

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

## BALALLY PARISH

30th June 2019

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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### Mass Times & Intentions:

#### Sunday 30th June

*10.00am Declan Byrne/ Paddy  
& Robert Byrne*

*12.00noon: Carmel Murphy &  
Ned Wheeler*

#### (Mon1st -Sat 6th July 10.00am

*Monday Special Intention x2 /  
Special Intention ( Get Well)*

*Tuesday: Ann Maguire*

*Wednesday: Tibor Neubauer*

*Thursday: Mass in Sandyford*

*Friday: Alter List of the Dead*

*Saturday: Anne Connolly &*

*Breda Curran*

#### Sunday 7th July

*10.00am: John & Mary Walsh*

*12.00 noon Carmel Murphy ( Months Mind)*



*“No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back  
is fit for the Kingdom of God”*

**Plowman: Leo Tolstoy**

**Artist: Ilya Efimovich Repin 1887**

### **The Deep End I'll do it tomorrow!**

Those of us who are procrastinators will identify with today's Gospel. We have the best of intentions, but somehow our 'to do' list for today keeps getting pushed out until tomorrow, and the next day, and the next week. There is always an excuse, or something more urgent that needs to be done. The things that we do not prioritise get relegated to the bottom of the list, and sometimes drop off altogether, so that they never get done. In Luke's Gospel, when Jesus invites people to follow him, he gets some similar responses – I'll be right with you, I'll add it to my 'to do' list. 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me...' The excuses these people give are far from feeble: one wants to go and bury his or her father first, another simply wants to say goodbye to their family. But Jesus has what sound like very harsh words for these predicaments. There is no time, there can be no excuses, this is more important. Discipleship is a path that requires sacrifice. It is a path that means living in a new and different way. Rather than focusing on the past, we need to move forward and get on with the task. Jesus tells us: 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.' There is work to be done, and it cannot wait. People who are hungry, homeless, marginalised or suffering cannot wait. The earth cannot wait. Our 'to do' lists need to be shaken up. If we are to live as disciples, the time is not tomorrow, it is now.

**Triona Doherty [trionad@gmail.com](mailto: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/](http://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*

### Cemetery Masses

**Deansgrange Cemetery Sun-**  
**day** Annual Mass and blessing of  
graves will take place on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>  
July at 3.00pm.



**St Patrick's Cemetery Glencullen** Annual mass  
and blessing of the graves will take place on Sunday  
14 July 2019 at 3 pm in St Patrick's Cemetery  
Glencullen.

**Esker Cemetery Mass** Lucan, will take place on  
Sunday, 25 August at 3.00pm.

### Letter from Warszawa

I am writing to thank Balally  
Parish for celebrating the Holy  
Mass live online. I am Polish  
Irish (Born in Poland) living in  
Ireland since 1980. At the moment I am in my native  
country for a short sojourn. Unfortunately, a terrible  
heatwave arrived here and for the last ten days the  
temperature has been over +32°. The met office  
issued a warning alert advising to stay indoors if  
possible. It was particularly recommended to the  
elderly and I am in my eighties. I decided to watch  
the Sunday Mass through the internet and I managed  
to get 10.00am mass from Balally Church. I am  
delighted to say that the reception was excellent!.  
Many thanks again. Deo Gratias

**Hanne Dowling**



**This Week:** Since the Feast of the Holy Trinity we  
have been listening at communion time to the beautiful  
hymn "Panis Angelicus" as a preparation for the feast of  
Corpus Christi. The version sung by the Priests  
(not Frs Peter, Dermot and Padraig) gave a beautiful atmosphere to  
the solemnity as it highlighted the mystery of the Eucharist .....  
"Oh such a wonderful thing .. that the lowly, the ordinary and the  
poor could receive the Lord" (O res mirabilis, manducat Dominum,  
pauper, servus et humilis)



If you thought that things in the Parish were slowing down after the  
first communions ... you will be slightly shocked to know that so  
much is going on. Let's give you a few highlights.

The First Communion children had a special participation in the  
Mass on Sunday as they returned in their first communion outfits  
and answered difficult questions. They also received the sheep that  
they adopted at the beginning of their first communion journey. The  
DTIM team has done a wonderful job.



St Olaf's school celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its  
foundation with a beautiful Mass full of symbols and enhanced by  
the readings, the hymns and prayers of students, former students,  
staff members, board of management and parents. There was a  
great buzz in the parish Centre after the Mass as people chatted and  
shared a cup of tea .... or crisps.

A special team met to analyse the future of youth ministry in the  
parish. Different ages and visions were represented at the conversa-  
tion. It is part of an ongoing effort of the Youth Ministry Team to  
challenge the parish into making it a place for younger members of  
the community.

The organizers of the 'Lazy Christians Pilgrimage' booked the  
plane tickets for the group going leisurely to London in September.  
The Pilgrims had their first information meeting on Thursday.

The graduation prayer service was held in Queen of Angles school  
on Tuesday morning as the 6<sup>th</sup> class students said goodbye to their  
teachers. A similar event took place for the 6<sup>th</sup> class of St Olaf's on  
Wednesday.

The upgrading and promotion of the Parish Centre took an  
important step forward after an agreement was signed with Peter  
Massey Funerals.

Only an expert eye would have noticed that the pews in the church  
have been renewed and secured by the maintenance team. These  
behind-the-scenes masters have also made an important adjustment  
to the baptism font (can you spot it?) The Church requires  
permanent care in order to make it as safe and as homely as  
possible. Oftentimes it is a parishioner who spots some aspect that  
needs to be fixed and puts a note in the suggestion box. The posters  
about using your 'library voice' in church is a case in point.

**Pallottine Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** Our Pilgrim-  
age to Lourdes takes place on the 28<sup>th</sup> August and is  
led by Spiritual Director: Fr. Jaimie Twohig  
S.A.C. You will stay in the Hotel Saint Sauveur for 5  
nights full board. The cost is €749 p.p. sharing; sin-  
gle room supplement. To book contact St. Anne's  
Parish Centre, Shankill, Co. Dublin 01 282704.



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



**We need more Volunteers for the Coffee Dock roster on Sundays. If you are interested please contact the Parish Office.**

#### Balally Parish 400 Club

Did you ever think of joining?

Subscription: €10 per month

Ph: 087 2577651 or Parish Office

01-2954296



#### The Parish BINGO

is held every Friday

At 8.30pm in the Pastoral Centre. All welcome



#### The Lord we serve

Jesus said: "Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God". We live in a world in which people are finding it increasingly difficult to make a full commitment to anything. This is probably the single most important reason for many of the social ills of our society. Jesus tells us that commitment is essential to human fulfilment, the kingdom of God. When a couple gets married, they are looking ahead but tend quickly to look back to what each had and so set limits to their relationship. When a couple conceive a child, they look forward to the birth. Then they begin to look back to the freedom they had beforehand and try to reclaim as much of that as possible and in parish life many people want a full part in the future of the Church but are often unwilling to commit themselves to the work involved in ensuring its success.

**Johnny Doherty, C.Ss.R.**



#### Naomh Olaf GAA Club

Congratulations to David Byrne and the Dublin senior football team on their victory over Meath in the Leinster Senior Football Championship Final. Congratulations also to Luke Murphy and the Dublin Minor Football team on their victory over Westmeath in the Leinster Championship Semi-final Final. On Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup> June, the under eleven girls team boarded a bus and happily headed towards the Midlands. The plan was to play the Moate girls in County Westmeath. The weather was lovely and the welcome that they received in Moate was fantastic. At 11.30 a.m. three games began. The teams were evenly balanced and everybody enjoyed themselves. Over 50 Naomh Olaf people were treated to a fabulous lunch. After that it was off to Baysports in Athlone where the girls had a ball. The exhausted travelling party arrived home at 7.30 p.m. Well done to the girl's parents and mentors who organised the trip. Congratulations to Declan and Emma O'Dwyer, Rathfarnham, on the birth of a baby girl Ellie, their first child and the first grandchild for Francis and Linda O'Dwyer, Wesley Heights. Congratulations also to Andrew and Leona Kinsella, Glencairn, on the birth of a baby girl Anwen Margaret, a sister for Mable and Eoin and another grandchild for Larry and Pat Kinsella, Sandford Road. There was no winner of the Lot-to-Jackpot. The numbers drawn were 3, 5 and 12. This week's Jackpot is £2,900.



#### Community Family Fun Day Sunday June 30th 2019

Balally Family Resource Centre

The Scout Den, Wedgewood, Dublin 16  
2pm to 5pm

Bouncy Castle, Face Painting, Sumo Suits, Giant Garden Games, Messy Fun for Toddlers, Magician, fire Brigade display, BBQ, Disco, Book Stall,

Refreshments & Treats and Much More

**Everyone Welcome**

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#### Panorama AGM

Three Rock Panorama community magazine AGM on Wednesday 3rd July 2019 at 8pm in Sandford (St Mary's) Parish Centre. All Welcome



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



#### Balally COPD

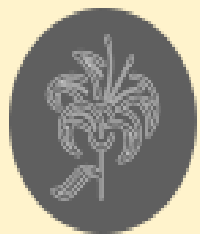
**Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease)**

**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 annual **Peter's Pence** Collection Will take place at Mass this Sunday 30th June supporting the charities of Pope Francis and will replace the usual Share collection.





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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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### BREAKING NEWS: YOUNG VOICES HEARD IN THE PARISH

On Wednesday evening a group of people gathered in the parish to consider the theme of youth ministry in the community. Josh and Oisin Hills opened the gathering with a presentation on "What it is like to be young in the Ireland of 2019". They highlighted the role of family, friends and social media in the lives of young people. They underlined the mostly positive experience of being young in Ireland and the tolerance, openness and opportunity there is in our society. They also spoke of some initiatives that might be considered and they answered many questions. It was a special moment to hear young people evaluate what life is like for them. The group, representing a range of teams in the Parish, went on to share ideas and agreed to gather again in September inviting some other expert voices to join us. Several aspects were considered : importance of prayer as a basis for any actions, the possibility of beginning a youth mass and learning the NUA project. These proposals and others will be mused upon over the summer and decided upon at the next gathering. **Many thanks to all who participated .**