

DERMOT LANE SEMINAR 2026

AWAKENING THE HEART

BALALLY PARISH

3RD OCTOBER

11AM - 1PM

€15

TICKETS AT THE DOOR



TONY BATES

Contemplation is not about detaching from this life or stepping into another world. It is about becoming more deeply grounded in reality-letting beauty and compassion penetrate even the darkest corners of our lives, soften our defences, and open our hearts. This talk will explore how psychology and contemplation can work together to deepen our experience of being alive.



UPCOMING EVENTS

LEARN CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

LED BY DR. BARRY WHITE

OCTOBER 2026 - 4 MONDAYS

5TH / 12TH / 19TH / 26TH

7:30PM - 8:30PM

BALALLY PASTORAL CENTRE

DONATION €10

TICKETS AT THE DOOR



Balally
Contemplative Parish

12TH - 13TH
SEPTEMBER
2026



SEASON OF CREATION
BALALLY CONTEMPLATIVE PARISH

NEWSLETTER

Parish Office Opening Hours:

Monday to Friday
9.30am - 12.30pm

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Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 12th September 6pm Vigil Mass

Pat Muldoon Clonard (RD)

Patrick Carey (2nd Anniversary) & Lisa Walsh Carey
(13th Anniversary) & Pat Walsh.

Peter & Maggie Duffy & their Daughter Trish & all of
the deceased members of the Duffy Family.

Michael & Maud Faughy, Joe & Anna Faughy, Sally &
Brian Faughy (All Anniversaries).

Raymond Weafer/(RD).

Wedding Anniversary

Jean & Frank Gaynor (59th Wedding Anniversary)

Sunday 13th September 10am Mass

Dr. Sean O'Dwyer Wesley Lawns (RD).

Pat Muldoon Clonard (RD).

Noel Thomas O'Gorman (RD).

Christopher O'Shea (18th Anniversary).

Tony Darcy (RD).

Rosaline Rice (A).

Tom Mc. Namara (1st Anniversary).

Catherine McGovern (RD).

Tom Kirrane (RD).

Michael Fleming (RD).

Wedding Anniversary

Celine & Michael Nolan (50th Wedding Anniversary).

Today's Gospel Reflection

In the parable we find two different attitudes: God's — represented by the king who forgives a lot, because God always forgives — and that of the man. In the divine attitude justice is pervaded with mercy, whereas the human attitude is limited to justice. Jesus exhorts us to open ourselves with courage to the strength of forgiveness, because in life not everything can be resolved with justice. We know this. There is a need for that merciful love, which is also at the basis of the Lord's answer to Peter's question, which precedes the parable. (...) Today's parable helps us to grasp fully the meaning of that phrase we recite in the Lord's Prayer: "And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us" (cf. Mt 6:12). These words contain a decisive truth. We cannot demand God's forgiveness for ourselves if we in turn do not grant forgiveness to our neighbour. It is a condition: think of your end, of God's forgiveness, and stop hating. Reject resentment, that bothersome fly that keeps coming back. If we do not strive to forgive and to love, we will not be forgiven and loved either. Let us entrust ourselves to the maternal intercession of the Mother of God: May she help us to realise how much we are in debt to God, and to remember that always, so that our hearts may be open to mercy and goodness.

(Pope Francis, Angelus, 13 September 2020)

MESSAGE FROM FR. DERMOT
LANE TO ALL PARISHIONERS

To All My Friends in Balally

I had hoped that my birthday would pass unnoticed and under the radar!

However, a little birdy left Our Lady's Manor to inform the good people of Balally. This resulted in six large envelopes of birthday greetings.

One of the best things to happen to me in my life was my appointment to Balally Parish in 1992.

The love, friendship and support by the people in the parish has been overwhelming. How can I thank you adequately for your kindness over the years? The following sentiment comes to my mind immediately:

"Think where man's glory most begins and ends. Think my glory was I had such friends."

One final thought is the following:

"The experience of joy is the echo of God's love in our lives" (Abbot Marmion)

There have been many moments of joy in my life over the years. That experience of joy has kept the flame of faith alive with the radiance of God's love.

For all of that, I thank everyone from the bottom of my heart.

Affectionately,
Dermot

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS
CONTRIBUTION TO THE
COLLECTIONS 5TH - 6TH SEPTEMBER
2026

1ST COLLECTION (COMMON FUNDS)
FOR ACTIVE, SICK AND RETIRED
PRIESTS €870

2ND COLLECTION (SHARE) FOR THE
SUPPORT OF POOREST PARISHES
AND PASTORAL PROGRAMMES €375

Dates for your diary 2026.

Saturday 3rd October (Morning) Dermot Lane Seminar,
with
Dr Tony Bates & Rev Dr Gareth Byrne.

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

Monday 2nd November - All Souls Day Service 7.00pm

Thursday 5th - 12th November Visit of Abbot Jonas; (Mepkin Abbey).
Saturday 7th November: 8.00pm - Concert with Celine Byrne.

Friday 4th - 6th December: Advent Christmas Tree Festival.

With my Love & Blessing Fr Jim

PARISH EVENTS

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



11am	First talk Yearning for Life: On Walking Up in the Presence 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.



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

PARISH EVENTS

Fr. Mychal Judge was the saintly and heroic Chaplain to the New York Firefighters who was the first person to lose his life trying to rescue one of his men at the scene of the Twin Towers event in New York on the 11/9/2001. Both of his parents had emigrated from County Leitrim. His father Michael Judge from Keshcarrigan and his mother was Fallon from Drumkeeran. Leitrim County Council have created a small but beautiful Peace Park to Father Judge's memory, as can be seen in the picture on the Keshcarrigan lake shore a short walk from Keshcarrigan Village alongside the Mohill road

