

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD BALALLY PARISH

20TH September 2026 Twenty - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Office Open Hours:

Monday to Friday

9.30am 12.30

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Mass Times & Intentions.

Saturday 19th September 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Tom Kirrane Months Mind/ Pat Muldoon

Sunday 20th September 10.00am Mass

Pat King (2nd Annv)/ Harry Murtagh (4th Annv)/ Fr John Heany/

Michael & Sarah Farragher/ Pat Muldoon/ Oliver Hasslette

Monday 21st September 10.00am

Séan O Dwyer & Elisabeth Brady/ Nicholas Drumey

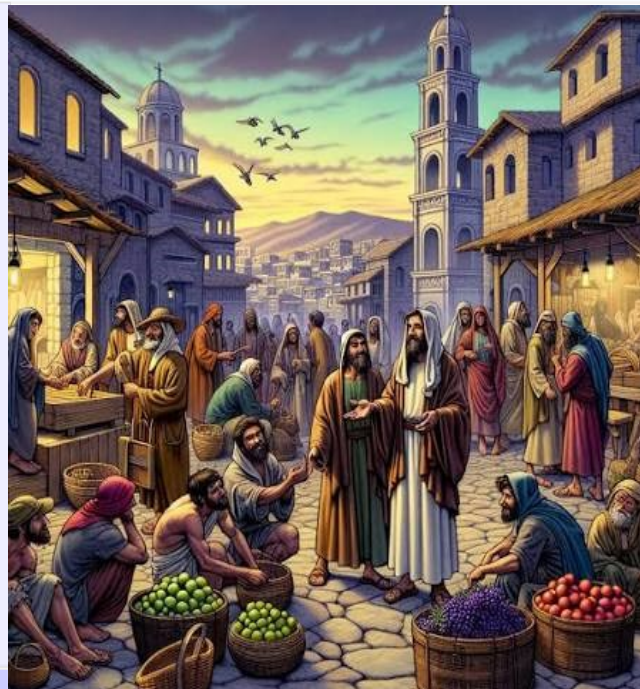
Pat Muldoon/ Brian Kemp/Jóse Andrede/ Noel Mooney

Wednesday 23rd September 10.00am

Communion Service

Friday 25th September 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

Every human being who has ever learned to meditate has discovered that we are distracted, that our minds are running on different tracks at the same time, and that may discourage you. You may think: I can't do this, I'm not a contemplative person; I serve God in other ways. But don't be discouraged; don't give up, because this is just human. It is the human condition. Don't expect to be more perfect than anybody else.

This is just how we are, but we can make this journey. We can take the attention off this stream of thought and memory and plans and imagination; and we can, in that way, take one step at a time into this new continent of the heart. It is discovering a whole new dimension of ourselves and a whole new dimension of the mystery of Christ.

Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt sympathy
to the family and friends of
Séan O' Dwyer: Wesley Lawns
May he rest in the peace of Christ



COLLECTION

Thank you for your very generous
response to last weekend collections
1st Collection €870 2nd Collection €475



Balally Parish 400 Club

If you would like to subscribe
Please contact the Parish Office 012954296



HOSPICE COFFEE MORNING

Frances and Nuala

are inviting you all to their
Annual Coffee Morning in 30 Balally Hill,

Thursday 24th September
From 11.00am until 1.00pm

Please support this very worthy cause.

All welcome



St Olaf's Ladies Club

Friday 25th September in St Olaf's School at 3.30
"Talk by Balally Resource Centre"



HOSPICE COFFEE MORNING

HOSPITALITY GROUP

WEDNESDAY MORNING

23rd September 10.30 -12.00

In Aid of Our Lady's Hospice
in the Parish Pastoral Centre

All Welcome



CROSSCARE

THE CROSSCARE COLLECTION



WILL TAKE PLACE THIS WEEKEND 19TH & 20TH SEPTEMBER

THIS COLLECTION WILL REPLACE THE SHARE COLLECTION.

THANK YOU.

The monthly outdoor collection for the

Society of St Vincent De Paul

will take place the weekend of the

26th & 27th September



A Word from Fr Jim

Dates for your diary 2026.

Saturday 3rd October (Morning)

**Dermot Lane Seminar, with
Dr Tony Bates & Rev Dr Gareth Byrne.**

5th/ 12th / 19th/ 26th October, 4 Mondays

Introduction to Christian Meditation with Dr Barry White.

Monday 2nd November - All Souls Day Service 7.00pm

Thursday 5th - 12th November

Visit of Abbot Jonas; (Mepkin Abbey)

Saturday 7th November: 8.00pm -

Concert with Celine Byrne

Friday 4th - 6th December: Advent Christmas Tree Festival

With my Love & Blessing: Fr Jim

Fr Jim at the induction of
Rev Mark in Methodist
Dundrum



LEARN CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

LED BY DR. BARRY WHITE

OCTOBER 2026 - 4 MONDAYS

5TH / 12TH / 19TH / 26TH

7:30PM - 8:30PM

BALALLY PASTORAL CENTRE

DONATION €10

TICKETS AT THE DOOR



Balally Contemplative Parish



WCCM
MEDITATION & COMMUNITY

DERMOT LANE SEMINAR 2026

AWAKENING THE HEART

BALALLY PARISH

3RD OCTOBER

11AM - 1PM

€15

TICKETS AT THE DOOR



TONY BATES

Contemplation is not about detaching from this life or stepping into another world. It is about becoming more deeply grounded in reality-letting beauty and compassion penetrate even the darkest corners of our lives, soften our defences, and open our hearts. This talk will explore how psychology and contemplation can work together to deepen our experience of being alive.



Balally Contemplative Parish

Thank You for Your Participation

We are grateful to everyone who took part in the recent Parish Stewardship Survey across the partnership of Balally, Ballinteer, Dundrum and Meadowbrook.

The survey received **290 responses** across our partnership and revealed a strong commitment to parish life and mission. Key findings included:

- **75% of respondents currently give weekly to their parish.**
- **80% said they would be willing to give more to support parish life and mission.**
- Nearly half of respondents indicated a preference for modern giving methods such as standing orders, online donations or tap-and-go giving.

The results demonstrate that our parish community remains deeply committed to supporting the Church and is open to new and simpler ways of participating in parish life.

As part of this pilot initiative, clergy and parish leaders from across the Parish Partnership will now work with the Diocesan Core Working Group to reflect on the feedback received. Together, we will explore practical ways to strengthen parish life, encourage volunteering, improve financial sustainability and make it easier for parishioners to support their parish through both their time and financial contributions.

Thank you once again for your support, generosity and commitment to our parish community.