

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

BALALLY PARISH

19th January 2020

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Parish Office Open Hours:

Tuesday to Friday 10.30am – 12.30pm.

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Mass Times & Intentions:

Sunday 19th January

10.00am: Frank O' Connor (18th Annv) /John, Nora, & Cora Fox & all the Fox Family/ Margaret Kavanagh

12.00noon: Robbie O' Connor (3rd Annv)/Mona Fitzpatrick/ Bertie & Kathleen Ring/ Mary Arthur/ Terry Byrne (4th Annv) & Special Intention.

Mon 20th - Sat 25th January 2020 10.00am:

Monday: Greg Naughton/Dessie Dowling

Tuesday: Margaret Cass/ Special Intention (Thank you)

Wednesday: Deceased Members of the Hannon & Tonra Families

Thursday: Mass in Sandyford

Friday: Kevin McNiffe

Saturday: Marie McDonnell

Sunday 26th January

10.00am: Betty O' Neill (2nd Annv)/ Jean Flanagan/ Mona O' Shea

12.00:Pat Hartin (5th Annv)/ Terry O' Farrell/ John Scully (28th Annv)/ Frank Gaynor (58th Annv)



John Declared, "I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him.

Artist: David Zelenka

The Deep End: *The Lamb of God*

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist is inviting us to *look* at Jesus. He calls Jesus the '*lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world*'. We say these words often at mass and today we are invited to meditate on them more closely. What does it mean? In Jesus' time, two lambs were sacrificed in the Temple in Jerusalem each day. It was a ritual that invoked purity. Jesus will preach a love that is radical for many, in a world that was, and still is, broken. John refers to Jesus as the *lamb* as he knows that if one loves in such a way, they will suffer at the hands of unjust systems and institutions. When we look at the 'sins' of our world today – broken relationships, crisis, can we also see those who, like Jesus, 'take away' the sins of the world? Christ's love was not passive, he actively challenged systems that were oppressive and which prevented people from living life to the full. Whether it be the climate crisis or the homelessness crisis or any number of issues we face, '*look*' where Jesus walks and is actively working to ease this suffering. When we hear these words at mass, let us be reminded of all those who sacrifice much to ease the sufferings of others. This is Christ, the '*lamb of God*' active in our world today.

'The descent into the waters of our spirit, is a journey into the presence of divinity ... all human beings are children of God but not all live in the awareness that there is 'that of God' within them' **W.L. Wallace**

Jane Mellett: [mellettj@gmail.com](mailto:melletj@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 Sandvford, 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

St. Benildus College's under 16 football team recently defeated Scoil Aidan in the final of the Dublin "A" football Championship and go forward to the semi-final of the Leinster Championship. The following Naomh Olaf Club members had a share in the victory. Daragh O'Brien, James Oliver, Aaron Doolan, David Cunningham, Sam Doran, Daniel Gilsenan, and Rian Cahill. Congratulations lads and good luck in the Leinster semi-final. Dublin senior football team had their first outing under Dessie Farrell's management last weekend. They played Longford in the semi-final of the O'Byrne Cup. Dublin were defeated by a point on the score of 3-6 to 1-13. Longford's winning point was scored from a free in injury time. None of the All Ireland winning team were available for this game as they were holidaying in Bali, but Dessie was happy with the spirit shown by his team. He hopes to have a full team available when Dublin play Kerry in their first League in Croke Parke on Saturday evening next. Commiserations to Dublin senior hurling team defeated by a point by Galway in the semi-final of the Walsh Cup. There was no winner of the Lotto Jackpot. The numbers drawn were 4, 22 and 23. This week's Jackpot is €2,200.



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THE GOSPEL

[John 1:29-34](#)

Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God.

John said,
"I did not know him."

So the Spirit showed
the Christ to him.
And John
replied,



***"behold,
the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sin of the world."***

Spirit, come,
shine through our clouds.
Teach us your love.
Let us know
Jesus

Let us tell everyone about
the Lamb of God

Schools and Loss: This workshop on Schools and Loss organised by the Irish Hospice will look at different forms of loss and how loss impacts the lives of children at different ages. It will examine how school can be a support to these children. The workshop will provide opportunities for interactive discussion. Presented by Conor Mc Guckin, PhD, is Assistant Professor of Educational Psychology in the School of Education at Trinity College on **Friday, 31st January from 9.15am – 4.15pm** in the Irish Hospice Foundation, Morrison Chambers, 4th Floor, 32 Nassau Street, Dublin D02 YE06. Fee - €100 includes light lunch/tea and coffee. Bookings can be made on the following link <https://hospicefoundation.ie/education-training/bereavement-training/workshops/>

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th Jan - 25th **Theme: "They showed us** **Unusual Kindness" (Acts 28:2**

Loving God, we ask that you would grant us the spirit of wisdom and unity, so that we may be one, even as you are one with our lord
Jesus Christ— and he with you.

Enable all the members of the body of Christ, to live together in unity and fellowship with one another, and lead us into the paths of peace and righteousness— so that we may be well pleasing in your sight.

We ask you to teach us how to love one another as Christ loved us and help us to show one another the unusual kindness that can only come from knowing your son Jesus, May the Spirit stir up in our hearts a desire to be united as one, in the bond of peace and fellowship.

This we ask in Jesus' name.

Amen

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 please contact the Parish Office. 01-2954296



Balally Parish 400 Club draw

The January Draw will take place on the 26th

Subscriptions will be taken up after Masses today.

Did you ever think of joining?

Subscription: €10 per month

Ph: 087 2577651 or Parish Office 012954296



The Parish BINGO is held every Friday



**At 8.30pm In the Pastoral Centre
All welcome**

The monthly outdoor collection for the **Society of St Vincent DePaul** will take place after all Masses today.



The Lamb of God

John the Baptist said: "I am the witness that he (Jesus) is the Chosen One of God". This is the great mission that we all have in our world so that the world may believe. And Jesus gives us the best way of witnessing to him – our love for one another. It is hard to believe that our love has so much power, that our love can transform the world in so far as we point towards Christ as our Saviour. This power is particularly invested in the love of husband and wife in the Sacrament of Marriage. The committed love of a married couple makes Christ present in the world each couple lives in. So much is at stake for every couple to grow in their love every day. This call to witness to Christ is also the task of every family and every faith community in the Church. We have a responsibility in faith to positively develop our homes and our communities in ways that others, looking at us, can come to know Christ.
Johnny Doherty, C.Ss.R.

Mindfulness Group

The next Meeting of Mindfulness will take place on Monday 20th January 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



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.



St Olafs Ladies Club
Wednesday 22nd January at 8.30 pm
in St Olaf's School.
"Talk on citizens rights"

New members welcome



Joint Church Community Project CLG Vacancies for

**Caretaker / Grounds person &
Office Assistant**

**Community Employment Ref: CES:
2106643**

Based in Balally Parish, Wedgewood, Dublin 16.

Apply to DEASP Employment Services /
Intro office to check your eligibility
to apply
for this vacancy.

Eligibility to participate on CE is generally linked to those who are 21 years of age or over and in receipt of a qualifying Irish Social Welfare payment.

Informal enquiries to the Supervisor
Sheila Flanagan 01-2953224 Email:
sheila@tiernans.ie

Sacrament of Baptism

We Welcome baby **Ellie O' Dwyer** Who was Baptised into the Christian Community in this Church last Sunday



**Readings for next Sunday
January 26th, Catholic Schools Week
& Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

**Reading I: Isaiah 8:23-9:3
Responsorial Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14
Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17
Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23**

**Celebrate
Catholic Schools
Week 2020**
January 26 - February 1

Catholic Schools Week 2020 commences Sunday 26th January to Sunday 2nd February. The website/link is:
<https://www.catholicschools.ie/>



PETER MASSEY FUNERALS

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**Christ Church Cathedral,
8 p.m., Friday 24 January 2020.**

A Service of prayer and music in Irish for Christian Unity Week. **Theme: The islanders showed us unusual**

Kindness (Acts 28:2)

Eolas / Information: 01-2854225, 01-6264450



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

Please see below our Full Day training schedule for the first four months of 2020. These are open to any of the categories below, who have not attended training in the last three years. Parish clergy including Deacons, Parish Sisters and Parish Pastoral Workers, Parish Safeguarding Representatives Leaders of Children's groups such as Altar Servers, Family Mass, Children's choirs etc, Sacristans & Parish staff, Chair of PPC

Open Training Schedule 2020

Date:	Venue:	Start time:	Finish Time:
25.01.2020	Bohernabreena Parish Hall	9.30am	3.30pm
01.02.2020	Clonliffe College	9.30am	3.30pm
29.02.2020	Brackenstown Parish center	9.30am	3.30pm
21.03.2020	Clonliffe College	9.30am	3.30pm
28.03.2020	Dundrum Pastoral Centre	9.30am	3.30pm
25.04.2020	Clonliffe College	9.30am	3.30pm
11.03.2020	Clonliffe College	10.30am	4.30pm
21.04.2020	Clonliffe College	10.30am	4.30pm

As places are limited to 30 attendee's for each course, we recommend you book early. Places are allocated on a first come first serve basis. Please note that we have included two weekday sessions to facilitate those who cannot make Saturdays. Booking forms available in the Parish Office. Telephone bookings will not be accepted.



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The Senility Prayer



*Grant me the
senility to forget
the people I never
liked anyway, the
good fortune to run
into the ones I do,
and the eyesight
to tell the
difference.*

**Balally Family
Resource Centre**



Baby Massage & Baby Yoga
weekly classes...

**See Poster in church Porch
and Pastoral Centre for
more Information.**

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New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week.

The Liturgical Season of Ordinary Time counts the time between Christmas Season and Lent, and between Easter Season and Advent. Ordinary Time readings, liturgy and prayer can be a rich time to reflect upon our relationship with God, our relationships with each other and to grow in depth on many levels. Creighton University Online Ministries has a huge variety of helpful resources for prayer in Ordinary Time. Since Anglican and Catholic churches share many of the same liturgical readings, these are useful ecumenical resources. Access them at www.NewPilgrimPath.ie

