

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD BALALLY PARISH

**25th May 2025**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Parish Office Open Hours:

**Monday to Friday**

**9.30am 12.30**

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## Mass Times & Intentions:

**Saturday 24th May 6.00pm Mass**

**Joe Cashman (Months Mind) & Bernie Cashman (2nd Anny)  
Brian Lane/ Special Intention/ William Rice (37th Anny)/**

**Sunday 25th May 10.00am Mass**

**Tom Pender (3<sup>rd</sup> Anny)/  
Laura Reynolds (3<sup>rd</sup> Anny) & Declan Byrne (6<sup>th</sup> Anny)/  
Richard Hyland (4<sup>th</sup> Anny) & Marie Lane (7<sup>th</sup> Anny) &  
Desmond Lane (45<sup>th</sup> Anny)**

**William Maher Senior & William Maher Junior/  
Maura Reynolds / Anne Foley (3rd Anny)/  
Special Intention (Birthday wishes for Michelle NNebue)**

**Monday 26th May 10.00am Mass**

**Carol Keating & Mary Walsh/  
Johnny Conolly & Helen Corcoran/  
Wednesday 28th May 10.00am Mass**

**John Walsh/ Dan McTeague**

**Friday 30th May NO MASS**

**10.00am & 1200pm confirmations**

**St Olaf's & Queen of Angels**



## Reflection by Fr Laurence Freeman

There comes the day when we enter that cloud of unknowing'. At the top of a mountain, you get lots of clouds sometimes. So as we are listening to the mantra, we are then led into this cloud of unknowing in which there is silence, absolute silence and we can no longer hear the mantra. So here at the top of the mountain, we are in silence. We are in unified consciousness. Our prayer has become completely absorbed in the mind of Christ.

At the top of a mountain, you will see endless peaks of mountain ranges all around you. So, the journey now in this dimension continues into infinity. Then, John Main has a little reminder here, don't think that you can imagine this happening and don't think too self-consciously, 'how far have I got up the mountain side? Am I here yet? Am I sounding it or listening to it? You'll know. If you become too self-analytical, then you're actually reducing your progress. You're actually probably maybe even slipping down the mountainside. That's why meditation requires complete simplicity and we are led he says to that complete simplicity, but we begin and continue



Pope Leo XIV

## Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt sympathy  
to the family and friends of  
*Austin Quirke: Dundrum*  
May he rest in the peace of Christ



## COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your very generous  
response to last Sundays collections  
**1st Collection € 825**  
**2nd Collection €890 (Lay Ministry)**



**Balally Parish 400 Club**  
**Draw will take place this weekend**

**If you would like to Subscribe**  
**Please contact the Parish Office 012954296**



## St Olaf's Ladies Club

Friday 30th May in St Olaf's School at 3.30pm  
"Talk by Historian John Lennon"



## Naomh Olaf Club Notes

The under 15 girls Féile football teams 2025 did very well. The Club entered two teams. One team travelled to Maurs G.A.A. Club in Rush, County Dublin. They played a great game against Templeogue Synge but fell short in the second half. They drew their second game against Ranelagh Gaels. It was all to play for in the final match against the hosts St. Maurs. Naomh Olaf won by a goal and a point. Qualification came down to the lowest aggregate score against and heartbreakingly the girls were pipped at the post. Our second team was hosted by Erins Isle in Finglas. They played three games. Our girls lost against Erins Isle, drew with Maurs and won against Wanderers. Confirmation soon followed that Naomh Olaf were through to the Semi-final in Silver Park. Players, management, supporters and equipment were packed up swiftly and back we came across the M50 where the team received a warm welcome from players, mentors, families, supporters as well as the 2010 squad, who had travelled back from Rush. It was a fantastic and tense match against Na Gaeil Óga-but sadly it wasn't to be our day.



## APPRECIATION MASS

**SUNDAY 22ND JUNE 10.00AM MASS**

On **22nd June** there will be an **Appreciation Mass** for people who have served in the parish for more than **35 years**.

There were many who were involved in the foundation of the parish, fundraised to build our beautiful church and were and are active in various ministries in the life of our parish.

We would like to ensure that we have included everyone and would ask that you think of family, friends and neighbours who served and continue to serve in the parish from that time.

Please provide the names of those, past and present, to Bernie in the parish office or by email to [office@balallyparish.ie](mailto:office@balallyparish.ie)

by Friday 13th June.

## A Word from Fr Jim

Next weekend 1st June we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension, our parish feast day. The 10am Mass that Sunday will be celebrated by Bishop Paul Dempsey and a number of important celebrations will take place

### • The opening of the Coffee Area in the pastoral Centre.

We asked our Confirmation children to come up with names for our coffee space and the one we have chosen from many suggestions is the "Francis Café", called after dear Pope Francis. He was a Pope who always went out to the peripherals, he challenges us now to invite more people into our Francis Café.

### • The Launch of our fundraising initiative,

Pilgrimage on Wheels, the cycle from Balally to Glenstal Abbey on the first weekend of September, commemorating the Balally to Jerusalem cycle 43 years ago led by Fr Fintan (Paddy) Lyons.

- We welcome a new member to the parish family and the newly confirmed children. See you next Sunday

**With My Love & Blessing**  
**Fr Jim**

## Ballinteer & Meadowbrook Parishes

**Pilgrimage to Lourdes**

**12th - 6th September 2025: €785pps**

**For more information contact:**

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**Mairin De Bruin: (087) 2904 831 Meadowbrook**

## Patrick Finn Lectures 2025

### Joyce and the Jesuits



**Bruce Bradley SJ**

**Tuesday, 17th June, 7:30 pm**

St Mary's Parish, Haddington Road,  
Dublin 4

**Admission Free**

(A collection will be taken to defray costs  
and contributions will be welcome)

"Mary Jane, who was then a little girl in short clothes, was now the main prop of the family, for she had the organ in Haddington Road"

**James Joyce, *The Dead*, 1914**

Queen of Angels 1st Communion and choir (17th May, Balally)



St Olaf's 1st Communion (3rd May, Balally)





*Balally Contemplative Parish*

**A PILGRIMAGE ON WHEELS**

**C Y C L E**

**F R O M B A L A L L Y  
T O G L E N S T A L**

**5-7 SEPTEMBER 2025**