

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD BALALLY PARISH

23rd August 2026

Twenty - First Sunday in Ordinary

Parish Office Open Hours:

Monday to Friday

9.30am 12.30

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Mass Times & Intentions.

Saturday 22nd August 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Michael Fleming/Catherine McGovern/

Special Intention (Birthday wishes Carmel Hickey)/

Special Intention (Get well for Kay Gill)/

Special Intention (Get well for Helen O' Brien)

Sunday 23rd August 10.00am Mass

Patrick Cullen/ Deceased members of the Lyons Family

Monday 24th August 10.00am

Special Intention (Get well for Fr Lane & Reg Pocock/

Wednesday 26th August 10.00am Mass

Catherine McGovern/ Special Intention (Get well for Nick Scoville)/

Friday 28th August 10.00am Mass

Communion Service

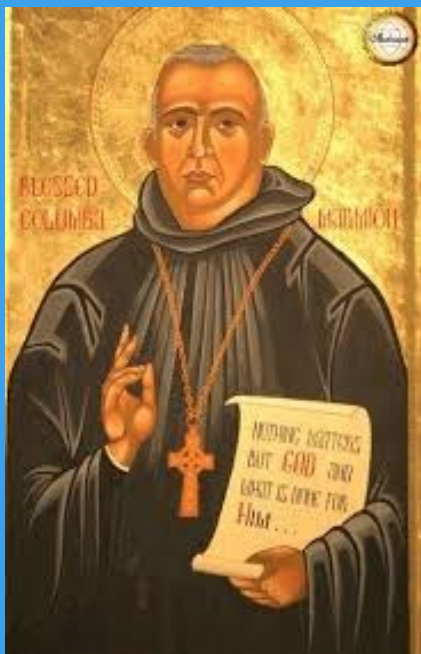


Parish Partnership name

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

Loving God, in this context, could be said to mean being wholeheartedly committed to the journey itself, not complaining unnecessarily about it or discontented because you're not getting what you want, but embracing everything that life offers you.

Learning to meditate is learning how to live. John Main says that when we meditate, we accept the gift of our own being as a whole, as a package.

It's not about cherry-picking the nice happy moments that we put on Facebook to convince everybody that we are totally happy, popular and contented people. But it's accepting the whole of ourselves, the whole of the mystery of life, which is ultimately unpredictable. These dark times can contain great seeds of light. So the criterion for a good journey, for making the journey of life in a fully human way, is not that it's always easy, not that we're always happy, but how we handle the difficult times and how we handle them above all with faith.

Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt sympathy
to the family and friends of
Noel Thomas O' Gorman: Ballawley
May he rest in the peace of Christ



COLLECTION

Thank you for your very generous
response to last weekend collections
1st Collection €780 2nd Collection €470
Feast of the Assumption: €155



Balally Parish 400 Club

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Tuesdays of August 2026

Tuesday 25th August: Contemplative Mass
7.00pm in the Lane Room.

Saturday 3rd October (Morning)

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

Fr Jim had a visit from Fr Joe Tedesco OCSO .
Fr Joe was his Superior in Mepkin and is now
Superior of Bethlehem Abbey near Ballymena
Co Antrim . They were welcomed by
Margaret Daly Denton (Dun Emer)



A Word from Fr Jim

Dates for your diary 2026.

Friday 18th September 7.00pm -8.30pm
Balally Rambling House.

Saturday 19th September 10am - 4.00pm
Retreat with Judith Valent.

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



Rambling House



Balally Contemplative Parish

at Balally parish

open to everyone

friday 18th september

7pm - 8:30pm

ceol agus craic

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BOARD games for children and
young people

informal evening of chat,
laughter and music.

BRING along your musical
instrument and your party piece

JUDITH VALENTE

LIVING THE RULE OF ST. BENEDICT TODAY

SATURDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER

BALALLY CHURCH - D16E032

BOOKINGS: BALALLY PARISH OFFICE AND AFTER MASSES

TICKET PRICE: €30



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| 11am | First talk
Yearning for Life: On Walking Up in
the Prologue of the Rule. |
| 1pm | Light lunch - Pastoral Centre. |
| 2pm | Second talk
Linking Arms: A 21 st Century Vision of
Community. |
| 3pm | Tea/Stretch break. |
| 4pm | Third talk
Relationship Repair in the Rule. |
| 6pm | Vigil Eucharist. |
| 10am | Sunday Eucharist. |

JUDITH IS AN OBLATE OF THE BENEDICTINE MONASTERY OF ST. SCHOLASTICA IN
ATCHISON, KANSAS.

HER MOST RECENT BOOKS INCLUDE "HOW TO LIVE: WHAT THE RULE OF ST. BENEDICT
TEACHES US ABOUT HAPPINESS, MEANING AND COMMUNITY," AND "THE ART OF
PAUSING, MEDITATION FOR THE OVERWORKED AND OVERWHELMED."

SHE IS A POPULAR RETREAT LEADER AND SPEAKER.



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