

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

## BALALLY PARISH

8th March

2nd Sunday of Lent

*International Women's Day*



### Parish Office Open Hours:

Tuesday to Friday 10.30am – 12.30pm.

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### Mass Times & Intentions:

#### Sunday 8th March (2nd Sunday of Lent)

10.00am: Dan O' Neill (16th Annv)/ Deceased members of the Broderick Family/ David Cannon

12.00noon: Catherine Casey/ Maurice McNulty & the McNulty & Cullen Families

#### Mon 9th March - Sat 14th March 2020 10.00am:

Monday: Des Donovan / Eoin O' Dwyer

Tuesday: Nancy Browne/ Patrick & Christina Boyne

Wednesday: Special Intention/ Special Intention

Thursday: Mass in Sandyford

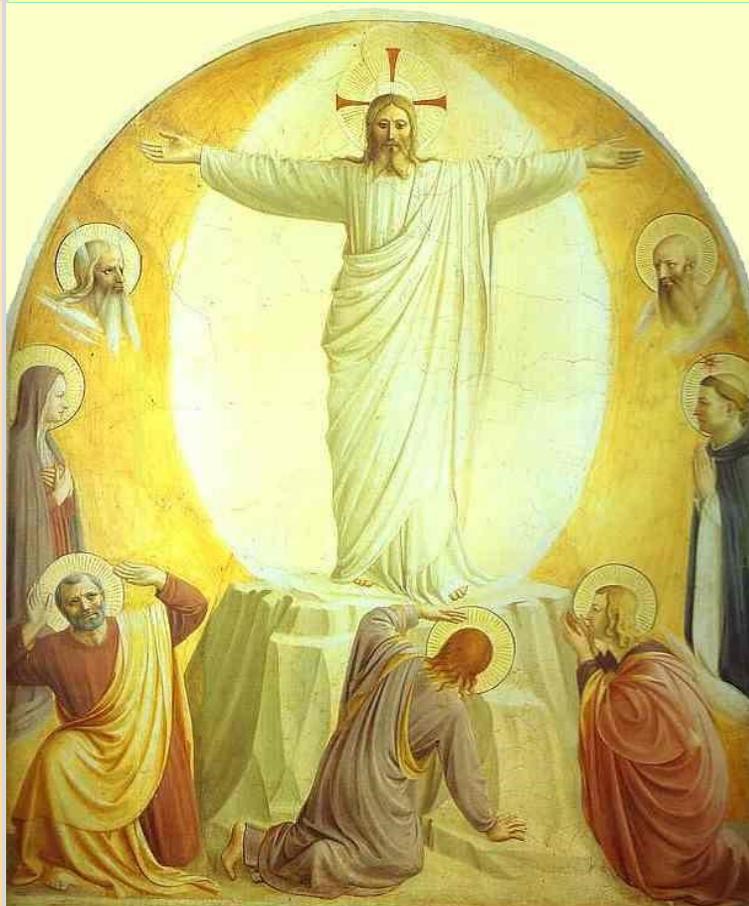
Friday: Kay McGlynn/John Kelly

Saturday: Paul Dempsey/ Peter McDonnell

#### Sunday 15th March (Third Sunday of Lent)

10.00am George Hutchinson (12th Annv)

12.00noon: Syl Bradshaw/ Anne Delaney (29th Annv) & Thomas & Kathleen Delaney/Margaret Stafford (10th Annv)/



Jesus reveals himself as the All- Holy One.  
Transfiguration

Artist: Fra Angelico (Born Guido di Pietro;)

### The Deep End: 'Listen to him'

On this second Sunday of Lent, we hear the story of the Transfiguration. It is an account of a significant spiritual experience for the disciples. We can recall in our own lives times when we received a new spiritual insight, moments when we came to know Jesus in a more profound way. These moments change us, they are powerful and can sustain us in difficult times. During Lent we are invited into a new way of seeing. As our world faces enormous environmental challenges, faith communities have a huge role to play in protecting God's creation for generations to come. The roots of the environmental crisis are deeply spiritual, for we have become disconnected from nature and forgotten how deeply interconnected everything is. This calls for a deep conversion, a reconnection; to be filled again with a childlike sense of awe and wonder where our relationship with the natural world is concerned. This Lent, let us spend more time in nature, being aware of God's presence in every created thing. Let us stand awestruck before the beauty of the world.

'The entire material universe speaks of God's love ... Soil, water, mountains: everything is a caress of God ... From panoramic vistas to the tiniest living form, nature is a constant source of wonder and awe. It is also a continuing revelation of the divine. Alongside revelation in sacred Scripture, there is a divine manifestation in the blaze of the sun and the fall of night'. Laudato Si, 84-85) ([Jane Mellett mellettj@gmail.com](mailto:JaneMellettmellettj@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.*

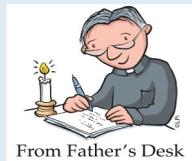
**Holy Days:** *10.00am and 7.30pm.*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation :**

***after Mass on Saturdays/Confessions by request***

### **This Week:**

## **First Of Lent**



Lent is this special time of year when we have many activities to help us a community to do a "Metanoia", a transformation of heart. The Bible course on Monday nights under the guidance of Sister Therese Fitzgerald has started again. One of the commentaries- "this was the best class I've ever had"

The Lay lead Liturgies and book club has also started on Thursday mornings. This is a sign of things to come.

There was a great turnout, in spite of the storm, for the "Pizza and Quiz" preparation for Confirmation. The Parish Centre was full to the door of young people with their families. The electronic quiz is a great way of reminding ourselves of the sacrament of Confirmation. We have also had visits from St Tiernan's who are meeting with members of the community as part of a project. Our Reader's Club had their monthly meeting with a special microphone practice.

The Parish Pastoral Council met on Monday night and there was a discussion about the application of instructions about the Coronavirus. The suggestion box was opened and read.

The heating, lighting, doors and sound in the Church have been evaluated by experts and we hope to produce a report on those

Dublin senior football team suffered their first League defeat under Dessie Farrell's management when they lost to Tyrone on the score of 1-10 to 1-7 last weekend in Omagh. Tyrone deserved their victory. The game was played in atrocious conditions. Constant rain driven by a fierce diagonal wind left it almost impossible to play football. Naomh Olaf playing fields have been unplayable for the past three weeks. Our 1<sup>st</sup> Junior football did play their first League game of 2020 against Crumlin in Bray on Sunday last. It ended in a draw 0-13 to 1- 7. Naomh Olaf Easter Camps for boys and girls from senior infants to 6<sup>th</sup> Class takes place from Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> April to Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup> April, from 9.30 to 2p.m. The Little Vikings Camp, for younger children will develop fundamental movements and skills. The All Stars Camp, is for children from 2<sup>nd</sup> Class up where more advanced skills will be developed. The All Girls Camp, for girls of all ages, will mix fun games and matches. For further information please contact Alan Coffey at [alancoffeynaomholaf@gmail.com](mailto:alancoffeynaomholaf@gmail.com). Sympathy is extended to the McCaffrey family, Clonard Park, on the death of Breda's brother Dominick Hutchin. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam uasal. There was no winner of the Lotto Jackpot. The numbers drawn were 19, 24 and 35. This week's Jackpot is €2,900.



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please contact 086-3634289 or our  
Secretary at [kilmacudmusicalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:kilmacudmusicalsociety@gmail.com)

### **THREE ROCK PANORAMA COMMUNITY MAGAZINE**



Due to unforeseen circumstances at the printers the magazine will not be available in the usual outlets until Tuesday afternoon the 10th of March

### **New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week.**

The Society of St John the Evangelist is a monastic community in the Anglican Episcopal Church, based in Cambridge, Mass. Rooted in the ancient traditions of prayer and community life, and critically engaged with contemporary culture, the Brothers seek to know and share an authentic experience of God's love and mercy. "Signs of Life" is an online Lenten retreat, with a new episode each week. Visit it here: [www.newpilgrimpath.ie](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie)



### **Age Action**

Age Action run computer classes for people over the age of 55. The classes are one to one - you are placed with your own volunteer tutor who will help to teach you the basic internet such as sending emails, booking tickets or flights, shopping online, Skype, Google etc. For more information: **Tel:** 01 4756989 **Website:**



The monthly outdoor collection for the **Society of St Vincent DePaul** will take place after all Masses next week 15th March.



**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

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



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

**Ph: 087 2577651 or Parish Office 012954296**

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



### Mindfulness Group

The **March** sessions for Mindfulness will take place **Monday 23rd 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**



**Please note the session which would normally take place on Monday 16th (3rd Monday in March) is postponed to the following Monday (23rd)**

**Special Notice:** Mindfulness session 'Refreshing our Mindfulness Practice' led by Helen Mac White on Saturday 28th March.

**Venue:** Upper Room (access through the church porch).

**Time:** 10.30 am to 1 pm. Suggested donation €5.

**There is a welcome for all.**

### It is wonderful for us to be here

“Lord, it is wonderful for us to be here.” We have a right to be able to say that in relation to our life of faith and our life of love. But we also have a responsibility to each other to make that statement possible for one another. One of the special places of that statement must be in the relationship of husband and wife in marriage. Make your marriage a place where the other person is very glad to be. Make your home a place where everyone who lives there can say: “it is wonderful to be here. Make the Church a community where everyone can experience the warmth of God’s love. Those are the kind of challenges that are in our following of Christ and that are particularly relevant during this time of Lent. We have to put ourselves out in order to make all of that happen in our homes and faith community. Lent is about just that.



*Johnny Doherty, C.Ss.R.*

### A STEM OF HOPE FOR SINÉAD

A special thank you to all those who supported the Coffee Day to raise funds for medical treatment for Sinéad Costello who has Multiple Sclerosis. We raised €3,000 on the day. On Behalf of Sinead’s parents (Bibby) Robert Costello and ourselves Aidan and Phyllis Carthy **Thank You,** your generosity is much appreciated.



### BALALLY C.O.P.D. PEER SUPPORT & EXERCISE GROUP

**Every Monday 11.45am-1.15pm**

**Balally Family Resource Centre, Scout Den, Wedgewood, Dublin 16**

**For more information contact**

**COPD Support Ireland on 086 041 5128**

**Balally Family Resource Centre on 01 295 2167**

### Balally Parish Lenten Scripture Course:

The Risks that Jesus took in Holy Week: (Sister Therese Fitzgerald)



What do we know about those risks from the readings of Holy Week? Come and explore!  
**The Course runs on Mondays of Lent at 7.30pm 9th, 16th, 23rd, & 30th of March**  
Holy Week will never be the same.

If you are interested in participating in the course please contact the Parish Office 01 2954296 **Cost: donation**

### Listen—Sing—Reflect

#### A journey through Lent in Song

**Kerrie O Connor** Vocalist  
**Teresa O’ Donnell** Harpist  
**Naomi Dunleavy O’ Shea** Violinist  
**Mary Kelly -** Harpist

**Dates : Tuesday March 24<sup>th</sup> – Jesus’ final discourse**  
**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Entry to Jerusalem**  
**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April – Our Lords Passion**  
**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April – Jesus’ seven last word**

**7:30pm – 8:30pm**

**Avila Carmelite Centre, Bloomfield Avenue Dublin 4 D04 YF66 01-6430200 www.avilacentre.ie**

*Readings for next Sunday 15th March Third Sunday of Lent*

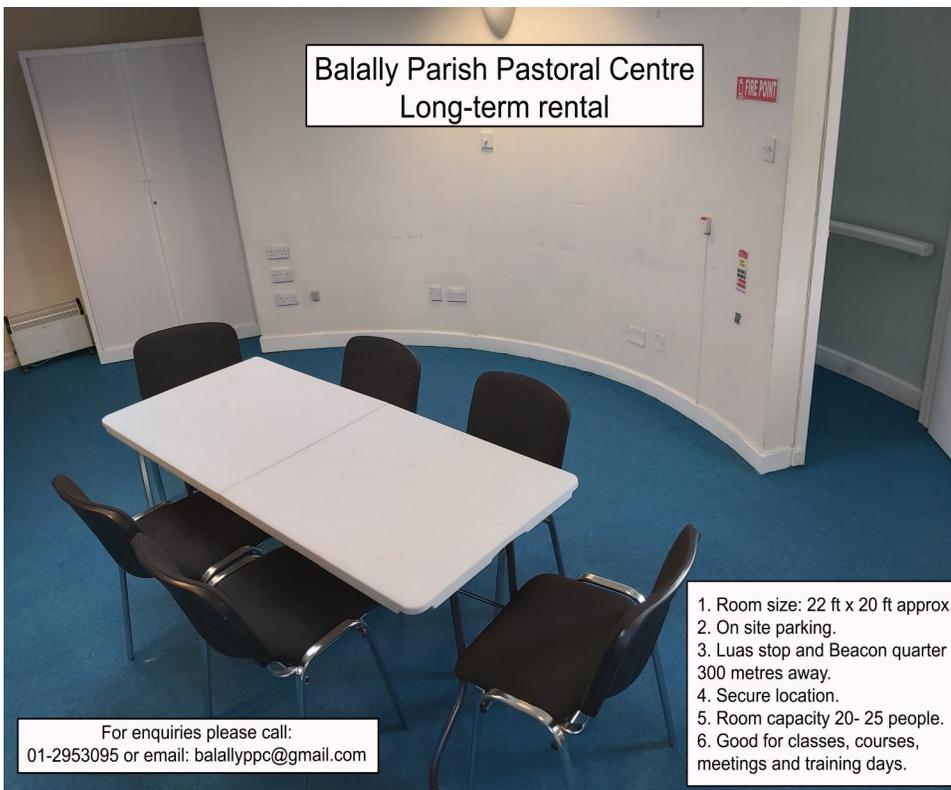
**Reading I: Exodus 17:3-7**  
**Responsorial Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9**  
**Reading II: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8**  
**Gospel: John 4:5-42**



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### Prayer

A wish to pray  
Is a prayer in  
itself.



Perhaps we cannot  
find the words  
Perhaps its just a cry for help

Take a moment or two  
To gaze up at the blue sky above  
To admire the beauty around us  
Is a prayer full of love

All we really need to do  
Is take time to be still  
Let go of our cares and our  
worries

Let our hearts be at rest  
Hand them over to The Lord  
For, for us he wants the best.

Prayer can be in many forms  
In the silence of our hearts  
Or in the melody of songs

So let your heart be happy  
Let go of all your cares  
For the Lord of all creation  
Listens to all our prayers.

**Ann Schmitz**

### Public Lecture Series 2020– Saint John Of God Hospital

We are pleased to announce that  
Saint John Of God Hospital is  
presenting the above  
Public Lecture Series  
commencing Mondays...



**March 9th** Parental Resilience & Self Care  
(Rebekkah Woolfson Head of Social Work.)

**March 23rd** Feeling depressed and lonely?  
You are not alone (DR. Amy Watchorn  
Senior Clinical Psychologist)

**March 30th** Coping as a Carer  
(Sharon McCaffrey Senior Occupational  
Therapist)

**April 6th** Is Social Media bad for you  
(Niamh McCullagh Health Promotion Nurse)  
Lectures: 800pm - 9.30pm. **Admission Free**  
early attendance advisable. For Directions  
and more information...

**Visit: [www.stjohnofgodhospital.ie](http://www.stjohnofgodhospital.ie).**

### Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

The Drogheda Parish have a group  
of pilgrims going to Medjugorje.  
There is an Aer Lingus flight  
Leaving on the 8th June 6.30pm  
arriving back on the 17th. The cost approx.  
€480 if you wish to join the group of  
pilgrims please contact Mr John Coyne  
087-2594234



### A Prayer on International Women's Day



**8th March**

God our creator, you have built up  
your church through the love and  
devotion of women every where.  
Inspire us to follow their great  
example that we may, with them  
share in the vision of your  
glory; Through Jesus Christ your  
son our lord,  
Amen.