

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD BALALLY PARISH

**7th January 2024**

**The Baptism of the Lord**

Parish Office Open Hours:

**Monday to Friday**

**9.30am 12.30**

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## Mass Times & Intentions:

**Saturday 6th January 10.00am Mass**

**Feast of the Epiphany**

**John Duncan (15th Annv)**

**Deceased members of the McGlynn & Fitzgerald Families/**

**Paddy Cahill**

**Saturday 6th January 6.00pm Vigil Mass**

**Sean Fitzsimons (1st Annv)/**

**Mary, Margaret, Edward, John & Bridie Kilcoyne/**

**Sean Clarke**

**Sunday 7th January 10.00am Mass**

**Patsy Ryan (Months Mind)/**

**Brian Martin (5th Annv)**

**Dick, Anne & Noel Saunders, Keith Kelly & Pamela Dalton**

**& Mary Lee/**

**Monday 8th January 10:00am Mass**

**Paddy Cahill/ Brian Kerrigan**

**Wednesday 10th January 10.00am Mass**

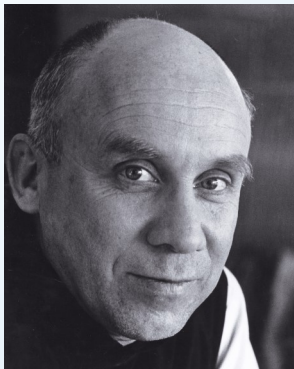
**Deceased members of the Maher & Hyland Families/**

**Barbara Barry/**

**Special Intention (Get well for Ann Byrne)**

**Friday 12th January 10.00am**

**Paddy Cahill**



**Quote**

**Thomas Merton**

“You do not need to know precisely what is happening, or exactly where it is all going. What you need is to recognize the possibilities and challenges offered by the present moment, and to embrace them with courage, faith and hope.”

## Reflection by Fr Laurence Freeman

(...) it is so important that we teach a contemplative practice to young people, to children when they are setting out on their journey of life, so that they have this, let's call it a life skill. It's a life-giving and life-transforming skill or practice. Or we could call it an art. No child today, that left school without knowing how to use a computer, you would say was really well prepared or well educated or well conditioned for life in the modern world. So in the same way, if we are not giving this art of prayer to our children we are condemning them and the next generation facing the huge problems that we have created, condemning them to a very difficult and perhaps even despairing future.

## COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your very generous response to all the collections over Christmas.

### Christmas Eve

1st Collection €1130 2nd Collection €425

### Christmas Day

1st Collection €1,720 2nd Collection €1,055

### 31st December 2023

1st Collection €775 2nd Collection €535



## Balally Parish 400 Club



### Congratulations to our December winners

1st Prize €1,000: *Karen Doherty*

2nd Prize €300: *Maria Howard*

3rd Prize €200: *Eileen Batelle*

4th Prize €100: *Eamonn Gallagher*

5th Prize: €100 *Carol Hicks*

### Extra prizes for December Draw

6th Prize €100: *Angela Miller*

7th Prize €100: *Mary Kelleher*

8th Prize €100: *Paul Barrett*

9th Prize €100: *Liam Corrigan*

10th Prize: €100 *Ber O' Shea*

**Did you ever think of joining  
If you would like to Subscribe  
Please contact Parish Office 012954296**

## St Olaf's Ladies Club

Friday 12th January at 3.30pm  
St Olaf's School Hall  
"Aerobics"



## Word from Fr Jim

Greetings and a Happy New Year 2024 to all. A big thank you to everyone who helped make the days of Advent and Christmas so special.

I hope these can be days of rest and calm as we begin a New Year. We pray for the people of Gaza, The Holy Land and Ukraine who continue to live a nightmare.

We pray also for the refugees, the homeless, those we tried to help during Advent. Thanks for your great generosity.

Lent begins early this year (14th February). January will be a quiet month, but there are a few dates for your diary.

**Tuesday 16th January** Desert Days returns.

**Sunday 21st January:** Prayer for Christine Unity Dundrum Methodist Church.

**Friday 26th January 11am :** Prayer for healing and wellness, St Naithi Church Taney .

**Saturday 27th January 10am—1pm**  
Retreat morning for Ministers of the Eucharist, Word, Choir, Baptism, Funerals, Stewards, Sacristans,

**With My Love & Blessing  
Fr Jim**

## Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of

*Paddy Cahill: Balally Avenue*

*Seán Casey: Balally Drive*

May they rest in the peace of Christ



## The Gathering Christmas Night



**Rev Stephen ( Methodist) greets congregation Christmas Eve**

**Crib and Cross at Christmas**



Fr Jim in Taney on Christmas Day



Rev Nigel (Taney) at Contemplative Mass



Rev Jane ( Taney) greets congregation

