

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD BALALLY PARISH

5th July 2026

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary

Parish Office Open Hours:

Monday to Friday

9.30am 12.30

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Mass Times & Intentions:

Saturday 4th July (NO MASS)

Sunday 5th July 10.00am Mass

Barry Moloney (Months Mind)/ Dan Nolan (Months Mind)/

Michael McCarthy Junior(1st Annv)/ James Doyle (21st Annv)/

Michael & Josephine Clancy/ John & Mary Walsh &

Eileen Nerney & Annie Fox/

Monday 6th July 10.00am Mass

Michael Curren/ Mary Whelan/ Ina Doyle/ Tony Kelly/

Barry Moloney/ Dieter Koston & Anne Comyn/ Maura Sheridan/

Marie Nolan/ Dymphna Davison/ Special Intention (Get well)/

Wednesday 8th July 10.00am

Communion Service

Friday 10th 10.00am

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Laboureur dans un Champ

(worker in a field)

(by Vincent Van Gogh (1853-1890),

Painted in Saint Rémy, France,

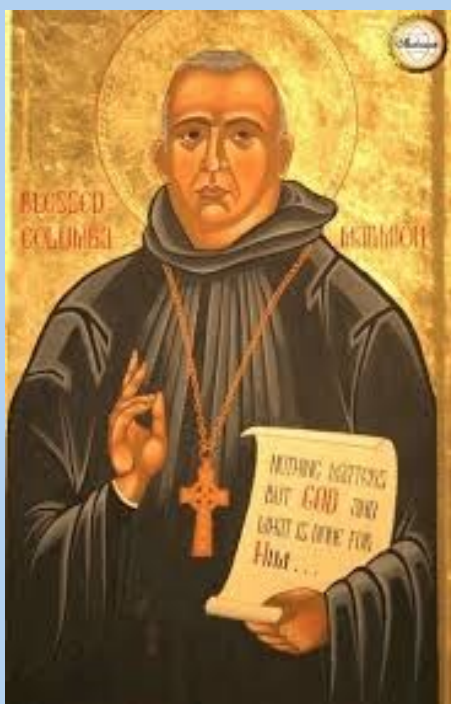
September 1889,

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

We can feel the assurance that even though we may be in uncertainty and doubt and confusion, we can still be sure that things will be well. That's a fundamental element of the conversion process, very similar to what John Keats described as 'negative capability', the ability to remain in a state of doubt or confusion, uncertainty without having to run around like a scared cat looking for facts and reasons. We can simply accept what is happening in trust and with meditation, what Keats is describing as a contemplative consciousness in the poet, I think the same consciousness develops in us through a contemplative practice that we build seriously, faithfully into our lives. So the state of assurance, a sense of meaning is another symptom of the experience of conversion and as I said, meaning is about the realisation that we are connected.

COLLECTION

Thank you for your very generous response to last Sundays collections
1st Collection €930 2nd Collection €935 (Peter's pence)



Balally Parish 400 Club

June draw will take place this Sunday

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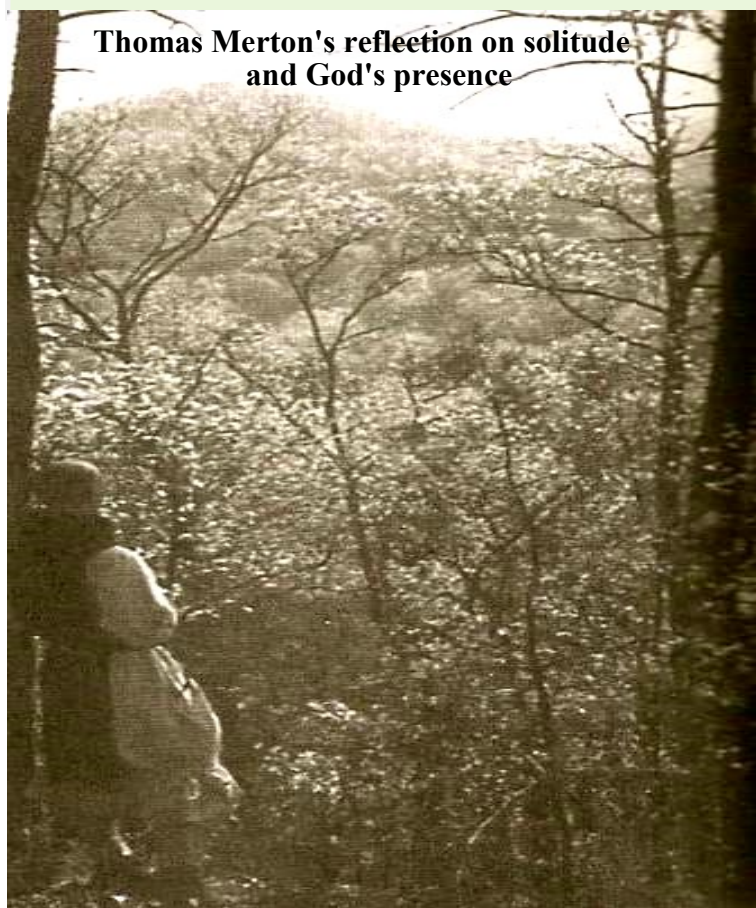
There will be NO 6.00pm Mass for

11th , 18th and 25th July

There will be Masses at 6.00pm in Ballinteer

“My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you and I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire and I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone ” **Thomas Merton, Thoughts in Solitude**

Thomas Merton's reflection on solitude and God's presence



A Word from Fr Jim

As I prepare to leave for my personal annual retreat in Glenstal , I wish you all every blessing and a time of rest during the Summer.

In todays Gospel, Jesus says “ Come to me all who labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest. Each of us needs a time to pause and rest.

Life is about more than work and busyness. I've learned this again from my small recent health blip.

**With my Love & Blessing
Fr Jim**

Summer is a time for pause...

Here are some dates for your diary in the autumn.

Balally Rambling House : Friday 18th Sept.

Retreat day—Judith Valente Saturday 19th Sept 10-4pm

4 Mondays - How to do Christian Meditation with

Dr Barry White **5th / 12th /19th/26th October 7.30– 9.00pm**

Dermot Lane Seminar: Saturday 3rd October.

Arvo Part in N.C.A Sunday 1st November.

All Souls 2nd November 7.00pm

Parish Funding: Concert: Celine Byrne Sat 7th Nov 7pm

Visit of Abbot Jonas (Mepkin Abbey) Nov 8th

Christmas Tree Festival: **4th/5th /6th December**

And remember 2027— our parish is 50 yrs old.

“ The man who fears to be alone will never be anything but lonely, no matter how much he may surround himself with people. But the man who learns, in solitude and recollection, to be at peace with his own loneliness and to prefer its reality to the illusion of merely natural companionship, comes to know the invisible companionship of God. Such a one is alone with God in all places and he alone truly enjoys the companionship of other men, because he loves them in God in whom their presence is not tiresome and because of whom his own love for them can never know satiety.”

Thomas Merton, No Man Is an Island

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