

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

## BALALLY PARISH

7th December 2025

### 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

2nd Sunday in Advent

December 8, 2024



Parish Office Open Hours:

**Monday to Friday**

**9.30am 12.30**

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#### Mass Times & Intentions

**Saturday 6th December 6.00pm Mass**

Seamus Coughlan (5th Annv)/ Bridie Perry (5th Annv)/  
Paddy Clarke & Denis Mullens/ John Hannon/

**Sunday 7th December 10.00am Mass**

Willie McCabe (1st Annv)/ Bernie Doyle (1st Annv) &  
Christy Doyle (26th Annv)/ Margaret & Martin McCormack/  
John Hannon/ John Ward/ Peg McDonnell

Special Intention ( Birthday Remembrance for Noel Cullen)/

**Monday 8th December 10.00am Mass**

**Solemnity of Immaculate Conception**

Mary Daly/ John Hannon/ Joe Smyth/ Tommy Lyons  
Special Intention (Get well for Maria McGeady)

**Wednesday 10th December 10.00am Mass**

Margaret Wilkes/ Tom Green/ Marie Holbrook/ John Hannon/  
Joe Smyth/ Michael Donohoe & John Manicle

**Friday 12th December 10.00am Mass**

**Communion Service**

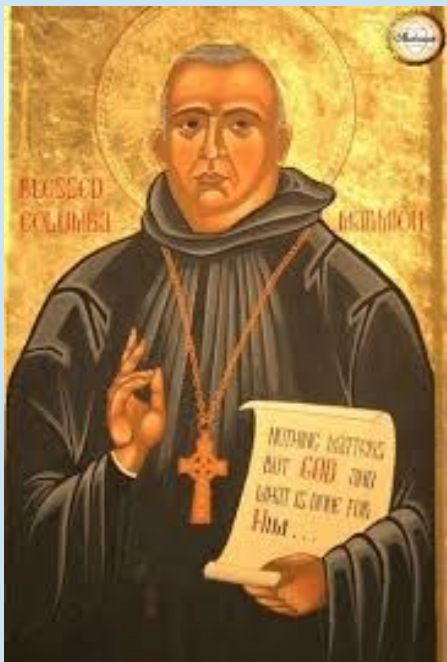


#### Parish Partnership name

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.**



#### Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand

##### Reflection by Fr Laurence Freeman

It takes time and repetition to learn a language. Well, we are learning a kind of language in meditation. We are learning actually the language of silence. So be patient and don't be disappointed in the fact that it takes you a certain amount of time to learn. Just keep learning. The mantra will become embedded and embodied in you and it will be the greatest gift that you will have for the rest of your life. So give your full attention to the word. Say it carefully, articulate it clearly in your mind, and listen to it as you say it. Give it your full attention. If you are lucky, you can do that for one second and then you'll be thinking about what you are going to do this afternoon, you will be thinking about what you didn't do last week and you'll be fantasising and when your fantasies have run out, then you'll say 'Now what can I think about – oh yes, I've got these old problems I have been thinking about for the last twenty years', so you can dig those up again. That's how the mind works. You are not unusual we've all got the same kind of problem with consciousness.

## COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your very generous response to last Sundays collections

**Sunday Only (No Vigil Mass)**

First collection €745 Second Collection €560



## Balally Parish 400 Club

Congratulations to our November winners



1st Prize €1,000: Eileen Orla Collins

2nd Prize €300: Marie O' Griofa

3rd Prize €200: Bov Cosgrove

4th Prize €100: Reginald Pocock

5th Prize €100: Annmarie Horgan

If you would like to Subscribe

Please contact the Parish Office 012954296

## THIS WEEK'S ADVENT SCHEDULE

### Monday 8th December

10.00am Mass Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

7.00pm : Advent Reflection: "Your Daily Practice"

### Sunday 14th December:

Penitential Service after 10am Mass & Silent Sabbath.

We remember especially this week the Mother of Very Rev Mgr Paul Callan (PP Dundrum) May Callan RIP

The Annual Christmas collection for

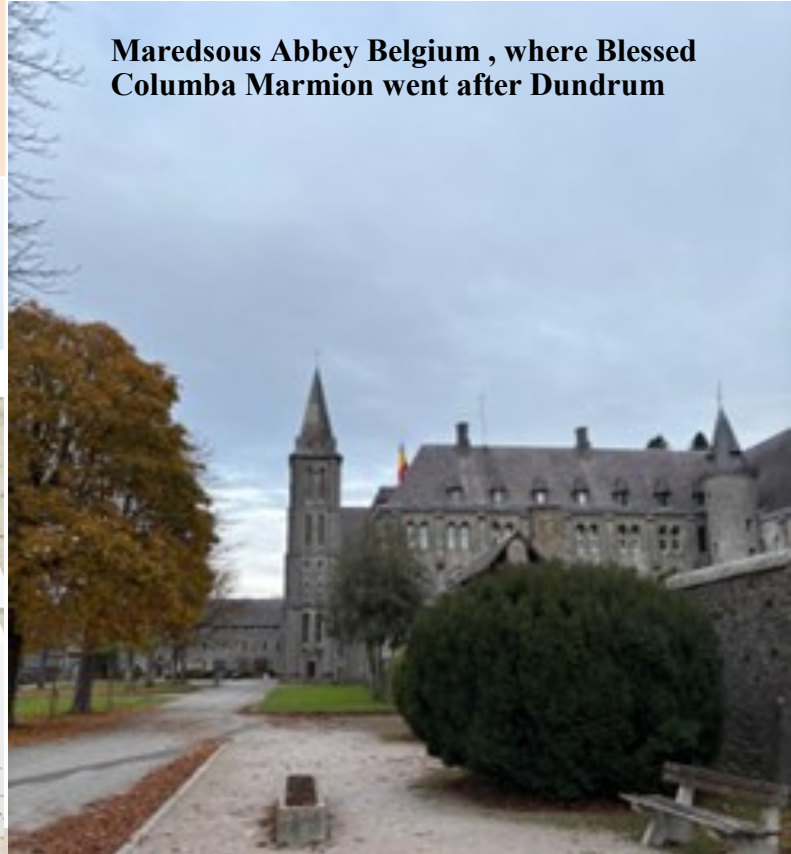


**Society of St Vincent DePaul**

will take place 13th & 14th December

Maredsous Abbey Belgium , where Blessed Columba Marmion went after Dundrum

Christmas Dues (Red) & Parish Christmas Offering (Green)

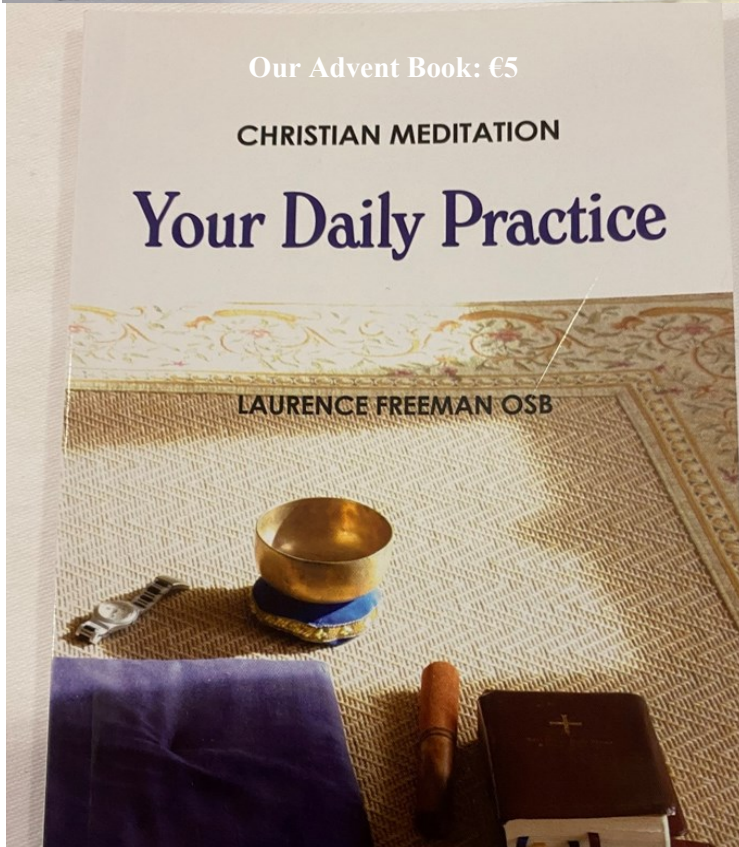


Our Advent Book: €5

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

## Your Daily Practice

LAURENCE FREEMAN OSB





New Benedictine Oblates



Advent Pilgrimage  
Glenstal





Advent Carol Service Taney



Clothes and perfumes collected for asylum seekers



Tree Planted  
In loving memory of  
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Thomas Augustine tells children about our Christmas Concert



Opening and blessing of memorial to little Brody RIP in St Olaf's NS



Climate Justice March ..Balally represented

Climate Justice  
Migrant Justice

OUR FUTURE OUR PLANET

GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE GATES PLEASE