

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

BALALLY PARISH

9th August 2026

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary

Parish Office Open Hours:

Monday to Friday

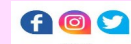
9.30am 12.30

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Mass Times & Intentions:

Saturday 8th August 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Fran Horan (1st Annv)/ & Gloria Horan 8th Annv)/

Hugh Hynes (1st Annv)/ Michael Fleming/ Laurence Hand/

Sunday 9th August 10.00am Mass

Michael Fleming (Months Mind) &

Special Intention (65th Wedding Anniversary remembrance)

John Gavigan (9th Annv)/ Annette Dunphy/

Monday 10th August 10.00am

Communion Service

Wednesday 12th August 10.00am Mass

Michael Fleming/ Special Intention Birthday wishes/

Murial Richardson/

Special Intention for Catherine McGovern

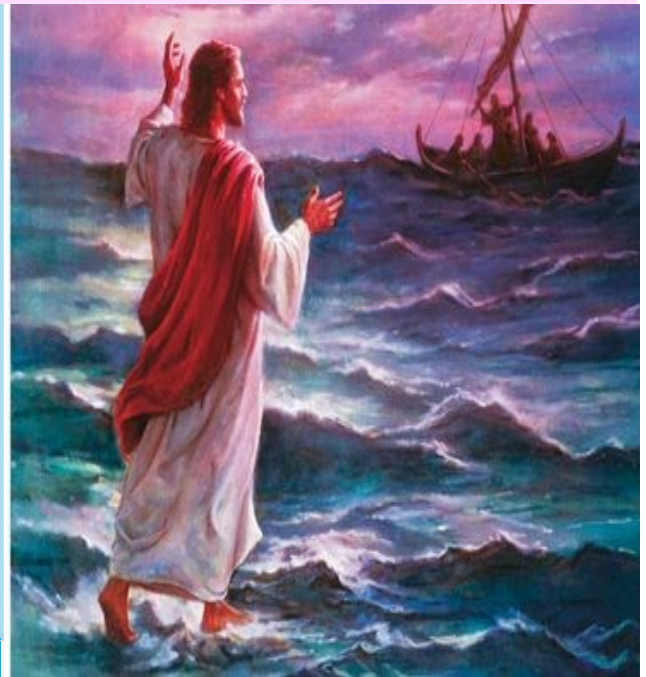
(From the Hospitality Group)

Friday 14th August 10.00am Mass

Michael Fleming/ Catherine McGovern,

Special Intention

(Get well for Peter Massey from the Hospitality Group)

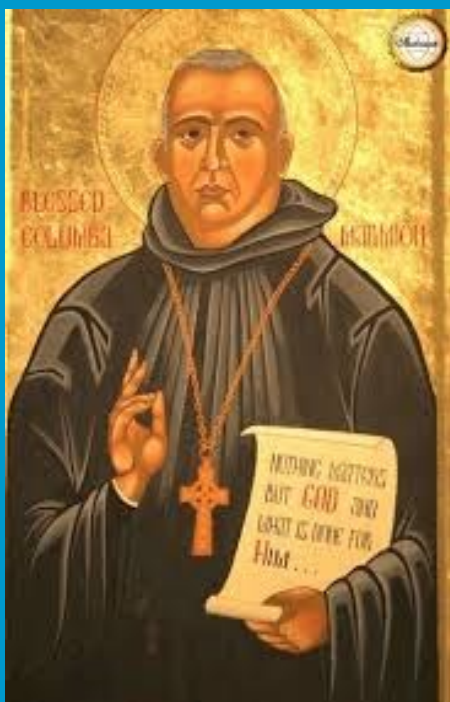


Parish Partnership name

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

The symptoms of enlightenment, what are they?

They're rather like what Evagrius and the Desert Fathers called *apatheia*. It means literally 'being

without disordered passion', but it's a highly

energised state. In the way that we understand it and they taught it, it's part of a cycle that we pass

through regularly. We are always in this cycle of spiritual growth as we move from *acedia*, which is

discouragement and dryness and depression, to

apatheia when things bloom as they do in springtime and in the height of summer and everything is fully

alive and it's also a state of peace, of joy, being without fear, high energy and the ability to actively

participate with the people in the world around you and this overflows then into the third stage, which is

agape or the boundless love of God.

COLLECTION

Thank you for your very generous response to last weekend collections
1st Collection €800 2nd Collection €455



Balally Parish 400 Club



Congratulations to our June winners

1st Prize €1,000: Clare Whyte

2nd Prize €300: Ann Comerford

3rd Prize €200: J&F Lynam

4th Prize €100: Eileen Battelle

5th Prize €100 : Gerald Tallon

Congratulations to our July winners

1st Prize €1,000: Deirdre Russell

2nd Prize €300: Paul Thornton

3rd Prize €200: Alice Coyle

4th Prize €100: Niamh Brophy

5th Prize €100 : Jim Burns

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**A Special Collection to send sick
Pilgrims to Lourdes
(Dublin Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes)
will take place this weekend**



Reflection: Archbishop Rowan Williams

The Eucharist is not, Christian practice, a reward for good behaviour, it is the food we need to prevent ourselves from starving as a result of our own self- enclosure and self- absorption, our pride and our forgetfulness. In many of our Churches it was once thought that receiving Holy Communion was something you should only do when you felt you had made “proper” preparation. There was a time in the nineteenth - century Roman Catholic Church when weekly communion was something your confessor might allow you to undertake if he thought you were doing well and there is still, in many parts of the Christian world , a kind of assumption that Holy Communion is something for the holy. All that I have said so far should remind us that Holy Communion is no kind of reward: it is, like everything about Jesus Christ , a free gift. We take holy Communion not because We are doing well, but because we are doing badly, not because we have arrived, but because we are travelling.

A Word from Fr Jim

I had wonderful days in Bonnevaux with 8 others from Balally on our retreat with Fr Richard Carter from St Martin in the Fields, London. Fr Richard is the founder of the Nazareth Community and author of “The City is my Monastery”- “100 Reasons for Living.” I recommend a trip to Bonnevaux to you all, maybe for our 50th Anniversary in 2027.

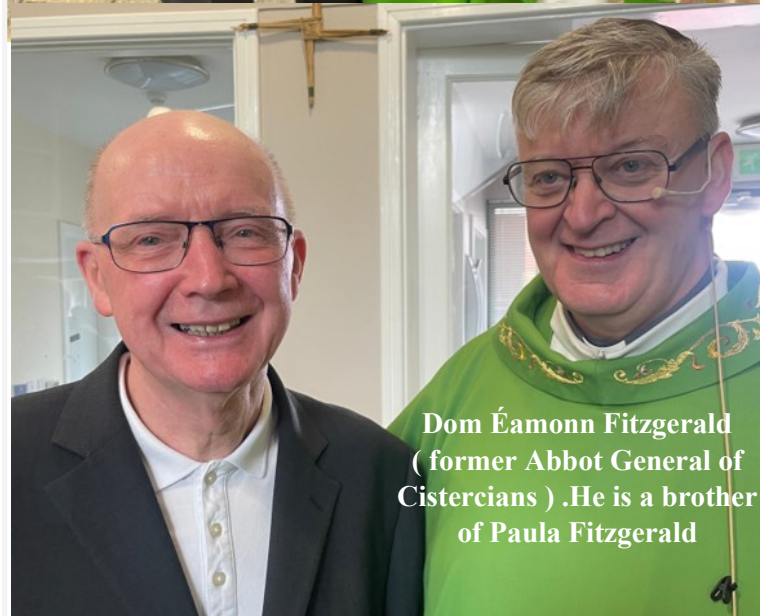
Here are a few dates for your diary, more details to follow.

**Friday 18th September 7.00pm -8.30pm
Balally Rambling House**

**Saturday 19th September 10am - 4.00pm
Retreat with Judith Valent**

**5th/ 12th / 19th/ 26th October, 4 Mondays
Introduction to Christian Meditation with
Dr Barry White.**

With my Love & Blessing: Fr Jim



**Dom Éamonn Fitzgerald
(former Abbot General of
Cistercians) .He is a brother
of Paula Fitzgerald**

Rambling House



Balally Contemplative Parish

at Balally parish

open to everyone

friday 18th september

7pm - 8:30pm

ceol agus craic

cupán tae

rinne

board games for children and
young people

informal evening of chat,
laughter and music.

bring along your musical
instrument and your party piece

JUDITH VALENTE

LIVING THE RULE OF ST. BENEDICT TODAY

SATURDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER

BALALLY CHURCH - D16E032

BOOKINGS: BALALLY PARISH OFFICE AND AFTER MASSES

TICKET PRICE: €30



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| 11am | First talk
Yearning for Life: On Walking Up in
the Prologue of the Rule. |
| 1pm | Light lunch - Pastoral Centre. |
| 2pm | Second talk
Linking Arms: A 21 st Century Vision of
Community. |
| 3pm | Tea/Stretch break. |
| 4pm | Third talk
Relationship Repair in the Rule. |
| 6pm | Vigil Eucharist. |
| 10am | Sunday Eucharist. |

JUDITH IS AN OBLATE OF THE BENEDICTINE MONASTERY OF ST. SCHOLASTICA IN
ATCHISON, KANSAS.

HER MOST RECENT BOOKS INCLUDE "HOW TO LIVE: WHAT THE RULE OF ST. BENEDICT
TEACHES US ABOUT HAPPINESS, MEANING AND COMMUNITY," AND "THE ART OF
PAUSING, MEDITATION FOR THE OVERWORKED AND OVERWHELMED."

SHE IS A POPULAR RETREAT LEADER AND SPEAKER.



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