

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD BALALLY PARISH

Corpus Christi
11th June 2023



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Monday to Friday

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Mass Times & Intentions:

Saturday 10th June Vigil Mass 6.00pm

Carol Fitzpatrick (13th Anniversary)/

**Patrick Fay Anniversary & Special Intention
(for Eileen McEntee Birthday remembrance)**

Sunday 11th June 10.00am Mass

John Slattery 10th Annv/

Michael Noonan(21st Annv)/ Joseph & Jane Kelly

Monday 12th June 10.00am Mass

Eddie Buckley/ Phil Troy/ Sorochoa O' Connor

Wednesday 14th June 10.00am Mass

Bernie Cashman

Friday 16th June 10.00am Mass

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Anthony McArdle



"This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever." (Gospel)

Reflection by Father Laurence Freeman

First be, then you will be ready to do. But if you've lost this connection, this experience, this familiarity with being, which is not mechanistic, if you've lost this connection with being, your doing is going to be out of control and then in discovering this potential we also discover that the people we live with, the people we love, the people we work with, each of them and all of them have the same depth of spirit in them, the same capacity for opening to the mystery of their own being. So, to see ourselves in others and others in ourselves. Once we begin to sense this depth of being in ourselves, we then understand that each person we meet, the people we disagree with, people from different political parties, people of different races, traditions and beliefs, people we don't like because we don't like the colour of their eyes or we don't like the shape of their face everyone we meet is also this manifestation of an infinite depth of being.



Quote

Each of us has a vision of good and of evil. We have to encourage people to move towards what they think is good... Everyone has his own idea of good and evil and must choose to follow the good and fight evil as he conceives them. That would be enough to make the world a better place.

COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your very generous response to last Sundays collections
1st Collection € 755 2nd Collection € 515



Balally Parish 400 Club

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The Summer Dues initiative launches this year on the weekend of 10/11th June

Now that the emergency phase of the pandemic has been officially declared over, this is an appropriate time to remind ourselves of the centrality of coming together as a Christian community to celebrate Sunday, the Lord's Day.

Though we are many, we are all one body in Christ (see 1 Corinthians 10:16-17).

As we pray for a new beginning for the Church in the Archdiocese and encourage renewed and active participation of all parishioners, please continue to support your priests in all the ordinary ways and through this Summer Dues collection.

The generosity that people show towards their priests is indispensable; our gratitude can never be fully expressed. Your donations may go further at no additional cost to you due to the availability of tax relief on charitable donations. With your help the parish can claim a tax refund to the value of 45% of your contribution from Revenue from those who contribute €250 or more in any given year, subject to the taxpayer having paid at least the amount of tax being claimed by the parish. The parish can reclaim the tax no matter whether you are either PAYE or Self-Assessed.

This tax rebate from Revenue is now an important source of income for the parish.

Wishing you many blessings over the summer months

Dermot Farrell
Archbishop of Dublin



Desert Day Goes to the Concert Hall

This coming Tuesday **June 13th** one of our last Desert Day activities before our summer break will be a trip to the National Concert Hall for one of their wonderful Lunchtime Concerts. We will depart from the Church immediately after the **11am** Desert Day Meditation heading into town together on the Luas for the **1.05pm** concert. Tickets will cost €15 but you don't need to book in advance, just Get On Board and join us on the day - the more the merrier!

Balally Players Theatre Company

The Taming of the Shrew by William Shakespeare
The Walled Gardens, St Enda's Rathfarnham

Sunday 25th, Tuesday 27th Thursday 29th,
Friday 30th June @ 7.30pm

Tickets €15/ 12Conc, €7 Child, Booking: dlr Mill Theatre
www.milltheatre.ie/012969340

A Word from Fr Jim

As we continue to enjoy the beautiful weather, things begin to wind down in schools, work places, and parishes.

This is a good thing. We all need Sabbath time to refresh and renew our lives. I hope each of you can plan a break.

As the schools close, I thank Ms Donegan (Queen of Angels) and Mr Murtagh (St Olaf's) for all the incredible work they and their teachers do and wish them a nice break. Sunday Corpus Christi means the beginning of the Summer break for Sarah, Kerry and the choir. Thanks for all the beautiful music and song during the year.

We look forward to our Corpus Christi procession.

Finally a date for your diary, Saturday **September 16th**, our first contemplative pilgrimage to Glendalough. More details to follow.

We have a nice message from Emma (see below.) Continue to pray in thanksgiving for her great work here and ask the Lord to send her successors to us.

With my Love & Blessing
Fr Jim

St Olaf's and Queen of Angel's Localise Days

This coming week sees the Confirmation Classes of both St Olaf's and Queen of Angels presenting their Localise Service Projects in the Pastoral Centre.

On Monday **June 12th** immediately after the **10am Mass**, St Olaf's 6th Class will present the results of their engagements with some of our older parishioners on what life was like in bygone days. Tea and Buns will be served in the Pastoral Centre. All are welcome.

Then on Friday **June 16th** the Queen of Angels, 6th Class children will hold a Cake Sale in aid of the Peter Mc Verry Trust in the Pastoral Centre immediately after the 10am Morning Mass...come early to get the cream of the crop!

To My Friends in Balally,

I cannot begin to express how grateful I am for the kindness, grace and hospitality you all have shown me this year. I have felt not only welcomed, but embraced and cherished by your parish and community. It's been such a privilege to come to know many of you and hear about your lives over many biscuits and cups of tea!

As I leave, my hope for the children and youth in this parish is that they would feel the same love and embrace I felt all those months ago when I came to the church for the first time also, that they would know they are God's beloved and are loved exactly as they are, regardless of age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic status.

So again, I would just like to say thank you. I'd like to especially thank Jim, without whom I would not have been here. Your belief in me has given me great courage. As I begin graduate school, I will carry the great impact of this year with me. I leave knowing that I have witnessed the goodness of God in this precious community. I am reminded of the words of Mary Magdalene when she saw the resurrected Christ, *I have seen the Lord*, and in the faces of each of you, I know that I have.

May the peace of Christ be with you until we meet again.

Love, Emma