



CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

BALALLY PARISH

15th March
Third Sunday of Lent



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Tuesday to Friday 10.30am – 12.30pm.

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Mass Times & Intentions:

Sunday 15th March (Third Sunday of Lent)

10.00am George Hutchinson (12th Annv)

12.00noon: Syl Bradshaw/ Anne Delaney (29th Annv)
& Thomas & Kathleen Delaney.

Mon 16th March - Sat 21st March 2020 10.00am:

Monday: 10.00am Special Intention (Get Well)/

Paul Dempsey/ Peter McDonald

Tuesday: 10.00am : Feast of St Patrick

Maeve McLoughlin/ Patrick Corcoran/

Jimmy & Patricia Moles



12.00pm Michael Murphy (3rd Annv)/ Tommy Dargan

Wednesday: Fr James Dollard/Frank Cullen

Thursday: Mass from Balally via Webcam

Friday: Thomas & Brigid Reidy & Family

Saturday: Breda Noonan/ Eugene Kettle

Sunday 22nd March (Fourth Sunday of Lent)

10.00am: Fr James Dollard/ Mary Griffin (2nd Annv)

12.00pm: Oliver Kavanagh (2nd Annv)/ (Mary) May Thornton.



Jesus said “ Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water that I give them will never thirst”.

Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the Well

Artist: He Qi

The Deep End: Give me a drink! In today’s Gospel, we hear the wonderful account of the woman at the well. We hear of physical thirst but also of a much deeper thirst, for connection and conversion. During Lent, we are invited into the lives of Trocaire’s partners in the global south. We meet Madris in Kenya, who walks around the dusty brown patch of land beside her small home, where she lives with her six children. There are no crops visible, just a few scraggy bushes. Madris tells us, ‘I feel very bad when the rains don’t come because all my plants depend on rainfall.’ Water scarcity worldwide is being accelerated by the climate crisis. Scientists tell us that rain-fed agriculture will drop by 50% world-wide by 2030, due to global warming. When we think of how we might help, we give, and that is good. But we must also be aware of a deeper conversion that is needed. Change is possible, solutions are there, and as faith communities we are invited into this journey of change. The woman in the Gospel today is so deeply affected by her encounter with Christ that she runs to tell the others. May we also be enthused and open to a real thirst for climate justice, aware that we are called to ‘an ecological conversion whereby the effects of our encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in our relationship with the world around us. Living our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience.’ (Laudato Si, 217) **A challenge:** How much water do you use? Where water is concerned how can you serve God more fully? For water tips, see www.taptips.ie **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*



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 Sandford, 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

Congratulations to the Dublin under 20 football team and to Luke Murphy Naomh Olaf on their victory over Laois in the Leinster under 20 football final recently. Congratulations also to Christine Shanahan and the Dublin Minor Camogie team on their victory over Laois in the Minor A Camogie Championship. Well done to Julie Grimes who lined out at wing back for the Dublin Minor Ladies football team in their first round Leinster Championship victory over Meath recently. They play Kildare in the second round at home this Sunday. Good luck to David Byrne and the Dublin Senior football team when they play Meath in a league game in Croke Park this Sunday at 3.15 pm. The March edition of Panorama magazine is now available in all of the usual outlets. This month it contains an appreciation of club member the late Colin O'Brien, Balally Grove. There was great excitement in the local schools recently as the Dublin Senior footballer and Naomh Olaf Club player David Byrne brought Sam Maguire to visit the boys and girls, giving them an opportunity to meet a football hero and to hold the coveted trophy. There was no winner of the Lotto Jackpot. The numbers drawn were 11, 14 and 31. This weeks Jackpot is €3000.



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URGENT

In the current emergency, all are dispensed from the obligation to physically attend Sunday Mass.

The Church will be closed for all Masses beginning March 14th.

You can follow all masses **SUNDAYS AND WEEK-DAYS on our Webcam at** www.parishofbalally.ie and intentions will be read out.

St Patricks Day will follow the same format as Sunday.

The doors will open week-days from 11.00am to 1pm for private prayer & visits only.

Funerals: Funeral Masses can be celebrated but limited to close relatives or friends with at most 100 people inside the Church. Larger gatherings of up to 500 could take place outside after Mass or at a graveyard. Within churches it is necessary that people observe a distance of at least a metre from each other.

All non-essential pastoral gatherings and meetings are cancelled

The motivation for these new restrictive measures is a sense of care for the common good and especially for those most vulnerable.

Please follow the Website for further updates.

Sympathy



We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the Family and friends of

***Maeve McLoughlin:
Wesley Lawns***

Who died early in the week
May he rest in the peace of Christ



New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week.

Saint Patrick really existed. Two Latin works, still surviving, can definitely be attributed to Patrick's own authorship. Composed in Latin, in the fifth century and preserved in manuscripts dating from the 800's onwards, these are the oldest extant texts written in Ireland. One of these documents is his Confessio or "Confession", which is a testimony to Patrick's personal faith and trust in God, to whom he attributes the entire success of his mission in Ireland. This short document, in a very accessible and accurate English translation by Pádraig McCarthy, can be read at www.newpilgrimpath.ie



Balally Parish

Lenten Scripture Course:

The Risks that Jesus took in Holy Week:
(Sister Therese Fitzgerald)
Has been cancelled until further notice





The Coffee dock

Closed until further notice.

The Parish BINGO
will be cancelled beginning 20th
March until further notice. If you
need any further information contact
the Parish Office on 01-2954296



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.



Christ, the living water

“Those who worship must worship in spirit and in truth.” In the Gospel of this weekend, Jesus is very clear that rituals are not what **our faith is about, important and all as they are, but** that it is about the heart and about life. The same is true of love and it is here that couples are such important prophets for the life of the Church. Your love for each other has its origin in the heart and must constantly be restored to the heart. Your love is lived in everyday life and needs to give a quality of goodness to each day both for yourselves and for all those around you. But it is not just couples who are called to put their hearts into all they do. All of us, single people, religious, and priests are called to live out our vocations in ways that will encourage others in faith, build them up in hope and draw them into the love of God and so come to live life to the full.
Johnny Doherty, C.Ss.R.

Balally Parish 400 Club draw

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**Gift Certificates for the 400
Club available in the Parish Office.**

Ph: 087 2577651 or Parish Office 012954296



Sacrament of Baptism

We Welcome baby

Natalia Melnarowicz

& also

Alanna Brady

Aramide Adeleke & Aderemi Adeleke

Who were Baptised into the Christian
Community in this Church last Sunday



Readings for next Sunday

22nd March Fourth Sunday of Lent

Reading I: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Responsorial Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Reading II: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel: John 9:1-41

HOSPITALITY GROUP

THE HOSPITALITY GROUP WILL BE
CANCELLED BEGINNING 18TH MARCH UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE



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like to advertise in the
Parish Newsletter please
contact the Parish Office
01-2954296.**

ALONE COVID-19 Helpline

ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) in Ireland. Professional staff will be available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line will be open **Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818 222 024**, hours may be Extended to meet the demand.

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Prayer for our protection

We ask for prayers for those affected by the Coronavirus. Placing all our trust in the Lord, and asking Our Lady to intercede for us, we invite everyone to pray these prayers:

Extract from Saint Patrick's Breastplate

Christ with me,

Christ before me,

Christ behind me,

Christ in me,

Christ beneath me,

Christ above me,

Christ on my right,

Christ on my left,

Christ when I lie down,

Christ when I sit down,

Christ when I arise,

Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,

Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,

Christ in every eye that sees me,

Christ in every ear that hears me.
