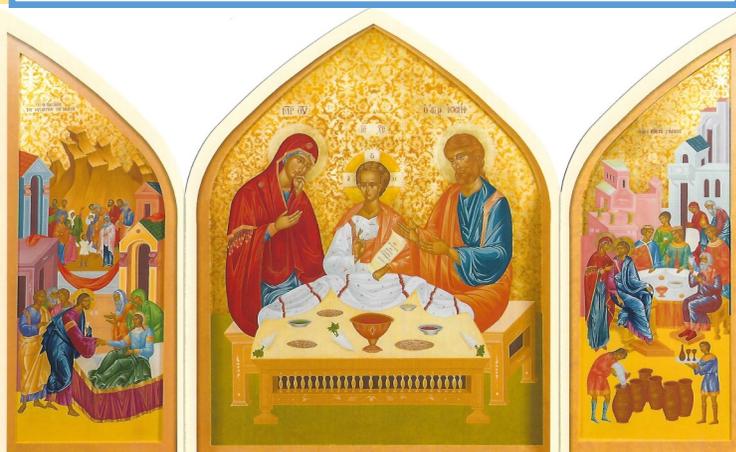


The organisers of the WMOF are seeking the generous help of around 4,000 ministers of Holy Communion to volunteer for the Papal Mass. Those volunteering need to be **already trained and functioning ministers of Holy Communion** in your own parish community. You will need to be **steady on your feet**. 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.

In that Gospel of Matthew we hear also how Jesus' disciples carefully “took up what was left over of the broken pieces”. It is our hope that we will be able to distribute whatever Holy Communion is left over from the Papal Mass to hospitals and nursing homes all over the island, so that those who weren't able to be present and who followed the Mass on television can receive from this tremendous event. We hope to have a Balally presence among the Ministers of the Eucharist at the Papal mass

Call in to the Sacristy after Masses this Sunday and let us know if you wish to be a volunteer

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



AMORIS LAETITIA

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.



Letter from the Papal Nuncio in response to our breakfast invitation to Pope Francis:

183 Navan Road
Dublin DO7 CT98

10th July 2018

Dear Father Peter Francis,

I received your letter of 1st July 2018 together with the signatures of the members of your parish inviting Pope Francis to come to breakfast to your Parish. This is a welcome and wholesome initiative and I thank you for the thoughtfulness.

You were very attentive, requesting him not to come alone, but to bring friends, outcasts and even a Cardinal or two. Have you enough for all? You mentioned that it would be a hearty "Irish Breakfast, with all the trimmings". I am bold to add the date: the 26th of August, at 7.30 a.m.

There is one problem: Irish Breakfast will be too heavy for him; he has a heavy schedule that Sunday Morning.

On behalf of the Holy Father, I thank you for the generosity, and the welcoming spirit. Your parish must be a happy one, with a good holy sense of humour, in the spirit of *Laudato Si, Amoris Lnetitia and Gaudete et Exsultate*. Keep it up and greetings to your Parish Pastoral Council and all the Parishioners. May God keep you all in his love.

Be assured that the signatures have been forwarded to Pope Francis, with your letter of invitation. Wishing you divine graces and blessings, I remain

Yours sincerely,
Archbishop Jude Thaddeus OKOLO

One week on line summer school

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

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.



**OUTING TO BOTANIC GARDENS....
THE WALLFLOWER DISPLAY!**



**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 Sept after 10am Mass. Also Closed 3rd October**



Focal Scoir

So nglaca muid í zcónaí leis an mbia síoraí a thug Dia dúinn, agus so roinne muid é le cách a chasfaidh muid orthu....



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