

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

BALALLY PARISH

22nd September 2019

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Tuesday to Friday 10.30am – 12.30pm.

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Mass Times & Intentions:

Sunday 22nd September

10.00am: Aedan O' Ruanaidh (3rd Annv)/
Peggy Dooley, James & Mary Monaghan

12.00 noon: Pat Walsh (8th Annv) & Lisa Carey Walsh
(6th Annv)

Mon 23rd - Sat 28th September 10.00am:

Monday: Francis Gallagher

Tuesday: Special Intention

Wednesday: Patricia Nolan (19th Annv)

Thursday: Mass in Sandysford

Friday: Aidan Healy

Saturday: Betty Healy (8th Annv)

Sunday: 29th September

10.00am: Brendan Boland/ Michael Doolan

12.00 noon: Angela Brennan/ Peter Brett/
Special Intention



“How much do you owe?”

One hundred Kors of wheat”

“Here is your promissory note write one for eighty”

The Parable of Talents

The Deep End: Kingdom Economics

If you think that all the parables Jesus told were nice stories about people of integrity then today's Gospel might make you think again. The manager has been put on notice by his CEO and he decides to even up the tables, while he still can, for those who are struggling to pay their debts to the company. He is happy to let debt go and redistribute the finances. The only value the money really has is in the way it is disposed of. Yes, he is a bit of a scoundrel, but Jesus liked scoundrels, once their efforts were put to good use. During this past year we have seen young people rise up and challenge the governments of the world to take immediate action on climate change. In March 2019, the Global Protest for Climate involved over 1.2 million young people worldwide. Initiated by Swedish activist Greta Thunberg, the climate protests shine as a beacon of hope in dark times. Greta stands up to world leaders and calls them to account. She is a modern prophet inspiring millions of young people into political action and challenging all of us to raise our voices for our common home. During this Season of Creation, what can your community do to support these young people? As church, what do we have to say to this powerful movement? The manager in today's parable invites us to 'holy mischief. What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up? ... Doomsday predictions can no longer be met with disdain. We may well be leaving to coming generations debris, desolation and filth.' (*Laudato Si'*, 160-161). Suggestion for the week: Explore how you might join with the eco-groups in your community to rejoice in the gift of creation, to share eco-stories and hear other good news of what is already happening. Perhaps you can explore becoming an 'eco-parish'? (www.ecocongregationireland.com) and ask young people in your area to help you.

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 every month at
1.00pm*



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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*

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

Holy Days: *10.00am and 7.30pm.*

Sacrament of Reconciliation :
after Mass on Saturdays/Confessions by request

Lord of the oppressed

Jesus said to his disciples: "You cannot be the slave both of God and of money". Thank God all of us are much better off today than we were in past generations and even better off than we ever expected to be. This brings with it a sense of security and lessens people's anxiety about the future. But it also can bring with it a sense of self-sufficiency in which we think that we are in need of no one, not even God. We become selfish, and the more we have the more we want. The challenge of the Gospel today is to be thankful for all we have and to learn to share it with those who are in need. When we become selfish with our money we also become selfish with our time and this has a serious effect on our marriage and family relationships and the quality of our lives together becomes less loving. We also refuse to give time to building up our parish community because we are too busy or too important. *Johnny Doherty, C.Ss.R.*

Legion of Mary Annual Pilgrimage

to Knock Shrine Sunday 29th
September 2019

Coach Departs from Dundrum Shopping
Centre (old) at 8.00am

Cost: Adults €25 Children €10

(Cost includes morning coffee.

(Meals not included)

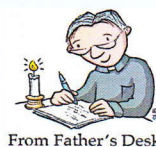
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Pat 086-3669778

N.B Last Booking Today 22nd.



This Week: On Sunday the Finance Committee made the accounts available to the Parish and had two sessions where questions could be answered as the details of the accounts were revealed. The event also raised awareness of the many volunteers who are involved (the Finance committee, the stewards, counters and collectors, the Parish office ..) in the administration of the generosity of the parishioners.



From Father's Desk

The committee highlighted that the 400 Club, the Family offering, the Bingo and the filling out of the tax CHY3 forms are the sources of income that maintain the Parish. Several people expressed amazement that through the filling out of the Tax form the Parish was able to receive 35,000 euro tax rebate.

The final touches for the Lazy Christian Pilgrimage of London were put in place. People were seen around the Parish taking laziness crash courses. People were investigating Tyburn and its importance in the history of the Irish Church and the martyrdom of Oliver Plunkett.

There was also a lot of interest in the protest against complacency in climate change. People who have never been involved in protests were signing up for the marches in Dundrum and Merrion Square.

The Special Youth task force had another exploratory meeting around the concern of how to involve youth in the Parish and how to transmit the faith to young people.

FIXING THE PARISH:

The roof of the Parish Centre was fixed after leaks were detected; the streaming services have been restored while the new special needs parking places were installed at the Wedgewood side of the Church.

Balally 400 Club
September draw is on Sunday 29th
Subscriptions will be taken up after
Masses this Sunday 22nd

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



Ph: 087 2577651 or Parish Office 01-2954296

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



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

Get well
Best wishes and a speedy
recovery to all our Parishioners
who are sick or housebound. We
keep you in our thoughts and
prayers.



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





'Once we start to think about the kind of world we are leaving to future generations, we realise that the world is a gift which we have freely received and which we must share with others.'

(Pope Francis Laudato Si)

Prayer for Creation Time:

Creator God, we thank you for the gift of creation, for the air we breathe, the water we drink, the food we eat. We confess that the way we live today is changing the climate of our earth, polluting oceans and rivers with plastics, interfering with the balances of the life-systems of mother earth, and hurting the poor. Help us to steward your gift of creation, so that all of your children may share in its abundance, here and around the world, now and in generations to come. Amen

What can we do to care for our common home?

1. Learn some facts about global warming.
2. Spend some time every day out of doors.
3. Walk to the shops, to school, to work, to the church.
4. Review the ecological impact of your lifestyle.
5. Explore the use of renewable energy in your home.
6. Use energy carefully. Turn off all lights, all electrical devices when not needed.
7. Conserve water, fix dripping taps.
8. Buy local produce when possible, buy Fairtrade, buy less.
9. Refuse single use plastics such as clingfilm, straws, plastic cutlery.
10. Plant pollinator friendly plants in your garden.
Avoid use of chemicals in your home and garden.
11. Join an environmental care group (maybe in your parish)
12. Reduce, re-use, recycle!.

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**Save our planet for our children  
and all their children too.  
Our world is ailing at the moment  
and our climate is changing too.  
This beautiful planet that the Lord made  
out of love for me and you.**



Ann Schmitz

**Balally Family Resource Centre** are running a  
10 week **Parenting Course** starting Monday  
30th September 2019.

7:30—9:00pm in

**Queen of Angels Primary School,**  
Blackthorn Drive, Wedgewood D16.

- Learn to encourage better behaviour
- Respond to difficult behaviour
- Build on your relationship with your child
- Help your child to deal with difficulties in their lives.

**For Parents of 4 to 12 year olds**

Call 01 2952167 or text 083 872 1696  
to book your place.

**The Coffee Dock on Sunday. Great team helping  
with hospitality.**



**The Ploughing comes to the Parish...**





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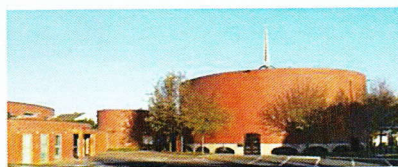
Congratulations to David Byrne and the Dublin Senior Football team on their record victory over Kerry in the replayed All Ireland Final in Croke Park last weekend on the score of 1-18 to 0-15. It was a brilliant, compelling and sometimes breathtaking contest as the Dublin Team made history by becoming the first Senior men's GAA team to secure five All Ireland titles in a row. The team are now legends in the 135 year history of the GAA. Naomh Olaf Club is delighted and honoured that one of the legends is our own David Byrne. Aged 25 years David was reared in Balally Grove and the family later moved to Ardglas. In his early years he learned his GAA skills in Naomh Olaf GAA Club, St. Olaf's Primary School, St Benildus College and later in U C D. David is an excellent role model in the club. He is always available to make presentations, to give words of encouragement and advice to the juvenile section. A huge crowd is expected when he brings the Sam Maguire Cup to the Club. We in Naomh Olaf are pleased to congratulate Balally Residents Association on winning "Best Housing Estate" in their category in Dunlaoghaire Rathdown Tidy Districts Competition 2019. There was no winner of the Lotto Jackpot. The numbers drawn were 3, 23, 25. This week's Jackpot is €1400.

**Balally COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease) Peer Support & Exercise Group** meet every Monday in Balally Family Resource Centre, Scout Den, Wedgewood (behind Balally Shopping Centre). Join us for an exercise class designed for people with lung conditions on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Jomma Mathew, Clinical Nurse Specialist from the COPD Outreach Team in St Vincent's University Hospital, will give a talk to the group at 12.45pm for 20 minutes. 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 information phone Wendy at 086 041 5128 or Balally FRC on 295 2167

**Monthly Day of Recollection in the spirituality of the Servant of God, Mother Marie Adele Garnier.**



**St. Benedict's Priory, Cobh, Co. Cork. Saturday 28th September. The theme is "Heart speaks to heart". First talk 11.00. Mass at 9am at the Priory or 10am at the Cathedral. Lunch provided. Cost: Donation. Ends with tea at 3.30pm**



### Advertising

**If you would like to advertise in the Parish Newsletter please contact Paula Geiran in the Parish Office on 01- 2954296**

**The Loyola institute Trinity college Dublin** Faith seeking understanding 2019/20 Theology Course—for teachers, board members, parents, and all interested in understanding their faith more deeply. **Venue:** Loyola institute Trinity College Dublin( Lincoln Place Entrance) Wednesday, 5pm—8pm (2 sessions each evening, with 20 minute coffee break) 8th October 2019, 6th November 2019, 4th December 2019, 29th January 2020, 12th February 2020 & 18th March 2020. **Applications to Ruth Douglas at the Jesuit Education Desk: [education@jesuit.ie](mailto:education@jesuit.ie) by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Sept 2018. NB Cost for applicants outside of the four schools Trusts is €60.**

**Closing date for applications for Junior Infants in St Olaf's for next September 2020 is 30/09/2019.**



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