

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD BALALLY PARISH

26th July 2026

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary

Parish Office Open Hours:

Monday to Friday

9.30am 12.30

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Mass Times & Intentions:

Saturday 25th July (NO MASS)

Sunday 26th July 10.00am Mass

Eileen McEnteeFay (24th Annv) &

Patrick Fay (Birthday Remembrance)/ Ina Doyle/ Vincent Mockler

Special Intention (Birthday Remembrance for Stephanie Hannon

Monday 27th July 10.00am

Communion Service

Wednesday 29th July 10.00am Mass

Pat & Anne Keogh (5th Annv)/ Fred O' Brien/ Ina Doyle/

Tony Kelly/Doire Shaw & Maureen McCabe/ Barry Moloney/

Michael Fleming/ Special Intention (Get well Catherine McGovern)

Friday 31st 10.00am Mass

Michael Carthy/ Ina Doyle/ Michael Fleming/ Ned Kenny/

Fred O' Brien/ William Murphy/ Special Intention (Get well)



Jesus said to the crowds,

‘The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

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

Meditation had been part of the life of the church from the very beginning. We can see it in the teaching of Jesus on prayer when he tells us to go into our inner room; when he tells us to be silent not to go babbling on like the pagans who think the more they say the more likely they are to be heard; when he tells us to lay aside our worries and anxieties at the time of prayer; when he tells us to set our mind on God's kingdom before everything else, to pay attention; and when he tells us to live in the present moment, not to be worrying about tomorrow all the time. (Mt 6:6-8, 33)

This is his teaching on prayer – to go into our inner room and these early Christian disciples of the desert lived this spirit of prayer as the essential way of living true discipleship. Not just external discipleship but the discipleship of the heart.

COLLECTION

Thank you for your very generous response to last weekend collections

1st Collection €740 2nd Collection €465 (Sunday only)



Balally Parish 400 Club

A double draw for June and July will take place
2nd August 2026

If you would like to subscribe

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A Special Collection to send sick

Pilgrims to Lourdes

(Dublin Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes)

will take place the 9th of August 2026

Dear Balally Parish

I want to thank you all for your incredible support of
GOAL'S work over the last month.

Firstly, together with the confirmation classes in St Olaf's and Queen of Angels you raised **1,403.57euro** to support communities across the world dealing with poverty, conflict and the effects of climate change and a further **2723.95 euro** to help support the people of Venezuela deal with the effects of two devastating earthquakes.

I am grateful for the support and partnership developed with the parish and I hope we can continue to work together in the future.

With every good wish from myself and everyone in **GOAL**.

Jen Farrelly

CEO: GOAL

A Word from Fr Jim

This is the prayer I wrote at the tomb of Pope Francis last week in Rome to celebrate my 45th anniversary of my ordination. Most of the words come from Pope Francis/

Lord,

As I celebrate 45 years, help me in the time I have left. Forgive my faults, my clericalism and arrogance of the past.

Bless the people of Balally who I am privileged to serve and lead.

Help me to be a true contemplative, to know how to be still and active, to meditate and to serve.

Help me in the words of Pope Francis...

- To be a good Shepard
- To know the smell of the sheep.
- To welcome all (Tutti Tutti)
- To help build a parish which is a field hospital.
- To keep on going
- To overcome the sin of.
- To reach out to the existential peripheries (especially the young and old).
- To say who am I to judge.
- Not to be afraid to make a mess.
- To never tire of forgiving and asking for forgiveness.
- To Invite everyone to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ.
- And never forget the poor.

Dear Pope Francis, pray for me . Pray for the people of Balally In your own words, don't forget to pray for me. **Amen**

With my Love & Blessing: Fr Jim

THE 6.00pm VIGIL MASS WILL RESUME

ON SATURDAY 1ST AUGUST

