

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD BALALLY PARISH

23rd June 2024

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Office Open Hours:

Monday to Friday

9.30am 12.30

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## Mass Times & Intentions:

Saturday 22nd May 6.00pm Mass

Kevin O' Malley (10th Annv) &  
Special Intention In Thanksgiving/

Sunday 23rd June 10.00am Mas

Michael McCormack (1st Annv)/

Mary O' Connor (3rd Annv/ Maurice Reynolds (8th Annv)

Catherine /Ryan (9th Annv)/

Monday 24th June 10.00am

Special intention (O' Connor Family)

Wednesday 26th June 10.00am

Pat Kiernan/

Friday 28th June 10.00am

Special intention ( In Thanksgiving)



A violent squall came up and waves were breaking over the boat. **(Gospel)**

Rembrandt, Christ in the Storm on the Lake of Galilee 1633



## Quote Pope Francis

An attention that should not be lost

It is not healthy to love silence and yet avoid interaction with others, to seek out peace and quiet but avoid activity, to find time to pray but underestimate the value of service.

Everything can be accepted and integrated into our lives and become a part of our path to holiness.

We are called on to be contemplative even in the midst of action; we grow to holiness by responsibly and generously carrying out our mission.

## Reflection by Fr Laurence Freeman

What heals the wounds of division is love. Love unites, unifies and heals the wound of the divided self.

It overcomes the deep wounds of our alienation.

It simplifies us. This is the real meaning of love of self and why, as Fr John taught us, we have to begin with ourselves. In saying this, in a sense, he was saying nothing new. It is the very teaching of the Christian contemplative spiritual tradition, that our knowledge of God must begin with our knowledge of ourselves, that to know God we must know ourselves.

As St Augustine said, we must first of all be restored to ourselves, so that we can then become a "stepping stone" and transcend ourselves and rise to God. What meditation teaches us is that we can only love ourselves if we can accept ourselves as we are; if we can recognise and see our wholeness and put the dark side into the picture and accept that dark side as part of it.

## COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your very generous response to last Sundays collections  
**1st Collection €630 2nd Collection €410**



## Balally Parish 400 Club

**Draw takes place 30th June**

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## Naomh Olaf Club Notes



The Naomh Olaf Mini- All- Irelands 2024 was a big success. 518 boys and girls born between 2012 and 2016 displayed great skills in both hurling and football over three successive evenings. The Club was blessed that the evenings remained fine. A lone piper led the large parade to the field on the final evening. All of the participants were winners receiving a Naomh Olaf t-shirt sponsored by Sherry Fitzgerald Financial Services. Flemings Butchers sponsored a Barbeque and Supervalu Balally sponsored Bundies and Hotdogs. This event was a wonderful spectacle to witness, over 500 children playing hurling and football games at the same time on many small pitches throughout the large green playing fields, wearing their various County colours, witnessed by thousands of enthusiastic parents and guardians, siblings and grandparents.

## A Word from Fr Jim

I am sad to tell you that Brendan has stepped down as leader of the Pastoral Centre. He has been on sick leave since Christmas and sadly he is still short of full recovery. He has come to the conclusion that he needs to resign and concentrate on his recovery to full health. In the short time he was with us, Brendan made a great contribution to Balally. His infectious enthusiasm, his kindness to people, his musical gifts and care for young and old will long be remembered. I am very sad to see him go, but I know he has made the right decision. He will always be welcome here in the parish.

**With My Love & Blessing  
Fr Jim**

The second Annual Dermot Lane Seminar will take place  
**Sat 28th & Sunday 29th September 2024.**  
**Speaker: Archbishop Rowan Williams**

## Collection Notice

A collection will take place this weekend as you leave the Church to support sick pilgrims who need help to go on the **Dublin Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes.** Please be as generous as you can.  
**Thank you.**

**Dr Sarah Bachelard in Newcastle**



**Choir says goodbye to David Boylan**

