

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD BALALLY PARISH

Sunday 23rd April 2023
Third Sunday of Easter

Parish Office Open Hours:   

Monday to Friday

9.30am 12.30

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Mass Times & Intentions:

Saturday 22nd April Vigil Mass 6.00pm

Colin O' Brien (4th Annv)/

Michael Diamond (30th Annv)/

Patsy Considine & John Smith

Sunday 23rd April 10.00am Mass

Maurice Mulcahy & Colm Duffy/

Maureen Finlay/ Mary Byrne/ Laurence Kelly

Monday 24th April 10.00am Mass

Bridged Gilsenan/

Special Intention (Sr Marie- Helen)

Wednesday 26th April 10.00am Mass

Tony Roe (5th Annv)/

John Perry/ Peter McDaniel/

Michael McGlynn & Bridget Gilsenan/

Joan Mulhall (From the Ladies Club)/

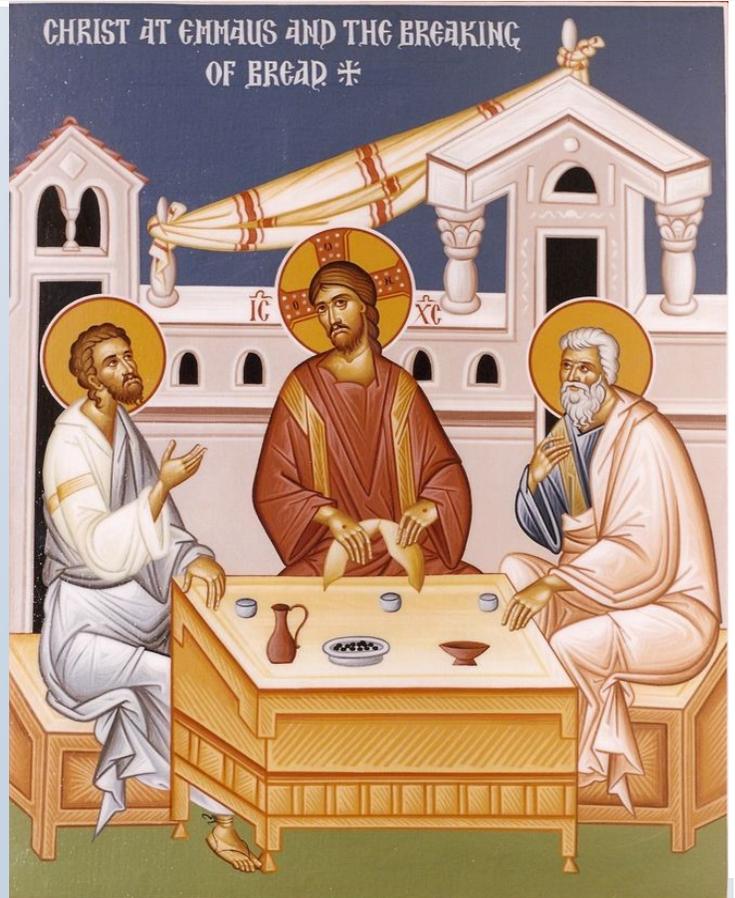
Special Intention (Get well X2)

Friday 28th April 10.00am Mass

Michael McGlynn/ Derek Ryan/

Sr Catherine Brennan/

Special Intention (Get well)



Reflection by Father Laurence Freeman

In the person of Jesus, we see this divine quality of self-emptying lived out in everything he says and does.

The attention is always off himself towards those he is healing, towards those he is teaching and ultimately, always towards his Father. He is not pointing to himself and saying, 'Look at me, elect me or treat me as your guru.'

He is constantly pointing away from himself and that is why we can trust and follow him. So this emptying that takes place in meditation is the work of attention. Because as we lay aside our thoughts and words and imagination, we are beginning and learning to pay attention to God without images, ideas or projection and something mysterious and marvellous happens as we enter into that experience, which is that the Word of God is born in us, the Eternal Word comes to birth in us and begins to transform us and to divinise us.



Quote

It's best to not confuse optimism with hope. Optimism is a psychological attitude toward life. Hope goes further. It is an anchor that one hurls toward the future, it's what lets you pull on the line and reach what you're aiming for.

COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your very generous response to last Sundays collections
1st Collection € 815 2nd Collection €590



Balally Parish 400 Club April draw takes place next weekend

Did you ever think of joining
If you would like to Subscribe please contact
Ph: 087 2577651 or Parish Office 012954296



The Society of African Missions (SMA Fathers) in Ranelagh and

Fr Tommy Faherty who recently paid a visit to Balally and celebrated Mass, are very grateful for the tremendous generosity shown by the parishioners for 'Mission Awareness, on the weekend of March 18th & 19th 2023.



The total amount donated was **€1,002.**

Thank you to all

If you have not already returned your Trócaire Box
It would be greatly appreciated if they could be returned in the coming week.

Many Thanks



Spiritual Introduction To European Synod Assembly Mgr Tomas Halik

Quotes

While sects accept only those who are fully observant and committed, the Church must keep a space open for spiritual seekers, for those who, while not fully identifying with it's teachings and practices, nevertheless feel some closeness to

Christianity. Jesus declared

“He who is not against us is with us” (Mk 9,40)

The Permanent task of the Church is mission. Mission in today's world cannot be 'Reconquista', an expression of nostalgia for a lost past, or proselytism, manipulation, an attempt to push seekers into the existing mental and institutional boundaries of the Church. Rather, these boundaries must be expanded and enriched precisely by the experiences of seekers.

Before his election to the See of Peter, Cardinal Bergoglio recalled the words of Scripture: Jesus stands at the door and knocks. But today, he added, Jesus knocks from within. He wants to go out and we must follow him. We need to go beyond our current mental and institutional boundaries, to go especially to the poor, the marginalised, the suffering.. The church is to be a field hospital- this idea of Pope Francis needs to be developed further.

A Word from Fr Jim

Archbishop Farrell set up the Building Hope initiative when he took office. He asked each parish to examine its mission under four headings.

Faith, Welcome, Social Justice and Servant Leadership.

From this was born Balally's mission of 'Building Hope' through meditation and Service.

The next stage of this process came when the Archbishop asked each parish to be part of a parish partnership. Each will discern how to work together going forward.

The three parishes he assigned to partner us are **Dundrum, Ballinteer and Meadowbrook.**

During the week we will host a gathering of the Parish Pastoral Councils of the four parishes.

We will keep you posted.

Some parishes in the diocese have experienced concerns regarding security.

We have been asked to take advice and make necessary changes

Having taken appropriate advice, the Parish Pastoral Council has agreed to change the locks on the Church.

A more detailed announcement will be made at Masses this weekend.

I wish you all the joys of Easter

**With My Love & Blessing
Fr Jim**

Some upcoming events

Thursday 18th May at 7.00pm ,
Lane Lecture, given by Dr John Fitzgerald.

Saturday 20th May

1st Communion.

Queen of Angels & St Olaf's

Confirmations

Thursday 25th May

Queen of Angels

Ballinteer Educate together

Friday 26th May (St Olaf's)

Sunday 28th May (All the Children)

Easter Vigil 1



Baptism
and Confirmation of Haya Asayag



Easter Vigil 2

