

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

BALALLY PARISH

16th June 2019

The Most Holy Trinity



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Mass Times & Intentions:

Sunday 16th June

10.00am: Maureen & Tommy O'Brien & Tim, Gatha & Eoin Quilty

12.00noon: : Valentine Frewen, David, Laurence & Nellie Cannon/ Marie Daughton (21st Annv)/ Eileen Keogh (3rd Annv)/ Patrick McDonnell & Jimmy Moles

(Monday 17th - Saturday 22nd June at 10.00am

Monday Peadar Gibbons/ Bernie Walsh/ Moira Fitzgerald

Tuesday: Sr. Denise Cassidy & Frank Cassidy

Wednesday: Carmel Murphy (Hospitality Group)

Thursday: Mass in Sandymford

Friday: Peadar Gibbons

Saturday Catherine Ryan (4th Annv)/ Arthur Kavanagh (5th Annv)

Sunday 23rd June

10.00am Sean & Mary Dillon (15th Annv)

12.00noon: Declan Byrne & Hugh McCaffrey/ Kevin O' Malley (5th Annv)



The Father, Son and Spirit work as one
Artist Mihi Cucu

The Deep End A Mystery to me

It is a riddle, wrapped in a mystery, inside an enigma: This expression, originally used in 1939 by Winston Churchill, is typically used to describe something that is immensely puzzling or too complex to understand. The word 'mystery' is often used in everyday speech. When we can't wrap our heads around something, we shrug and say: 'It's a mystery to me,' or: 'It's another of life's great mysteries. As a child, I used to wonder about the religious meaning of 'mystery.' I remember someone telling me that if something is a mystery, it can never be fully understood, though that does not mean we should stop trying – like Jesus being fully human and fully divine (the incarnation), Jesus' death and resurrection (the Paschal mystery), and three persons in one God (the Trinity). It is this last mystery that we celebrate today. One of the most poignant attempts to explain the Trinity came from C.S. Lewis, who reasoned that if God is love, then God must contain more than one person: 'God is not a static thing – not even a person – but a dynamic, pulsating activity, a life, almost a kind of drama. Almost, if you will not think me irreverent, a kind of dance.' The idea of the Trinity as a sort of divine dance is a good place to begin reflecting on this great mystery of God as a communion of love. In today's Gospel, we see that Jesus is comfortable with an element of mystery. He does not reveal everything to his disciples at once, as it 'would be too much for you now.' The full truth will be revealed later, when the Spirit comes. The more we reflect, the more we pray, the more we are open to the Spirit, the more we will understand about the great mystery of God as love. [Triona Doherty trionad@gmail.com](mailto:Triona.Doherty@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 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 liturgies...

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

There will be no 6.00pm mass on Sundays during the months of July and August

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

Holy Days: 10.00am and 7.30pm.

Sacrament of Reconciliation :

after Mass on Saturdays/Confessions by request

Volunteers Barbeque on Friday Night and Concert with the choir and the

Phoenix Orchestra



This Week:

**Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come, with treasures which endure;
Come, thou Light of all that live!
Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow.
Thou in toil art comfort sweet;
Pleasant coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.**



And so read two of the Confirmation Children in the family Mass. They were reading the Sequence from Pentecost. In fact, confirmation children assisted in the Mass as readers, acolytes, preparing the Altar and reading this ancient prayer calling on the Holy Spirit. The Confirmation Programme ended with this Mass and the children will now be invited to join the Reader's club.

Easter was coming to an end; the fifty days of celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord; the holiest time of the year. We finished in the afternoon with a wonderful concert from the choir and from The Phoenix orchestra a very fitting end to a wonderful period in our Parish life. We also had our

Volunteer party on Friday night with Denis & Pauline's secret recipe for the best burgers in the world. It was such a joy just to sit and chat with the people who keep the Parish going with their time and talents.

The Readers club members had their last meeting before the summer break. Sister Thérèse assisted to answer any Biblical questions and of course Pizza had to be shared. But the Parish is already getting ready for next year. A preliminary calendar of events was examined by the Parish Council as were initiatives on Youth Ministry in their final meeting before the summer.

A Prayer for Fathers on Father's Day



Loving God,
Thank you for my Daddy,
and everything he does for me
Help him to have
patience when I am difficult,
Wisdom when I can't see the way,
A smile when i am feeling down,
Energy when I want to play,
Strength when I need comforting,
And love at all times,
Let him always know how much I love him,
even when I forget to tell him.
Lord, please take care of all dads
Though they are brave and protective, they must also be frightened sometimes. When money runs low and when we need things, Lord, when their hearts break because they can't do it all, please help us to let them know how much we love them, how much we need them to be an example to us and how much you love them **Amen**



The **Coffee dock** is open after Masses every Sunday and is run by parish volunteers. Do drop in for a cuppa and chat.



Balally Parish 400 Club
Next draw 30th June

Did you ever think of joining?

Subscription: €10 per month will be collected after masses next Sunday

Ph: 087 2577651 or Parish Office 01-2954296



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



Most Holy Trinity

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will lead you to the complete truth". The most profound truth of all is about the nature of the true God, a Trinity of Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This truth is far beyond our understanding but is implanted close into our hearts by God's Spirit. The second profound truth is that we are made in God's image. This truth is also far beyond our understanding but is capable of being lived out by us through the power of the same Spirit living in us. It is in the intimate relationships of marriage and family that we especially share in the intimate life of the true God. But we need to learn to live there with an ever-greater reverence and love. We also live in God through our community with one another as Christians. This needs to be characterised by energy and enthusiasm for the world as the kingdom of God. **Johnny Doherty, C.Ss.R.**



Balally Family Resource Centre, Scout Den, Wedgewood, Dublin 16 Teen Cookery Workshops. Two Classes, Tuesday 25th June & Tuesday 2nd July. 10am-1pm €6 per class. Come Join us here at the Centre for a fun introduction to the world of cookery. Learn how to make dishes from scratch and enjoy your creations at the end of the workshop. The Workshops contain specially tailored recipe's by a qualified chef for learning basic and not so basic cooking skills. To book a place call or text us on: 087 392 2127

Balally COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease) Peer Support & Exercise Group Meet every Monday at 11.45 am in Balally Family Resource Centre, Scout Den, Wedgewood (behind Balally Shopping Centre) Join us for an exercise class designed for people with lung conditions, bring a friend or family member stay for a cup of tea and chat in a friendly welcoming environment for people with COPD or any lung condition. For more information phone Wendy at 086 041 5228



The monthly outdoor collection for the society of St Vincent de Paul takes place this Sunday 16th June



Naomh Olaf GAA Club

Congratulations to David Byrne and the Dublin Senior football team on their win over Kildare on Sunday last. They play Meath in the Leinster final in Croke Park on Sunday next June 23rd. The annual Summer Camps take place on 15th to 19th July and 12th to 16th August. The camps are for boys and girls from senior infants to 6th class. Congratulations to the girls of Holy Cross Primary School camogie team who won Sciath Olly Quinlan in Cumann Na mBunscoil finals in Croke Park on Monday last. There were at least 12 Naomh Olaf players on the team. Parents are requested to encourage their children to wear their Naomh Olaf gear when ever possible during the Summer holidays. It's a great advertisement for the club. Sympathy is extended to the Murphy family Balally Ave on the death of Carmel Murphy and also to the Muldoon family, Clonard Drive on the death in Co Leitrim of Rita's brother Peadar Gibbons. Ar dheis De go raibh a n-anamacha dilse. There was no winner of the Lotto Jackpot. The numbers drawn were 10,19,26. This weeks Jackpot is €2700.

Mindfulness Group

The next Meetings will take place on: Monday 17th June from 7.30pm to 8.30pm 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 Early Bird Catches the Worm

I'm a bit like the early bird but in my case I'm not trying to catch the worm! I am in fact trying to catch the Sun. Being an early riser I have found that most mornings the sun shines. Being lucky to have a south facing back garden I take advantage of the elusive Sun and sit out for an hour or so (rollers in hair) to get my daily fix of Vitamin D! As I was sitting there this morning unfortunately the sky was very cloudy and the sun kept disappearing behind the clouds. I persevered and sat there patiently knowing that the sun would come back in a few minutes. I knew that it was just behind the clouds. A sudden thought struck me, I thought this reminds me of God. I know that He is up there somewhere but I cannot see Him. Just like the Sun disappears behind the clouds, so too in my life sometimes I let the clouds darken my thoughts. But I got to thinking that at these times God is still there, just like the sun. We all have these passing clouds in our lives. Sickness, worries and anxieties, but we should not let these overwhelm us, for the Lord is always there to lift our hearts with hope. Just like the Sun brightens our spirits, so too does a moment of prayer with the Lord. He promised to be with us at all times, until the end of time. A thought to surely bring the sunshine to our hearts, and especially during the cloudy times. Indeed, every cloud does have a silver lining.

Ann Schmitz

St Olaf's Mass

St Olaf's would like to invite parishioners, past pupils/staff, grandparents etc to join them in celebrating the end of their 50th year. Celebrating Mass on **Monday June 24th @ 7.30pm.**



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





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HOW CAN I HELP MY PARISH?

the Nine Things you can do:

1. Active participation in the liturgies : Going to Mass, praying with the community, singing at the top of your voice and not dozing during Fr Peter's monologues.. (this last one is optional)
2. Being a Welcomer: Our parish is a family of families, it is a community of communities. We have to try and get to know each other. All of us can be "Welcomers" be willing to say hello to a new face, make an effort to go to the coffee dock to meet other members of the community, be particularly gentle with the very young, the elderly or those who have a different accent or those who come visiting. A smile, a hand shake, a few friendly words have no cost and cannot be taxed. Being a Welcomer is good for your health.
3. Engaging in some form of formation (forgive the pun): The mindfulness, the Scripture courses, theology courses, liturgy courses ... we should all be updating our Christian knowledge and our skills in the fields of prayer and liturgy. A community that continually educates itself in the faith will be able to provide answers that society needs of them.
4. Offering input on one of the committees or Boards: The Parish needs guidance and governance and that is provided in many forms: The Parish Pastoral Council, the Finance Committee, the Board of Management of the Centre, the Liturgy Committee, the BOM of the two schools are just some of the ways that Parish is steered though the vicissitudes of day to day life.
5. Avidly reading the bulletin or going on the website. The bulletin is produced each week and contains information about the Parish, future events and diocesan life.
6. Contributing to the parish through the Family offering and the 400 club. How do we finance the operation of the Parish? The biggest contributors are the Family Offering (envelope, Standing order) and the 400 Club. These enable the parish to pay salaries, to upgrade installations and to keep ourselves warm.
7. Making suggestions: Since the suggestion boxes were installed we have had some very helpful insights and suggestions. You might spot a detail that no one else has seen, or you might have an initiative , or there might be an issue that needs to be aired. All suggestions are brought to the Parish Council meetings for further action.
8. Becoming a volunteer: the last count was 34 ministries/groups in the Parish. The very backbone and life of Balally is and has been the ownership and involvement of the volunteers. There must be one for you.... or two.
9. Health, Safety and Cleanliness are the responsibility of all of us. Picking up that paper, opening that door, putting things back in their place, being careful while parking... are just a few examples of how we can help in Health/Safety/ Cleanliness.

In Our Parish is where we sustain our Christian life. All of us contribute to this life through our sacramental participation and prayer, through our commitment to follow the Gospel and by the giving of our time, our talents and our treasures



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"The Lazy Christians Pilgrimage to London"

19th - 22nd Septem-
ber 2019



We hope to visit places of histori-
cal, cultural and spiritual
interest...

Art and Hidden places....

National Gallery, Tyburn, Westmin-
ster, St Paul's...

Only 16 places remaining....

Expressions of interest are
invited. Please give your name in to
the Parish Office