

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

BALALLY PARISH



15th March 2026

4th Sunday of Lent

Parish Office Open Hours:

Monday to Friday

9.30am 12.30

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Mass Times & Intentions:

Saturday 14th March 6.00pm vigil Mass

*Aine de Blacan/ Máire Boylan/ Elisabeth Owens/
Brendan Clarke (Special Intention Birthday Remembrance)/*

Sunday 15th March 10.00am Mass

Paco Cordona/ Patrick Corbett/

Monday 16th March 10.00am

Communion Service

St Patrick's Day

Tuesday 17th March 10am Mass

Betty Dunbar (Months Mind) & Liam Dunbar 5th Annv)/

Tom & Statia Kavanagh/ Kay Downes/

Wednesday 18th March 10.00am

Communion Service

Friday 20th March 10.00am

Communion Service



Parish Partnership name

The diocese recently asked each partnership to decide on a name.

The Parish Pastoral Councils in our partnership parishes of Balally, Ballinteer, Dundrum and Meadowbrook agreed on the name

Columba Marmion Partnership.



Reflection by Fr Laurence Freeman

The difficulty and the challenge is that we are learning,

as our first step, to love ourselves and most of us, come to meditation with strong forces of self-hatred, self-distrust, self-rejection. Most of us, particularly in our religious upbringing, had been told that we must be very suspicious of ourselves when we were taught to examine our conscience, even as young children.

When we were taught to go to confession, our first prejudice, the prejudice with which we were trained, was that we must first look for our faults because those are the aspects of ourselves that God is most aware of and those are the aspects of ourselves which we must be frightened of because we will be punished for them. So we were taught, even as young children, to consider ourselves as essentially suspicious, dangerous, as sinful.

COLLECTION

Thank you for your very generous response to last Sundays collections
1st Collection € 960 2nd Collection €440



Balally Parish 400 Club

**If you would like to Subscribe
Please contact the Parish Office 012954296**

**The monthly collection for the
Society of St Vincent DePaul
will take place this weekend.**

MORNING PRAYER

9.15AM MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY & SUNDAY

**10.00AM : TUESDAY, THURSDAY, SATURDAY
EVENING PRAYER:**

7.00PM MONDAY— FRIDAYS

**7.00PM TUESDAYS - CONTEMPLATIVE MASS
(LANE ROOM)**

No Contemplative Mass on the 17th March

LENTEN LUNCHES

**DUNDRUM PASTORAL CENTRE
1PM– 2PM CONTINUES TUESDAYS
(EXCEPT ST PATRICK'S DAY)**

LEAVE BALALLY 1.45PM

RTE MASS LIVE FROM BALALLY

ASCENSION SUNDAY 17TH MAY 2026 11.00AM

APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION DILEXITE OF THE HOLY FATHER LEO XIV.

TO ALL CHRISTIANS ON LOVE FOR THE POOR.

In the early Christian community, acts of charity were performed on the basis not of preliminary studies or advance planning, but directly following Jesus' example as presented in the Gospel. The letter of James deals at length with the problem of relations between rich and poor and asks the faithful two questions in order to examine the authenticity of their faith: "What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food and one of you says to them, Go in peace, keep warm and eat your fill and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead" (2:14– 17)

A Word from Fr Jim

I wish you every blessing for St Patrick's Day which I will celebrate in Mepkin Abbey, where my friend Abbot Jonas is being blessed. Thank you to Fr Pat for filling in.

Here is St Patrick's Prayer ("His 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 in the heart of every man 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

**With My Love & Blessing
Fr Jim**

"Living the Rule Together" – is on the last Saturday of every month – 50 subscriptions.

Still places for others to join.

Next one is 28th March 3.00pm in the Lane room.

HOLY WEEK IN BALALLY

Retreat online with Fr Laurence (Lane Room)

Monday 30th March 7pm– 9pm

Tuesday 31st March 7pm –9pm

Wednesday 1st April 7pm—9pm

Holy Thursday 2nd April

Morning Prayer 10am (Icon Chapel)

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.00pm, followed by

Gethsemane Vigil. Watch and Pray

Compline - 9.00pm (Lane Room)

Good Friday 3rd April

10.00am Morning Prayer

12.00 noon Stations of the Cross

2.30pm Good Friday Liturgy followed by

7 Churches Pilgrimage.

Holy Saturday 4th April

Morning Prayer 10.00am (Icon Chapel)

Easter Vigil 6.00pm

Easter Sun day 5th April

10.00am Mass