

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

## BALALLY PARISH

29th March 2020

Fifth Sunday of Lent



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### **Mass Times & Intentions:**

**Sunday 29th March (Fifth Sunday of Lent)**

10.00am Mick Lynch/Aileen Duff (5th Annv)

12.00noon: Greg Sexton/ Dermot Manders (1st Annv)/  
Andrew Corbett/ Fergus Canning

Mon 30th March - Sat 4th April 020

10.00am:

Monday: Kevin Peakin & Carmel Peakin

Tuesday: Noleen Jacques & Mary Hartnett

Wednesday: Celine McCormack (2nd Annv)

Thursday Margaret O' Beirne

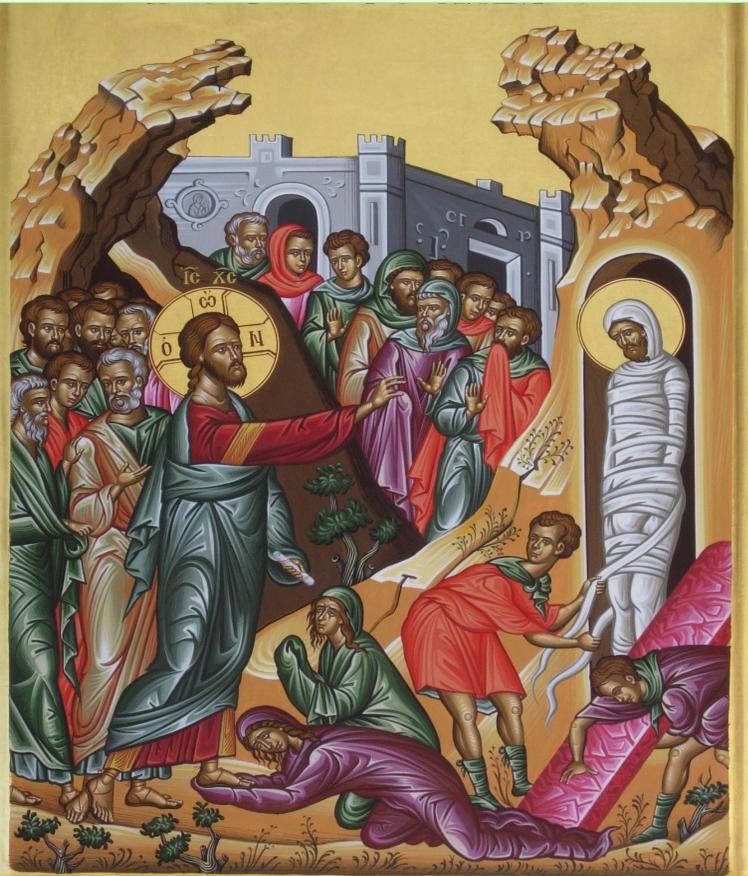
Friday: Altar List of the Dead

Saturday:

**Sunday 5th March (Palm Sunday)**

10.00am Dermot Connolly (4th Annv)

12.00noon: Michael & Gretta Burke/ Rita McCudden  
(10th Annv) Michael Arthur/ Noel Cullen (2nd Annv)



Jesus raises Lazarus of Bethany from the dead  
four days after his entombment

### **The Deep End: Come forth Lazarus**

In today's Gospel Jesus is surrounded by a culture of death. The disciples are afraid to go back to Bethany, the Jews want to stone Jesus to death, Mary and Martha are distraught over the death of their brother Lazarus, and Lazarus himself lies bound in the darkness of the tomb. It appears as if there is no hope. Jesus weeps for his friend and for those around him.

Yet, surrounded by a culture of death and despair, Jesus gives compassion and new life to those in turmoil. It is easy to say that nothing can be done when we are faced with difficult situations in our own lives. Yet Jesus says 'Lazarus, come forth' and to the people he says 'Unbind him, let him go.' It is a message for all of us to come away from a culture of death; to help unbind one another and to allow ourselves to emerge from the tomb. We are called to take away the stone. Today's Gospel is a story of liberation. Jesus gives a new insight into the power of faith over death. It is an active faith, one that urges us on to work for change and new life.

"What did you do while the planet was plundered? What did you do as the earth was unravelling? Surely you did something as the seasons started failing? Surely you did something as the mammals, reptiles and birds were all dying? Did you fill the streets with protest when democracy was stolen? What did you do once you knew?" (From *Hieroglyphic Stairway* by Drew Dillinger.) **Jane Mellett [mellettj@gmail.com](mailto: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/](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 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*

### Life Begins Again in April

Life begins again - in April!  
How this dead earth come to flower  
How the dry boughs wake and quicken  
In this blooming, Springtime hour!

Life begins again—in April  
And the bird is on the wing,  
Brooks are flowing, breezes tender  
In a rhapsody of spring

Where's the heart that can be  
downcast?  
Where's the eye that does not brighten?  
Behold the world so fresh and new  
As the dark skies part and lighten!

Those who sorrow shall take comfort,  
Those who droop shall smile again  
April brings a message clearly  
To the weariest of men

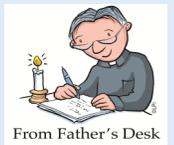
Yesterday may lie in ruins,  
All the past be dead and drear  
Just forget that! Skies are bright blue!  
It's the springtime of the year.

Life begins again— in April!!  
Hill and valley reel with living.  
To all things new life she brings  
With joyous fervor in her giving.



### This Strange Week:

This week our church has had to close the doors.... but it never closed down. We were able to continue broadcasting mass at 10.00 on the webcam, we have had night prayers at 20.00 every night and we have a beautiful adoration chapel set up in the Church window where many people pass by to meditate and pray. On Thursday we consecrated Ireland to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in unison with all the other parishes and communities.



Those who have died are been remembered every night and every morning . Many people have been involved in helping us along. The light, heat and flowers have all been looked after by volunteers and the Parish office has been very helpful looking after people. The Sunday Masses have been enhanced by the participation of Sarah Lane and Kerrie O'Connor with music and hymns. We have had great suggestions for our "One Book" campaign and will begin to publish them from Sunday on the website and using other means. So our spiritual life continues and maybe even grows.

### Prayer

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee,

joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,

to conform ourselves to the Father's will

and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who took our sufferings upon Himself,

and bore our sorrows to bring us,

through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection.

Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test

– and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

### 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. [www.alone.ie](http://www.alone.ie)

**"St Olaf's Ladies Club is cancelled until further notice "**



.Naomh Olaf Club is pleased to announced that a number of its members have volunteered to assist the community during the Covid 19 Pandemic. They have volunteered to collect messages/prescriptions for anyone who is vulnerable or in self isolation. Please telephone 085-2525356 or Email

[naomholafinfo@gmail.com](mailto:naomholafinfo@gmail.com). Naomh Olaf club premises is closed for activities until further notice. The Dublin Adult Competition Control Committee have postponed all grades of Club Championship games fixed for April due to the uncertainty surrounding the resumption of activity. Because of Covid-19 all Club games and training had been cancelled until this Sunday the 29<sup>th</sup> March. It is now very uncertain as to when training and games will resume. The Office of the Panorama Magazine is closed and further editions of the Magazine will not be published until further notice. Congratulations to Conor Haskins and Chloe McHugh both senior footballers with the Club on the arrival of their son Frankie. The Naomh Olaf Lotto Draw is suspended until further notice.





### New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week.

Pause to review your day online in the presence of God with a new take on a 500-year old prayer. The Daily Examen is a technique of prayerful reflection on the events of the day in order to detect God's presence and discern his direction for us. Developed by St Ignatius Loyola, it is central to Ignatian spirituality. Discover the power of this simple, life-changing way of praying through six short online sessions, called the 'Lunchtime Examen', available at [www.newpilgrimpath.ie](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie)

A little tip for parents with young children. Our Dublin Zoo has 3 web cams on which you can see the penguins being fed around 10.30 and 2.30, Also you might be able to see the Elephants and various other animals.



Edinburgh Zoo also have 4 web cams on which you can see a Panda Bear, A Koala bear and possibly tigers.

### 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.



### He raises us to new life

If anyone believes in me, even though s/he dies s/he will live. Do you believe this?" We so easily get caught up in the immediate things of life that we lose sight of the bigger picture. There are so many things to be attended to that we can miss out on the really important ones. This happens all the time in the marriage relationship when couples fail to take time for themselves and their relationship of love because of the other pressures on them. And it is always a big mistake. Make time for each other. In family life also we can see the same thing happen. Parents spend so much of their energy providing for their children that they don't have time to spend with them and so rob them of the single most important gift. And in our faith community, because of our mentality of duty, we can get into the habit of giving the minimum. The result is that we fail to see the vital importance of spending time together.  
*Johnny Doherty, C.Ss.R.*

### Balally Parish 400 Club draw

#### Congratulations to our March winners

- 1st Prize- Paddy Furey
- 2nd Prize- Tom Culligan
- 3rd Prize- Paul Thornton
- 4th Prize- Eilis Miller Pollard



#### Consolation Prize of Easter Egg;

- 1. Robert Martin
- 2. Jim Fitzsimons
- 3. Margaret Buckley
- 4. Anna Sherry
- 5. Monsignor Dermot Lane
- 6. Rita Fitzgerald
- 7. Phyllis Corrigan
- 8. Mary Denehy
- 9. Frank Finnegan
- 10. Martin Neary
- 11. Noel Delaney
- 12. Eileen Somerville
- 13. Tony Barry
- 14. Keith Fitzsimons
- 15. John Dunnel
- 16. Pauline F. Ryan
- 17. Barbara Montague
- 18. Maureen O'Malley
- 19. Martina & Cam Kavanagh
- 20. Sean Fitzsimons.

### Readings for next Sunday 5th April Palm Sunday

**At the Procession with Palms: Matthew 21:1-11**

**Reading I: Isaiah 50:4-7**

**Responsorial Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24**

**Reading II: Philippians 2:6-11**

**Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66 OR 27:11-54**

### Dear Friends of Eco-Congregation Ireland

We hope you are all well and looking after each other. This Saturday 28 March 2020 at 8.30pm is Earth Hour and, due to the exceptional circumstances we are in with the Coronavirus, the organisers are encouraging us to mark Earth Hour *digitally* this year. Please see Earth Hour's newsletter below for your information. [You can learn more and take part in Earth Hour online here.](#) Remember - we are all in this together!

There will be two baskets left outside the Church for people to leave flowers, candles or both for the victims of Covid19. We will light the candles inside the church and the flowers will be used to decorate the altar.



### Pope Francis Prayer for protection from Coronavirus

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**– and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.**



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

**The Church will be closed for all Masses UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

You can follow all masses **SUNDAYS 10am & 12.00pm AND WEEKDAYS 10.00am** on our Webcam at [www.balallyparish.ie](http://www.balallyparish.ie) and intentions will be read out.

**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.