

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD BALALLY PARISH

**17th August 2025**

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Parish Office Open Hours:

**Monday to Friday**

**9.30am 12.30**

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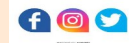


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## Mass Times & Intentions:

**Saturday 16th August 6.00pm Mass**

**Liz & Bob Schwartz/ Nora Cogger**

**Sunday 17th August 10.00am Mass**

**Fr Padraig McCarthy(Months Mind)/ Pat McLaughlin/  
Special Intention ( 96th Birthday wishes for Paul Kelly/**

**Monday 18th August 10.00am**

**Anne Blake/ John Gibbons/ David Brady**

**Wednesday 20th August 10.00am Mass**

**Anna Killen & Frank O' Sullivan/**

**Peter O' Connell & Gretta Quigley**

**Friday 22nd August 10.00am Mass**

**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

What does it mean to evangelise? What does it mean in our modern world to be an evangelist? The very early disciples, after they had scattered – frightened, broken, disappointed, disillusioned, after the death of Jesus – they were in hiding because they were frightened and they thought that everything had collapsed, and then they experienced the Resurrection. They saw and touched and knew Jesus in a new way. First, they didn't even recognise him. But when they understood and recognised his presence to them – he didn't say anything to them, he didn't say 'Oh you failed me, you are bad disciples', he didn't rebuke them or reprove them in any way, he just showed himself to them — as a result of that experience, they were transformed. They were filled with a new energy, new hope, new courage, and a new spirit of life, a new way of engaging with life, no longer controlled by fear, but by the overflowing quality of the Good News that had touched their lives in the risen Christ.

## COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your very generous response to last Sundays collections  
**1st Collection € 800 2nd Collection €545**



## Balally Parish 400 Club If you would like to Subscribe

**Please contact the Parish Office 012954296**



## Naomh G.A.A. Club notes



There has been a great reaction to the Club's first Family Fun Day held in the Club on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2025. The programme was continuous from 9 a.m. until late evening with fun and games all day long and what a lovely day we were blessed with. In the sports hall the book sale proved to be hugely popular, as did the club gear resale. Tea and coffee stands did a roaring trade. Hotdogs and burgers kept everybody's energy levels high. Face painting and science experiments were a huge success, while visits from the Coast Guard, Fire Brigade and Gardai were highlights for our smaller members. This was the Club's first family fun day but one we are hoping to make an annual event. A huge thanks to the organising committee for their work in pulling the event together, and all of the volunteers who give of their time to make sure that things ran smoothly on the day. It was wonderful to see so many generations of Naomh Olaf members, from the Academy, players, and right through to grandparents, enjoying themselves.

The monthly outdoor collection for

## Society of St Vincent DePaul

will take place this weekend after Masses



## Timetable beginning 28th July 2025

- Mondays: 9.15am:** Morning Prayer (Icon Chapel)  
**10.00am:** Eucharist Service followed by Miraculous Medal  
**7.00pm:** Evening Prayer (Icon Chapel.)
- Tuesdays: 10.00am:** Morning Prayer (Icon Chapel)  
Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, Rosary.  
**7.00pm:** Contemplative Mass (Lane Room) Sept –June
- Wednesdays: 9.15am:** Morning Prayer (Icon Chapel)  
**10.00am:** Mass.  
**7.00pm:** Evening Prayer (Icon Chapel)
- Thursdays: 10.00am:** Morning Prayer (Icon Chapel)  
**7.00pm:** Evening Prayer (Icon Chapel)
- Fridays: 9.15am:** Morning Prayer (Icon Chapel)  
**10.00am:** Mass  
**7.00pm:** Evening Prayer (Icon Chapel)
- Saturdays: 10.00am :** Morning Prayer (Icon Chapel)  
**6.00pm:** Vigil Mass.
- Sundays: 9.15am:** Morning prayer (Icon Chapel)  
**10.00am:** Mass
- There will be changes from time to time, so please keep an ear open for any announcements.**

"Have you ever dreamed of walking the Camino. This September join the MSC Missions as we walk the shaded lanes and valleys of the **Camino Frances** walking from Saria to Santiago in Spain. We will then visit Fatima for a short pilgrimage. We are being led on this spiritual journey by Fr Tony Horgan MSC. For more details of this fundraising pilgrimage ring **Valerie at 021 454 3988** or email [valerie.buckley@mscmissions.ie](mailto:valerie.buckley@mscmissions.ie)



"Living Spirituality in the city is to cultivate a rhythm of life that embraces stillness and action, contemplation and engagement, so that every moment becomes an opportunity to encounter God and grow in holiness".

-Fr. Richard Carter-

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Cost: €25



Balally Contemplative Par

**Unprovoked attacks on members of the Indian community in Dublin  
Statement of Archbishop Dermot Farrell : August 11th 2025**

Recent attacks on members of the Indian community in Dublin have been truly shocking. These unprovoked attacks on people, including a child, who were apparently targeted solely because of their ethnic identity have generated understandable fear and alarm among the Indian community.

The truth is that the Indian community in Dublin comprises many people who have come to Dublin to make an important and valued contribution to our society. We are all familiar with the vital presence of Indian professionals in our healthcare system, without whom many healthcare needs simply could not be met. Others apply their skills in other important sectors of the economy and also contribute to funding public services through their taxes.

It is not only through their work lives that our Indian neighbours and fellow citizens are enriching our society. The diversity of Indian culture and traditions add to the vitality of life in Dublin. In particular, many Indian families are playing an increasingly prominent role in the parishes and school communities of the Archdiocese of Dublin. Indian priests, religious and lay volunteers are an increasingly important presence in the pastoral life of the Church in Dublin. That gives the lie to the vile and blasphemous claims of some who spread the poison of racial hatred on social media and otherwise that their views are somehow protecting Christianity.

It is time to call out those who peddle racial hatred. It is time to stand up to those who seek to divide our community through rumour and malice. Our parishes and school communities have already given a warm welcome to Indian families who have made their homes here. I urge them to strengthen that spirit of solidarity, not only with Indian members of parish communities, but with all our Indian neighbours. I call on everyone to support the Gardaí in every way to confront and defeat those whose actions have contributed to the fear now being experienced in the Indian community in Dublin.

**Dermot Farrell  
Archbishop of Dublin**



Balally, Ballinteer, Dundrum, Meadowbrook  
Parish Partnership



Archdiocese of Dublin  
Ard Deoise Átha Cliath

**Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to**

**Knock**

**Saturday 23rd August 2025**

**Departure from Balally Church 8:15 am  
Back to Balally 9:30 pm Approx.**

Please contact your parish office to book  
a ticket

**Cost is €60** per person to secure a place  
which includes

bus, tea/coffee, with scone on the way  
and an evening meal on the way home.

**Early booking is advisable.  
Payment confirms your place**



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## Application

Full Name

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*Balally Contemplative Parish*