

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD BALALLY PARISH

29th March 2026

PALM SUNDAY



Parish Office Open Hours:

Monday to Friday

9.30am 12.30

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Mass Times & Intentions:

Saturday 28th March 6.00pm vigil Mass

**Isabelle Kelly (1st Anny)/ Eileen Collins (2nd Anny)/
Peter Campbell (2nd Anny)/ Mary Kavanagh (2nd Anny)/**

Sunday 29th March 10.00am Mass

**Marco Julius (3rd Anny)/ Brendan Lande (7th Anny) &
Robert O' Donoghue/ Ettie Carroll/
Patrick Corbett & Joe O' Malley/**

Monday 30th March 10.00am Mass

**Shay Sullivan/ Elsie Owens/ Joseph Duighnan/
David De Loughrey & Special Intention (Get Well)/
Special Intention (Get well)/**

Wednesday 1st April 10.00am

Communion Service

Holy Thursday 2nd April

Morning Prayer 10am (Icon Chapel)

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.00pm, (With washing of the Feet)

Gethsemane Vigil. Watch and Pray

Compline - 9.00pm (Lane Room)

Good Friday 3rd April

10.00am Morning Prayer

12.00 noon Stations of the Cross

**2.30pm Good Friday Liturgy followed by
7 Churches Pilgrimage.**

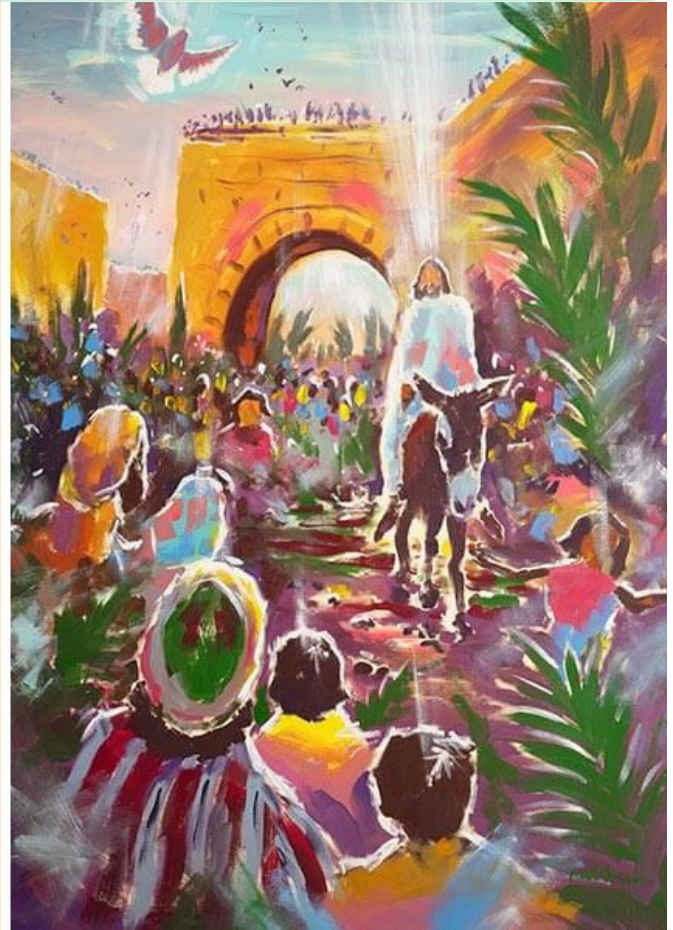
Easter Saturday 4th April

10.00am Morning Prayer 10.00am (Icon Chapel)

**6.00pm Vigil Mass Anne Cassidy/ Josephine Clarke/
Maura Farrell & Phyllis Mills**

Easter Sunday 5th April 10.00am Mass

Dermot Connolly (10th Anny)/ Noel Cullen (18th Anny)/

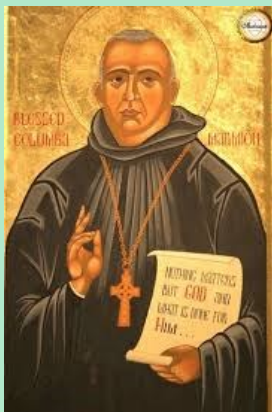


Parish Partnership name

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

That experience of love of self gives us a renewed capacity to live our lives with less effort. Life becomes less of a struggle, less of a battle, less of an effort to live, and it opens up for us what we have all glimpsed, in some way and at some time, through love, that our essential nature is joyful; deep down, we are joyful beings. If we can learn to savour the gifts of life, if we can learn to see what life truly is, the goodness that it brings us, that savouring of the gifts of life enables us to accept its tribulations, its difficulties, Its problems and suffering.

Parish Manager – Job Specification

Background

The Parish of Holy Cross, Dundrum, is seeking to appoint an individual to the newly created position of Parish Manager. Reporting directly to the Parish Priest, the Manager will provide professional and administrative support to the Parish Priest, staff, and volunteers to ensure the smooth and efficient running of all non-pastoral aspects of parish life. The role requires strong organisational, interpersonal, and managerial skills, with responsibility for the overall coordination of the administration of the parish.

This role will be for an initial 18-month period. It can be either part-time or full-time, and we are open to discussing what works best for you.

Key Responsibilities

- Lead and support parish staff and volunteers in the administration that underpins Dundrum Parish.
- Coordinate, with parish staff, the maintenance and future development of parish facilities including the Church, Parochial House, and Pastoral Centre.
- Act as the main point of contact for non-pastoral matters such as health and safety, GDPR, safeguarding, compliance, media systems and overall good governance.
- Establish and maintain relationships with external suppliers, including oversight of purchasing, contracts, renewals, and negotiations.
- Oversee and develop parish communications in areas such as signage, newsletters, website, and traditional and digital communication channels.
- Review, revise, and maintain effective parish processes and procedures. This includes ensuring compliance with all relevant legislative requirements and all aspects of the Archdiocese of Dublin Administrative Regulations and Guidelines.
- Assist the work of various parish committees.
- Support, facilitate and establish parish revenue-generating initiatives.
- Participate, as required, in the development of the parish partnership with Balally, Ballinteer, and Meadowbrook, as guided by the Parish Priest.

Undertake other tasks as may be reasonably assigned by the Parish Priest.

Experience and Skills

Essential Experience

- Proven experience of managing and developing people.
- Financial literacy, including experience of budgeting and interpretation of financial reporting
- Knowledge of IT systems and capabilities.

Strong relationship management and stakeholder engagement skills.

Desirable Experience

- Experience in change management and/or organisational development.

Awareness of Diocesan initiatives and/or parish administration.

Key Skills and Attributes

- Align with the mission of the Parish.
- Excellent interpersonal and organisational skills.
- Ability to delegate and motivate.
- Identify, influence and implement change initiatives.
- Strong written and verbal communication skills.

Confident in making presentations to and networking with diverse parish and community groups.

Application Process

To apply, please submit your CV and a cover letter outlining your experience and qualifications to meet the requirements of this role, along with an indication of your availability (full time/part time). Applications should be sent via email to HCparishmanager@outlook.com no later than Friday 17th April 2026. For further information or informal inquiries, please contact the same email address.

COLLECTION

Thank you for your very generous response to last Sundays collections

1st Collection €735 2nd Collection € 480

1st Collection €520 2nd Collection €290 (St Patrick's Day)



There will be NO Contemplative Mass on the dates...

7th April and the 14th April.

Contemplative Mass will resume on the 21st April

Balally Parish 400

Draw will take place this Sunday after Mass

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



MORNING PRAYER

9.15AM MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY & SUNDAY

10.00AM : TUESDAY, THURSDAY, SATURDAY

EVENING PRAYER:

7.00PM MONDAY— FRIDAYS

7.00PM TUESDAYS - CONTEMPLATIVE MASS

(LANE ROOM)

RTE MASS LIVE FROM BALALLY

ASCENSION SUNDAY 17TH MAY 2026 11.00AM



Balally Contemplative Parish



Holy Week 2026

Monday 30th March
Tuesday 31st March
Wednesday 1st April

7pm - 9pm Online Retreat with Fr. Laurence Freeman OSB
(Lane room).

Holy Thursday
2nd April

10am Morning Prayer (Icon Chapel).
7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (with Washing of the Feet)
Gethsemane Vigil - Watch and Pray.
9pm Compline.

Good Friday
3rd April

10am Morning Prayer (Icon Chapel)
12 noon Stations of the Cross
2:30pm Good Friday Liturgy followed by
Dundrum Churches together Pilgrimage

Holy Saturday
4th April

10am Morning Prayer (Icon Chapel)
6pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday
5th April

Easter Sunday

10am Mass

Dundrum Churches Together Pilgrimage

Good Friday
3rd April 2026

The Seven Sayings Of Jesus From The Cross

- **2:30pm Balally - Church of the Ascension of the Lord**
“When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals, one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing”. And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.” (Luke 23:33-34)
- **3:45pm Dundrum Methodist Church**
“Then he said, “Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom”. Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise”. (Luke 23:42-43)
- **4:45pm Ballinteer St. John The Evangelist**
“Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, “Woman, here is your son,” and to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” From that time on, this disciple took her into his home. (John 19:25-27)
- **5pm Meadowbrook Church**
“From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?”(which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”).” (Matthew 27:45-46)
- **5:45pm Dundrum St. Nahi’s Church**
“Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, “I am thirsty.” A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus’ lips”. (John 19:28-29)
- **6:15pm Dundrum Holy Cross**
“When he had received the drink, Jesus said, “It is finished.” With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit”. (John 19:30)
- **7pm Taney Christ Church**
“It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Jesus called out with a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.” When he had said this, he breathed his last”. (Luke 23:44-46)