

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

BALALLY PARISH

9th February 2020

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Office Open Hours:

Tuesday to Friday 10.30am – 12.30pm.

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Mass Times & Intentions:

Sunday 9th February

10.00am: Ann MacGiolla Fhearga/ Angela Moran (10th Annv) & Jimmy, Graham & Sharon Moran/ David Broderick (3rd Annv)

12.00noon: Gertie & Joe Keating/ Marie McDonnell/ Matthew Bermingham (1st Annv)

Mon 10th February - Sat 15th February 2020 10.00am:

Monday: Doreen Sinnott/ Terry O'Farrell, Thomas Kearnan & Special Intention (Get Well)/ Sheila Boyle & Brendan Byrne (5th Annv)

Tuesday: William F Connors/Special Intention(Birthday Remembrance)/ Michael & Sara Farragher.

Wednesday: Geoff O'Donoghue/ Margaret McHugh/ Walter & Kathleen Reidy & Evelyn Hamilton

Thursday: Mass in Sandyford

Friday: Michael & Josephine Clancy/ Mrs Anne Browne

Saturday: Joan Yorke (2nd Annv)

Sunday 16th February

10.00am: Carmel & Frank Kilackey/ Pat McGuinness/ Special Intention

12.00noon: Mick Gilleran & Annie, John, Dympna, & Claire McGarry/ Kay Meegan



Pieter Claesz, Still Life with a Burning Candle (Detail) 1627

The Deep End: . This little light of mine ...

I'm gonna let it shine! Perhaps you are familiar with this popular hymn. It is often used in children's liturgies, and was in fact written as a gospel song for children in the 1920s. It later became something of an anthem for the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 60s, associated in particular with civil rights leader Fannie Lou Hamer. The song was seen as a way of expressing unity, as people fought for equal rights and freedom. 'This Little Light of Mine' is based on the words of Matthew's Gospel that we hear today: 'No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub... your light must shine in the sight of men.' Without the light of those who were part of the civil rights movement, our world would be a very different place. There are good people everywhere who continue to fight for justice and freedom, who use their 'light' to help others and make sure people are treated fairly and with dignity – both those who campaign and speak out about injustice, and the people on the ground who support the sick, the homeless, refugees and others experiencing difficulties. Witnessing so much suffering, it might be tempting for these 'people of light' to become disheartened, but they carry on, using their compassion and skills to bring about change, shining their light in the darkness. As followers of Christ, we are called to light up the world. Take some time this week to think about how you can let your light shine.

'A community of Jesus which seeks to hide itself has ceased to follow him. **Dietrich Bonhoeffer**

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*

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

Holy Days: *10.00am and 7.30pm.*

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

Dublin senior football team's domination over Mayo has continued into a new decade.



When the two sides met last weekend in a League game in Castlebar Dublin won again on the score of 1-11 to 0-8. David Byrne Naomh Olaf had another excellent game in his usual defensive role. The February edition of the Panorama Magazine is now available in all of the usual outlets. It carries an article on the Naomh Olaf Junior football team of 1990 that won the Junior Championship, Division 1 of the League and the Conlon Cup. It also carries a photograph of the team and a poem written by Niall Byrne, Balally Hill, when he was 14 years of age about the team. The Club now has 64 teams that train and play each week, catering for hurling, football, Ladies football and camogie. As the Club continues to grow we need to ensure that we retain what makes our Club attractive to all its members – a trusting, friendly and safe community environment for all – to play, have fun, socialise and make friends for life – to ensure that every child gets a chance to play and help them to be the best person they can be. There were no winner of the Lotto Jackpot. The numbers drawn were 3, 26 and 36. This week's Jackpot is €2,500.

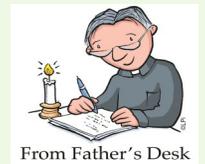
Get well

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



This Week : 4th Week of Ordinary Time

Over the last while we have had some marvellous moments in the Parish. There was a huge turnout for the first ever Mass of Generations. Children who will participate in first Communion and Confirmation came with their parents and grandparents to 10.00 Mass. The occasion highlighted the Mass as a place of families and the family as the natural place where the faith is transmitted. We have also had a visit of some of the classes who will be making their confirmation in May.



The Parish Pastoral Council had its meeting this week. Again it discussed issues that are brought up by parishioners. The PPC also considered the future of the community. What has to be done? How do we engage the younger generations? How do we manage with less clergy available? How can we integrate more closely with Sandyford?

The CCTV system has been updated for the security and protection of our parishioners and staff. All this effort is thanks to the generosity of the community which thorough the 400 Club, the Family offering and donations, help to maintain and upgrade the Parish. The 400 club reported on activities this week and new members joined the club which is getting close to a record high membership.

The monthly meeting of the Reader's Club took place and had a workshop in the Church as well as programming the readings for next month. The first meeting in preparation of a young people's mission to Guatemala was had. We also had several suggestions for the living of lent in the Parish and these will be published in the next few days.

The Bakesale which took place in the Parish Centre in aid of the Australian Bush Fires on the 2nd February raised €350. The Girls would like to say a big
"Thank You"



to all the Parishioners for their generosity and support.

A STEM OF HOPE FOR SINÉAD

A Coffee Day will be held on Thursday 20th February 2020 to raise funds for Sinéad Costello who has M.S. Sinéad is the daughter of Robert and Bibby Costello who lived in Moreen, Blackthorn for over twenty years. Sinéad was diagnosed with Progressive-Relapsing M.S in 2016. There is no treatment for this type of M.S in Ireland or the U.K. Sinéad will have to travel to Mexico to get the treatment she needs that will help her.

Aidan and Phyllis Carthy have kindly offered to hold a coffee day to raise funds for Sinéad.

Date: Thursday 20th February

Venue: 73, Moreen Ave, Sandyford, D16

Time: 11am (11hrs) to 9pm (21hrs)

Hosts: Phyllis and Aidan Carthy



PLEASE SUPPORT

This is a small voluntary **charity putting all their efforts into the funding of lifesaving equipment for "The New Children's Hospital"** when building is complete. **Koins for Kids** collects out of date and damaged currency and one and two cent coins. They are open to any donation. None is too big or small. To date they have raised over €100,000. If you have any coins or foreign currency which can be repatriated please leave into the Parish Office.



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

Next draw takes place on Sunday 23rd February in the Coffee dock after the 10am Mass

Subscriptions will be taken up in the porch after Masses next Sunday 16th February



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

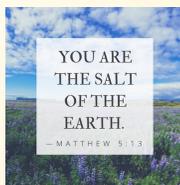
Ph: 087 2577651 or Parish Office 012954296

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



A light in the darkness

Jesus said to his disciples: "You are the salt of the earth; you are the light of the world." These extraordinary words were said to very ordinary people, and they were meant! They are being said again today to us, the present disciples of Jesus, and they are still meant! Salt is used to season food. As the Church, our task is to give a good taste to the world in which we live. Light shows the way and also brings comfort and joy. These also are our tasks for the world in which we live, and how much our world needs these at present. We do all this first and foremost through the way we live in our homes, by making our relationships there ever more alive and joyful. We also respond to Christ in our faith community by developing the Church as a welcoming community where everyone is treasured and cared for; where everyone is helped to know how much they are loved by God and how precious they are in his sight.



Johnny Doherty, C.Ss.R.

Gerry Piense (1940-1999) was a Redemptorist priest from County Kerry. During his missionary ministry, he became deeply involved in contemplative prayer, inspired by the teaching of Benedictine monk John Main. With a gift with words that made his teaching simple, clear, effective, and often humorous, Fr Piense delivered a superb series of talks introducing Christian meditation. Listen to them here: www.NewPilgrimPath.ie



Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the Family and friends of **Anne Clarke:** Kilmacud Who died early in the week May she rest in the peace of Christ



The Annual Collection of ACCORD Dublin, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at all Masses on the weekend of the **16th February 2020** in Balally Parish. The Collection for ACCORD will replace the usual **Share Collection**.



ACCORD Dublin throughout the Diocese offers:

- Marriage Preparation Courses.
- Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships.
- A Relationship and Sexuality Programme for Schools

ACCORD Dublin needs your support. Please give generously.



The monthly outdoor collection for the

Society of St Vincent DePaul will take place after all Masses next Sunday 16th February



Mindfulness Group

The next Meeting of Mindfulness will take place on Monday 17th February 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

Readings for next Sunday February 16th Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Sirach 15:15-20

Responsorial Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

You are the salt of the earth. You are the light

Lord,
show us how to be salt and how to give light.
We want to share our bread with the hungry;
we want to shelter the homeless
and clothe the naked. Teach us.
Show us how to help the immigrant; to free those
who are prisoners. Teach us to give, a little at first, then all





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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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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 / Intreo 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

Ballinteer Parish Pilgrimage To Lourdes

Date: 23-28th June

Price: €749.

Single Supplement €155/Hotel: Roissy. Full religious programme accompanied by Spiritual Director. Deposit €200 payable after 6.00pm Mass **NEXT SATURDAY** and after 11.00am and 12.30pm Masses **NEXT SUNDAY**. For further information please contact Ann Forde 086-0859725/ Bridget Conneely 087-1239166/ Mary O' Kelly 0868586480. **Please bring copy of**