

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

BALALLY PARISH

13th June 2021

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Times & Intentions:

Sunday 13th June 10.00am Mass

Margaret Kelly (Months mind)/ Vincent Kennedy/
Jean Gaynor/ Paddy O' Connor/ Christine Boyle/
Hannah Pearse

Monday 14th June (No Mass)

Tuesday 15th June (No Mass)

Wednesday 16th June (No Mass)

Thursday 17th June (No Mass)

Friday 18th June 10.00am Mass

John Kane/ Jean Gaynor/ Jenny Bevin/

Special Intention (Esther Horgan)/

Special Intention for Sr Bonnie Moser Golden Jubilee)

Saturday 19th June 7.00 pm (Vigil Mass)

Oliver & Martina Mannion/ Dolores O' Leary/

Kevin O'Malley / Eileen Fanning

Francis Burke /Arthur Kavanagh

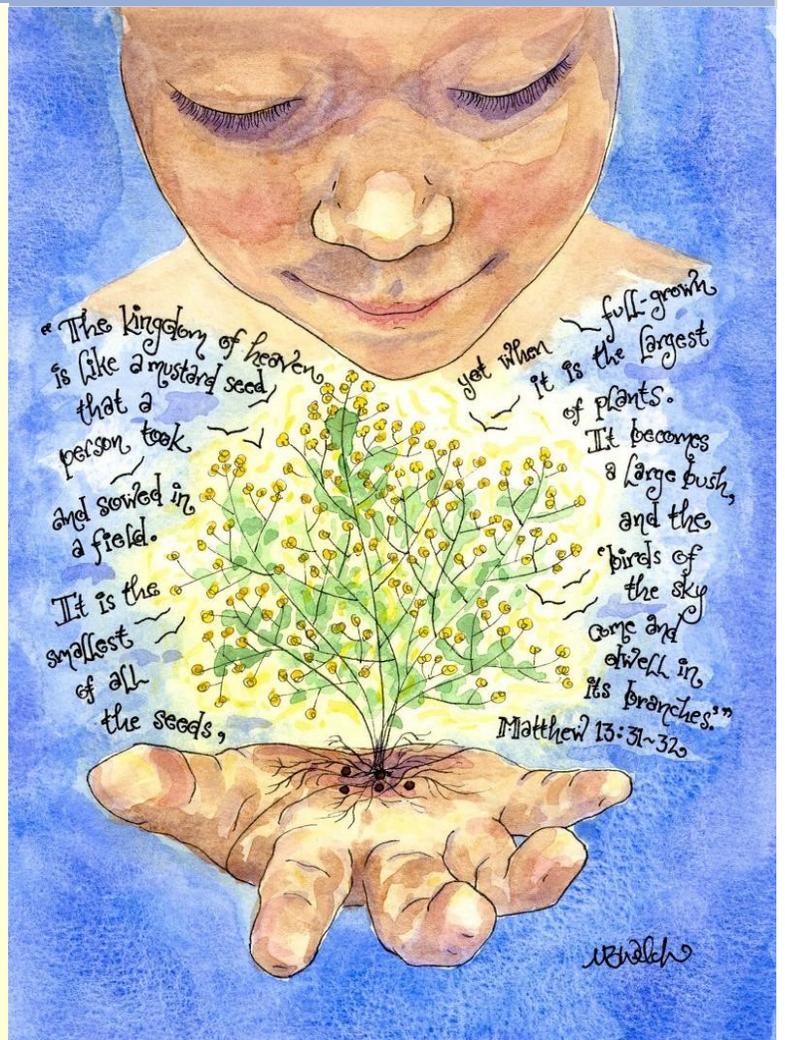
Sunday 20th June 10.00am Mass

Michael Noonan (19th Annv)/

Dr John Fleetwood/ John & Mary Walsh/ Lorcan Duff/

Fr Pascal Dormer & Liam Collins/

Special Intention (80th Birthday)



The Deep End 'It is like a Mustard Seed'

Something we may not often think about is Jesus' earthly relationship with creation. Jesus walked everywhere, went to quiet places to pray, preached from mountains, from boats on the water; his followers included fishermen in tune with the rhythm of the sea. In Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'* – On Care for Our Common Home, he reminds us that Jesus 'was in constant touch with nature, lending it an attention full of fondness and wonder' (*Laudato Si'*, 97). Jesus' parables are full of imagery from the natural world and in today's Gospel we have an example of this in the parable of the mustard seed. People of Jesus' time may have preferred the image of the lofty 'cedars of Lebanon' to explain God's kingdom, mustard plants however, only stand a few feet tall. Jesus is turning the ideals of power and triumph on their head. There is an ancient text which forbade planting mustard seeds in Palestinian gardens because the shrub takes over wherever it is planted and attracts unwanted birds. Author and activist, Shane Claiborne, compares it to kudzu, a wild vine that could blanket entire mountain areas, smother trees, even crack cement buildings. This mustard seed image of God's dream for this world is one which suggests that it will grow even in places where it is not wanted, putting cracks in seemingly mighty structures. The New Testament not only tells us of the earthly Jesus and his tangible and loving relationship with the world. It also shows him risen and glorious, present throughout all of creation (Col 1:19-20). 'The very flowers of the field and the birds which [Christ's] human eyes contemplated and admired are now imbued with his radiant presence' (*Laudato Si'*, 100).

As we watch out for traces of the mustard seed kingdom this week, let us also embrace the joy of Christ in all of creation.

Jane Mellett: mellettj@gmail.com

Church Services:

Baptisms: Baptisms will remain suspended until we receive guidance from the Archdiocese and the Government Health Authority.



Balally Parish Mass Times: Friday 10.00am, Saturday 7.00pm (Vigil Mass) Sunday 10.00am

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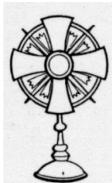


St Mary's Sandyford, Mass times:

Mon—Fri 10.00am

Saturdays: Vigil 6.00 p.m.

Sundays: 9:00 a.m., 11:00am



Johnny Doherty, C.Ss.R.

He speaks in parables

Jesus said: "What can we say the Kingdom of God is like?" We all have our own ideas of what the Kingdom of God is like and because of that we need to listen carefully to what Jesus says about it because he is the only one who does know! In the two parables today he tells us first of all that it is **God's** kingdom. God is at work in us and around us all the time even when we are not attentive to him. He also tells us that the **small things are the key** to the growth of God's kingdom. These have a very important message for us in our main relationships of faith, hope and love in marriage, family life and our faith community. God is present in all of these, working to bring us to maturity. Our contribution is to be found in the small things of love – giving time to one another; showing affection to one another; affirming one another; forgiving one another etc. We are standing on holy ground!

Dear Parishioners,

Balally Mass schedule will remain the same.

Friday 10am, Saturday (vigil) 7pm Sunday 10am.

Online booking will be essential in order to keep our numbers within required guidelines and for contact tracing purposes. www.balallyparish.ie

Holy Communion will be available for those continuing to watch online after the Sunday Mass (only) from 10.45 - 11.15

We would kindly ask you, where possible, to wear a face covering while attending Mass

Balally Parish 400 Club



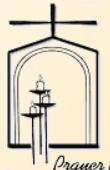
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THE GOSPEL

Mark 4:26-34



Prayer Path

To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it?

O
God,
like
the tiny
mustard plant,
give us your roots.

Dig down deep into our souls!
Storm into our hearts and minds!
Grow into so large a plant
that all of our actions
all of our ideas,
all our loves

nestle
and shelter
in your branches.

Make all of your people,
all of the birds of the sky and
all of creation dwell in our shade.

Readings for next Sunday

20th June (Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Reading I: Job 38:1, 8-11

Responsorial Psalm 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31

Reading II: 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

Marian Pilgrimages

Marian Pilgrimages have released their pilgrimage schedule for 2021 & 2022 to Lourdes, Medjugorje, Fatima, Italy & Holy Land.

For more information or to register your interest please visit www.marian.ie or ring Marian Pilgrimages on (01) 878 8159

Get well

Knowing that someone really cares helps healing along its way, so we hope all our Parishioners who are sick or housebound feel better and keep improving, day by day
We keep you in our thoughts and prayers.






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Archbishop Dermot Farrell offers blessing to Leaving Cert Class of 2021 :

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I wish all the 2021 Leaving Certificate students, those who are going through the Predicted Grades System or sitting the written examination every good wish and God's blessings.

This year's Leaving Certificate students have been challenged in their preparation for the Leaving Certificate by the Covid pandemic during the school years 2019 – 2020, 2020 – 2021. I want to thank the Principals, Boards of Management, Teachers, Staff, School Chaplains, Pastoral Care Teams for the dedicated care of our Post Primary Students especially this year's Leaving Certificate Students.

I am grateful to Minister Foley and the officials of the Department of Education and Skills for the work and support they have given to this year's Leaving Certificate group. May the Holy Spirit guide and direct the Leaving Certificate students now and in all the decisions they will make about their future.

I pray that Our Lady will protect you all and that St. Joseph, her husband, in this year dedicated to St. Joseph, will watch over you as he protected his foster son, Jesus.

Yours sincerely,

+ Dermot Farrell
Archbishop of Dublin



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Some Good News.

Over the last few months there has been many calls and emails to the Council regarding the rubbish been removed from the lane behind the Pastoral Centre.

We are delighted to say, Our voices have been heard, and with some help from T.D Neale Richmond the rubbish was successfully removed and the place looks so much

better and feels safer.

Lets all try keep it this way .

