CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
BALALLY PARISH

23rd November2025

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

Parish Office Open Hours:
Monday to Friday
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Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 22nd November
John Ward (Months Mind)/ John Hannon/
Jim, Bridie & Kevin Burke/
John E Clarke & Marie Fitzgerald
Sunday 23rd November 10.00am Mass
GAA Mass
Monday 24th November 10.00am Mass
Paddy Brady/ Hal Bleakley/ Rita Henderson
Wednesday 26th November 10.00am Mass
Matt Quinn/ John Hannon/ John Ward/
Mary O' Brien/Sr Patricia Walsh/
Friday 28th November 10.00am Mass
Iseult McCloskey & Michael Lennon/ Tony Niland/
Sean Bruton/ John Hannon/ Hugh Doherty
Special Intention X4

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

Self-knowledge, self-awareness is really the basis of our human development, as well as our relationships with other people. Meditation touches something very deep, very central, very universal in us. It is more than a skill. It is more than a technique. I have been teaching meditation at the business school in Georgetown and here at SMU over the last few years. MBA students of course are very concerned about success, that is why they do the MBA, they want to be more successful. So they approach everything, and many of us do, with this concept of success. Right from the beginning, I'd like to reassure you that meditation is not about success or failure. It's about practice – like all of the most important things in life. Sometimes you will succeed, sometimes you will fail, but you stay with it. Staying with it reveals a whole different, broader, deeper, more integrated understanding of meaning.

COLLECTIONS
Thank you for your very generous response to last Sundays collections
First collection € 825 Second Collection €450

Balally Parish 400 Club
Next 400 Club draw 30th November 2025
If you would like to Subscribe
Please contact the Parish Office 012954296

There will be no 6pm Vigil Mass Saturday 29th November.
There is 6pm Mass in Dundrum & Ballinteer

St Olaf's Ladies Club
Friday 28th November in St Olaf's School at 3.30pm
" Aerobics"

Koins for Kids Ireland

We are a voluntary charity putting all our efforts into the funding of lifesaving equipment that will make a big impact on young lives. No donation is too small.

We accept any coin or banknote on the planet.

Your donation can be left into the Parish Office.

Advent Schedule 2025

Saturday 29 November …Day retreat in Glenstal Abbey (Booking with Mr David or Parish Office)

Sunday 30th November…Advent Carols Taney 7pm

Monday 8th December …Advent Reflection Evening 7pm

Tuesday 9th December… National Concert Hall ..Arvo Part (Booking Parish Office)

Thursday 11th December …Christmas Concert (details Thomas Augustine)

Sunday 14th December: Advent Silent Sabbath

Thursday 18th December…Ecumenical Carol Singing In Dundrum Centre

Sunday 21st December …Christmas Welcome Fair (Fundraising Committee) & 7pm Candlelight Christmas Carols in Taney

Masses on Christmas Eve 6pm, 8pm, 10pm

Christmas Day 11am/ St Stephens Day 10am

Booking for Glenstal Retreat with Mr David or Parish Office (Travelling together by Car)

prepare the way

One-Day Advent Retreat at Glenstal Abbey

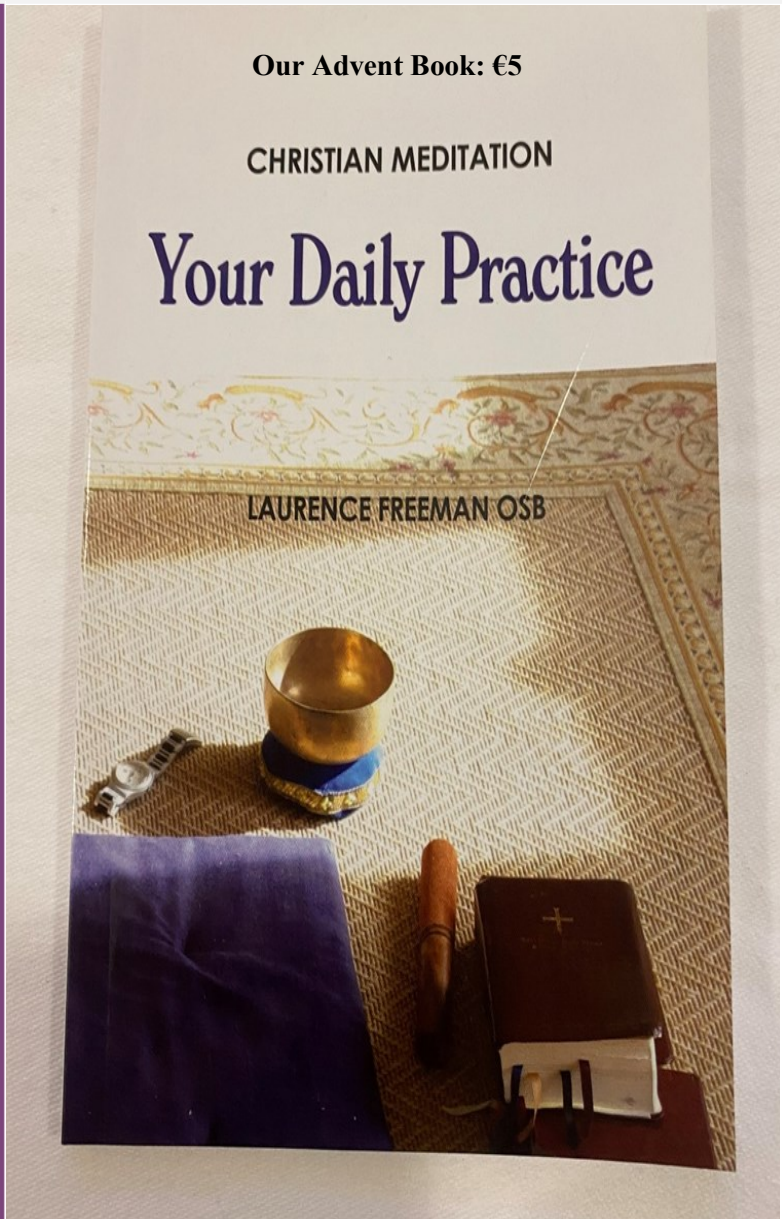
SATURDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 2025

This one-day retreat explores the great themes of Advent in life, the liturgy and the scriptures. Beginning with tea and coffee at registration at 10.30 am, the day includes talks, Mass, lunch, a Holy Hour (with opportunity for confession) afternoon tea and concludes with Vespers of the First Sunday of Advent.

Speakers: **Abbot Columba McCann, Fr Simon Sleeman, Br Colmán Ó Clabaigh.**

Cost: €60. Contact: **events@glenstal.com** or phone **061-621005**

Our Advent Book: €5



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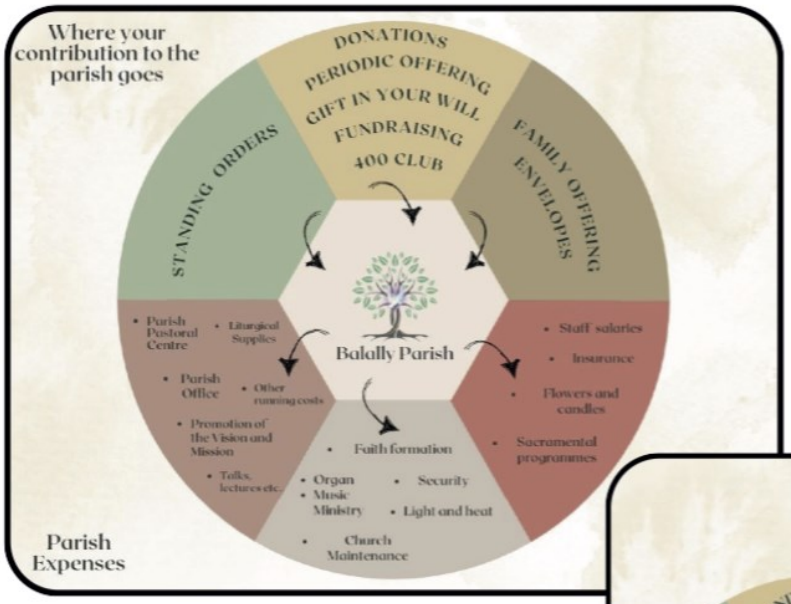

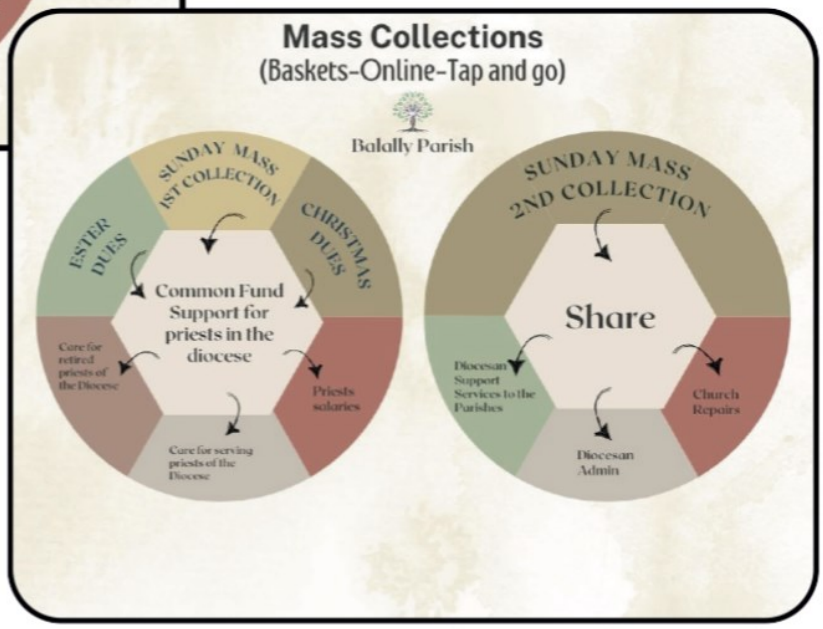

Balally Parish Income & Expenditure Accounts 2024		
INCOME	**2024**	**2023**
Family Offering	52.508	52.298
Fundraising	28.075	39.325
Rent	28.350	28.076
Tax Refund on Donations	16.665	23.456
Sundry Income	12.325	11.198
Donations and Bequests	28.590	8.475
Shrine Income	6.230	5.390
Shop Income	1.565	3.131
Total Income	**174.308**	**171.349**
EXPENDITURE	**2.024**	**2023**
Staff Costs	-77.767	(72.819)
Pastoral Related Expenses (Altar, Shrines,Sacraments, Liturgy & Choir)	-28.470	(36.796)
Depreciation	-29.996	(26.945)
Fundraising Costs	-19.881	(21.808)
Professional Fees	-550	(16.193)
Repairs & Renewals	-18.440	(13.957)
Other Expenses (Donations, Catering, Meetings, Diocesan Admin Charges)	-20.427	(19.525)
Building & House Maintenance	-8.266	(6.900)
Heat and Light	-14.469	(13.552)
Property Tax, Water Charges, Insurance & Security	-13.277	(11.521)
Shop	-5.314	(5.521)
Telephone, Postage, Office Equipment & Bank Charges	-13.138	(12.082)
Missalettes, Printing, Publications, Books & Stationery	-9.665	(9.774)
Total Expenditure	**-259.660**	**(267.393)**
(Deficit) for the year	**-85.352**	**(96.044)**

Balally Parish Finance Committee

Fr. Jim Caffrey, Mons. Dermot Lane, Joseph Mahon (Chair), John Ryan, Orla Collins, Olivia Mitchell, Cinzia Fingius (Secretariat)