

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

## BALALLY PARISH

18th August 2019

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



### Parish Office Open Hours:

Tuesday to Friday 10.30am – 12.30pm.

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### Mass Times & Intentions:

#### Sunday 18th August

10.00am: Eddie Coyle

12.00 Noon: Maureen Lycett/Michael Meaney/

Tom & Helen Boland/Pat McLaughlin/John Sexton

#### Mon 19h - Sat 24th August 10.00am:

Monday: Funeral Mass of Brian O'Reilly

Tuesday: Peggy Cannon/Brendan Boland

Wednesday: Patty Reid

Thursday: Mass in Sandyford Church

Friday: William & Peg Harrington

Saturday: Mrs. E. Rogan

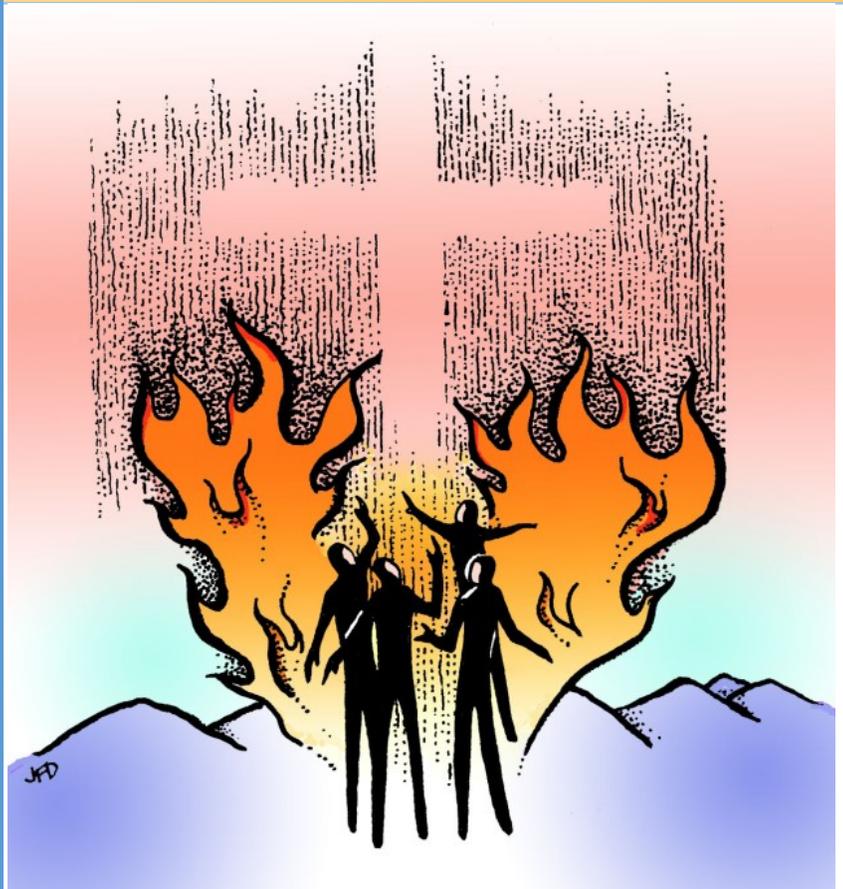
#### Sunday 25th August

10.00am: Pat Cullen / Michael & Sarah Farragher

12.00 Noon: James & Annie Corrigan

Josephine & John Dowling /

Leo Keenan (5th Anny.)



*There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my anguish until it is over Luke 12 :49-53*

### The Deep End

#### Three against two and two against three

Sadly, many people are no strangers to family feuds. In the past generations, things like land and inheritance were major causes of family disagreements, causing parents to fall out with sons or daughters, or siblings to stop speaking for years. We may have heard other stories from our own families -secrets that were not talked about, relatives who were shunned for 'shaming' the family. These attitudes are dying away, and that is good. We are less concerned with keeping up appearances, and more focused on ensuring children feel loved and supported. Yet, there will always be conflicts in family life. Differences of opinion can arise over beliefs or choices, sometimes causing immense hurt on both sides. Often these disagreements are between generations. Parents who have raised their children in the faith can feel hurt when a son or daughter drifts away, or decides not to pass on the faith to their own children. Grandparents often carry this burden too. Some conflict is unavoidable as we navigate these situations, but we have a choice - do we allow anger and hurt to shape our interactions with loved ones, or do we listen with respect and try to understand and find common ground? Perhaps these inevitable conflicts are what Jesus refers to in today's Gospel—father divided against son, mother against daughter. It's a surprising statement given his usual focus on peace. But then, following Jesus is not a smooth path. Peace can be hard-won, particularly in families where there are so many different personalities and opinions. Let us pray for wisdom and patience to navigate the tougher times.

*Triona Doherty, Curraghboy, Co. Roscommon, Email [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*

### **This Week: This Week: *Bank Holiday week end.***

The Parish never really turns off. There is always something cooking, something to be looked after: a roof that leaks, a door that squeaks a parishioner that creaks. As August trundles along the new school year comes into focus and dates have to be agreed on, ceremonies organised and meetings planned (thousands of meetings ...). With so much going on the Parish might just forget for a moment what it is all about. Last Sunday we asked for suggestions for a parish "logo". The suggestion boxes have not been overrun it must be said. But one Parishioner did write that the word "logo" made the Parish sound commercial and some other term might be used (maybe emblem or crest). Wasn't that a good observation? How often do we need to remind ourselves that we are not just another organization? How often must we as a Christian community step back from the world of busyness and hark back to the 'essentials': the Eucharist, the Word of God and what they imply for our lives. On other news. Some members of the community are preparing the "Season of Creation" (1<sup>st</sup> Sept to 4<sup>th</sup> of October) which is a new Christian initiative in response to "Laudato Si" the Pope's document on the care of the earth. The Maintenance Team has continued to work behind the scenes on many details around the Parish. The Team consistently tries to make the Parish as safe, as comfortable and as attractive as possible. Did you notice the little changes to the Baptismal Font and the Paschal Candle? (If you have any concerns please use the suggestion boxes or get in contact with the parish office). In the next few weeks big hedge cutting operations and other significant work will be underway in the Parish. New signage will be introduced and an anti-clutter blitz will occur. Thank you to those who highlighted the health and safety implications and who have supported these big ticket items.



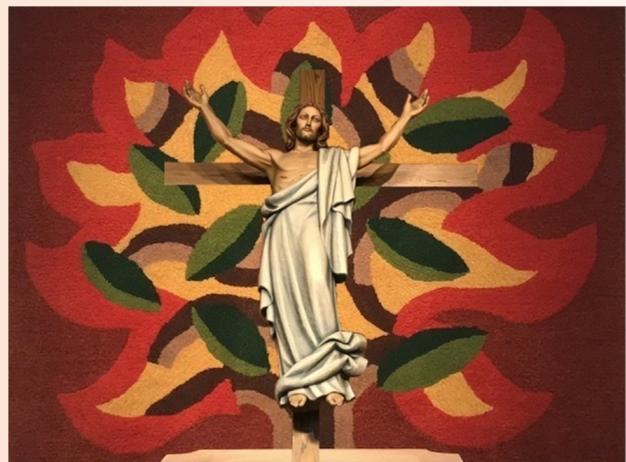
**Get Well** to all our parishioners who are sick, at home or in hospital, we wish you a speedy recovery



### **Victory with Christ**

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to bring fire to the earth and how I wish it were blazing already". Fire can be a source of fear when it is a danger to us, or a source of warmth and comfort when it is at our service. For many people Christ is like that. He is a source of fear when we see him calling us to change and we are reluctant to do so. Equally he is a source of warmth and comfort when we put our trust in him and in his way of life. For many married people, marriage can be seen as a restraint on their liberty and can cause resentment. Or it can be seen as wonderful gift of love that liberates the heart. Jesus is with us to bring us the fullness of life. For some of us that can mean the pain of surrendering our own ways of life and adopting his. But his ways are guaranteed to bring us joy and gladness and a sense of the wonder of life.

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



### Sacrament of Baptism

We Welcome babies

**Max McCarthy,**

**Jayden Dignam Murphy,**

**Seán McGuinness,**

**Anthony Noel Durkan**

**Hannah Rose Elbert, Alex Ewing,**

**Elliot Marusic, Zorah Oliveira McHugh,**

**Jake Anthony Hickey and Ruby Hicks**



Who were recently Baptised into the Christian Community in this Church.

### **St John of God Hospital**

Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction (MBSR) Course which is starting on:

**Date: Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September until Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019 (eight Tuesdays) Times: 6.00 pm – 8.30 pm**

**Includes one full day of Mindfulness on Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> October from 10.00 am – 4.00 pm**

**Location: Saint John of God Hospital, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin. Cost €350 in advance.**

### Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the Families and friends of **Mary Loughran**, Ballyogan & **Brian O'Reilly**, Clonard Drive, Who died recently  
May they rest in the peace of Christ



### Naomh Olaf GAA Club

Congratulations to David Byrne and the Dublin senior football team on their comprehensive win over Mayo in the All Ireland Senior Football Semi-final played in Croke Park last weekend before an attendance of over 80,000. They now play Kerry in the All-Ireland Senior Football Final on Sunday the 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2019. Hard luck to Luke Murphy and the Dublin minor football team who lost out to Mayo in the All Ireland Minor Football Quarter-final. Well done to Luke for a good year's work at County level. Naomh Olaf senior football team had a very important League win over Raheny in Wedgewood recently. They have only two more League games to play. They play Round Towers Clondalkin away and Naomh Fionnbarra at home. These two games will not be played until after the All-Ireland Football Final when hopefully David Byrne will be free to play for his Cub. Sympathy is extended to the Doolan family Sandyford on the death of Michael Doolan and also to the O'Connor family Clonard on the death of Anne O'Connor. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamacha uaisle. There was no winner of the Lotto Jackpot. The numbers drawn were 14, 18 and 29. This week's Jackpot is €1,200.

### Pallottine Pilgrimage to Lourdes:

Our Pilgrimage 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; single room supplement. To book contact St. Anne's Parish Centre, Shankill, Co. Dublin 01 2822704.



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



The next issue of Panorama, your local community magazine, will be available in early September.



If you are interested in volunteering for the coffee dock please contact the Parish Office.

### Mindfulness Group

The next Meetings of Mindfulness will take place on: Monday 19th August 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

**Blessing of the Schoolbags**  
Our two primary schools are returning to commence a new school year on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August. We are inviting the pupils to come along to the 10am Family Mass on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September when we will have a "Blessing of the Schoolbags" during the Mass



St Vincent de Paul monthly outdoor collection will take place after all Masses this Sunday 18th August.

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

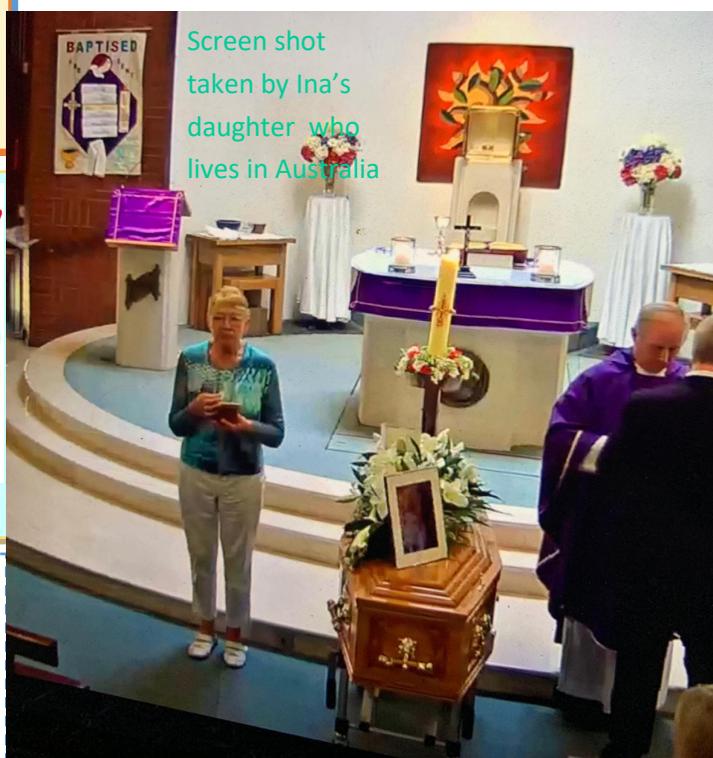


Balally 400 Club August draw will take place next Sunday 25th. Subscriptions can be paid after Masses today

Did you ever think of joining?  
Subscription:€10 per month



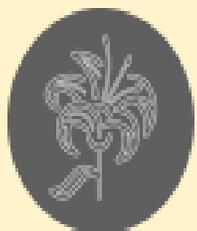
Ph: 087 2577651 or Parish Office 01-2954296



Screen shot taken by Ina's daughter who lives in Australia



**Statue of Our Lady:** The Parish of the Travelling people is looking for an outdoor statue of Our Lady in good condition no more than 4 foot high for an outdoor grotto on a Traveller site. Should you know of any - please contact the parish secretary by email: [geraldine@ptrav.ie](mailto:geraldine@ptrav.ie)



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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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Please contact me on Ph. (01) 277 1472  
between the hours of 10.00 am and 2.30  
pm Monday – Friday to book this course  
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