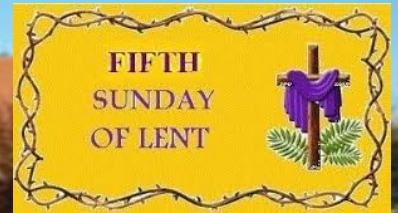


CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD BALALLY PARISH

Sunday 26th March 2023
5th Sunday of Lent



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Monday to Friday

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Mass Times & Intentions:

Saturday 25th March Vigil Mass 6.00pm

Sean & Mary Dillon

Sunday 26th March 10.00am Mass

Brendan Lande (4th Annv)/ Eamonn & Teresa Kealy/

Mary Griffin (5th Anniverary)/

Michael McGlynn

Monday 27th March 10.00am Mass

Gillian Thompson (1st Annv)/

John McGrath/ Róis Uí Mhianáin/

Betty Lynch & Mrs Grogan/ Gavin Power

Wednesday 29th March 10.00am Mass

Michael Doherty

(Intention from Wesley & Clonard neighbours)/

Paddy Tarrant/

Special Intention (Maíread Hyde get well)/

Special Intention

Friday 31st March 10.00am Mass

Louise Lacy (1st Annv)/ Anne Kennedy/

Margaret Cullen & Ann O' Boyle



He cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"

The dead man came out. (Gospel)

Reflection by Father Laurence Freeman

Religion that forgets this mystical wisdom, of revealing the divine in the human and the human in the divine, is either irrelevant to the human path or hostile to it. But when religion is infused with this wisdom it is a global force of healing and progress. It is hard today to feel optimistic about institutional religion: until you see it renewed by communal metanoia, transforming itself in a traditional form like the parish. I saw this recently, for example, in the Parish of the Ascension in Balally, Dublin. Fr Jim Caffrey, a meditator in our community, his predecessor the theologian Fr Dermot Lane, and an energised team of parishioners are evolving into a new kind of contemplative parish ('meditation and service' it proclaims on a banner) expressing a deep spirituality in active service. It is marked more by depth than just novelty. I celebrated a contemplative mass with them on the Feast of the Epiphany, full of human warmth and the koinonia of a diverse, inclusive community nurtured by shared interiority and a common purpose. For me it was a sign of what the church, with enlightened leadership, might yet become globally.



Quote

Kindness is firm and persevering intention to always will the good of others, even the unfriendly."

"We must restore hope to young people, help the old, be open to the future, spread love.

Be poor among the poor.

We need to include the excluded and preach peace.

(Pope Francis)

Balally Parish Holy Week 2023

Saturday 1st of April 6.00pm

Vigil Mass

Palm Sunday 2nd April 10am Mass & 4pm Mass

Please see retreat with Sarah Bachelard below

Holy Thursday 6th April 7pm

Mass of the Lord's supper with washing of the feet and Gethsemane vigil in the Lane Room until 10pm (watch and pray with Jesus)

Good Friday 7th April

12.00noon: Stations of the Cross of Creation

3pm: Celebration of the Lord's Passion

7pm: The 7 Last words of Jesus (Haydn: (music and reflection)

Holy Saturday 8th April 10am

Meditation and sharing on

"The City is my Monastery" with Fr Richard Carter Live from London.

6pm: Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday 9th April 6:15am

Gather at Balally Church and travel to Taney Church (Church of Ireland) for sunrise service.

10am Easter Sunday Mass of Resurrection

A Word from Fr Jim

It was marvellous to have so many people at 10am Mass On St Patrick's Day.

Thank you to Ina and Kathleen for the decoration of the Altar and the choir for the lovely music in Irish and English.

It is also good to see more children coming to Mass with their Parents . You are all welcome to the Youth Loft with Emma and Brendan each Sunday after Mass.

We have been meeting with the parents of the children who are celebrating 1st Communion and Confirmation.

I have great hopes for these wonderful young men and women.

You are invited to join us in meditation

Saturday's at 10am

Sunday's at 9am

Monday's at 7.30pm

Tuesday's at 11am and Contemplative Mass at 7.30pm

With My Love & Blessing

Fr Jim

Balally Parish 400 Club

March draw takes place this weekend

Did you ever think of joining

If you would like to Subscribe please contact

Ph: 087 2577651 or Parish Office



COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your very generous response to last Sundays collections

1st Collection € 660 2nd Collection € 415

St Patrick's Day

1st Collection € 745 2nd Collection € 310



Dom Marmion Society

We are hosting an open day on

March 31st from 11am - 1.30pm

Please drop in for a cuppa and chat.

Dom Marmion House is located in the

car park on the Sandyford Road, opposite the

Dundrum Town Centre

Great friendships are made in Don Marmion

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Holy Week Retreat in Balally



"Looking forward in Joy to Easter"

with Reverend Dr. Sarah Bachelard

Beginning Palm Sunday

April 2nd from 4:00 - 5:30 pm

April 3rd - 5th from 7:00 - 8:00 pm

In The Church

Join us as we are led by Rev. Dr. Bachelard in a contemplative retreat, reflecting on the joy of the Easter season. Each session will include a talk with a period of silent meditation

"The Christian of the Future Will Be a Mystic or Will Not Exist."
Karl Rahner made this prediction in 1981. Is it already coming true?