

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



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.



Balally Contemplative Parish

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.



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Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 5th September 6.00pm.

Special Intention (59th Wedding
Anniversary Remembrance).

Sunday 6th September 10.00am.

John Arthur/ (A).

Judy Dalton/ (RD).

Marie Walsh (RD).

Peggy & John Delahunty/ (RD).

Kay Monaghan/ (RD).

Monday 7th September

Lay-Led Communion Service.

Wednesday 9th September 10.00am

Lay- Led Communion Service.

Friday 11th September 10.00am Lay-

Led Communion Service.



reflection by Fr. Laurence

Home, in the deepest sense of the word, is where we are at one with others, where we feel most ourselves, where we can be ourselves, where we know others and where we are known, where we are accepted and are accepting. I think that is really the whole meaning of meditation, it is the whole meaning of the Kingdom of God. It is the whole meaning of our life: to come home, to know really that we are already at home, to be at home with ourselves. You know how often and how deeply Father John spoke about meditation as the way in which we are first of all restored to ourselves, come back into touch with ourselves, so that we can move out beyond our narrow limitations to others and to God.

(Sources of Wisdom, Laurence Freeman)

Today's Gospel Reflection

The promise offers profound comfort during difficult relational moments. Repairing broken trust or holding others accountable is hard work, but Christ guarantees His active presence when we seek justice and mercy together. Right before this verse, Jesus speaks about the power of two people agreeing in prayer on earth. Unity among believers creates a spiritual alignment with heaven.

Parish Office Opening Hours:
Monday to Friday
9.30am - 12.30pm

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FOR WHERE
two or three
GATHER
IN MY NAME
I am with them
MATTHEW 18:20



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Balally Parish 400 Club Draw 30th August 2026

1. Florence Moore €1000 (39)
2. Reginald Pocock €300 (355)
3. Tony Barry €200 (69)
4. Mary Cannon €100 (194)
5. Sean Ryan €100 (177)



St. Olaf's Ladies Club
returns on Friday 11th September
at 3:30pm in St. Olaf's School
"aerobic"

A Word from Fr Jim

Dates for your diary 2026.

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

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

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



25th Anniversary of 9/11

This weekend we remember the 25th anniversary of the terrible event of the 11th September 2011. This iconic picture shows the first victim being carried out of the rubble. He is Fr. Mychael Judge, a saintly and heroic chaplain to the New York fire fighters who lost his life trying to rescue one of his men. Some have called this photo the American Pietà.

PARISH EVENTS

RAMBLING HOUSE IS PART OF CULTURE NIGHT

Rambling House



Balally Contemplative Parish

at Balally parish

open to everyone

Friday 18th September

7pm - 8:30pm

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Board games for children and
young people

informal evening of chat,
laughter and music.

Bring along your musical
instrument and your party piece