

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD BALALLY PARISH

11th January 2026

The Baptism of the Lord

Parish Office Open Hours:

Monday to Friday

9.30am 12.30

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Mass Times & Intentions:

Saturday 10th January 6.00pm Mass

Michael McCarthy (Months Mind)/ John Hannon/
Rita Ronan/ John Abon

Sunday 11th January 10.00am Mass

John Barry (4th Annv) & Bertie & Kathleen Ring/
Brian Martin (8th Annv)/ Lena Kinsella/
Anne Delany & Thomas & Kathleen Delany/
Fr Michael Kilroy

Monday 12th January 10.00am Mass

Dolores Murray & Special intention for Paddy Connolly/

Wednesday 14th January 10.00am Mass

John Weir 10th Annv)/Joe Smyth/ Nicky DiVito/ Jim Harte/
Michale Gleeson/ Aileen & Robert Foley
Ronnie Watt & Kevin Quinn/
Special Intention

Angela O' Brien & Phylis Hogan Birthday Wishes
Special Intention FCJ General Council

Friday 16th January 10.00am

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.



Reflection by Fr Laurence Freeman

The important thing as John Main says is, be yourself and meditation for him is this way in which we can be ourselves, accept ourselves as we are, at this moment and this is precisely how the breakthrough happens and a series of breakthroughs, a succession of breakthrough moments, is what we mean by the spiritual life. It's not just one big breakthrough, or break out of the prison. That's not like a prison break that just happens once. But it is a series or succession of linked moments and experiences of liberation from the imprisonment within the disordered ego, and we are released into the liberty of the Spirit. This is the defining characteristic of the self and being yourself is liberty of spirit, the freedom to be able to accept yourself realistically without having to apologise for yourself. Without feeling you have to make yourself acceptable to God or acceptable to other people who you want to impress and free from being trapped into the roles that we play, into role-playing, which is of course what the ego likes to do.

Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt sympathy
to the family and friends of
Ronnie Watt: Wedgewood
Mary White: Dundrum
May They rest in the peace of Christ



COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your very generous
response to last Sundays collections
1st Collection €440 2nd Collection € 510



Balally Parish 400 Club

Congratulations to our December winners

1st Prize €1,000: *Ann Smyth*

2nd Prize €300: *Dermot Joyce*

3rd Prize €200: *Moira McLaughlin*

4th Prize €100: *Lasariona Power*

5th Prize €100: *Rita Keane*



If you would like to Subscribe
Please contact the Parish Office 012954296

St Olaf's Ladies Club

Friday 16th January in St Olaf's School at 3.30 pm
"Aerobics"



St Nahi and
St Attracta
..our new
icons



A Word from Fr Jim

In 2025, we lost 3 great followers of Jesus. Each showed
us how to love the poor and the needy.



Pope Francis
Church as a field hospital



Brother Kevin
Feeding the hungry



Sr Stan
Housing the homeless and helping the
Spiritual Seekers, Seek

What can we do in 2026 to follow them?

With my Love & Blessing
Fr Jim



Fr Laurence and Fr Jim with
Abbot Christopher of Liguge Abbey, near Bonneveaux



A Great night,
thanks to all who came



Dundrum Churches Together



PARISH CHRISTMAS CONCERT

THURSDAY 11th Dec 7:15pm

Featuring

CELTIC CHORISTERS

Male Voice Choir

Musical Director Ethel Glancy

Balally Parish Choir

Musical Director Sarah Lane

Queen of Angels Primary school choir

Naomh Olaf Primary school choir

Tickets €10 or Family ticket €20

Balally Contemplative Parish

Dundrum/Sandyford



Reflecting on Advent and
Christmas art



Confessional in St Augustine Church
Paris, where St Charles de Foucauld
converted



Caring for the asylum seekers



Jennifer Fagan (daughter of Anne and Gerry Fagan) , the new CEO of Goal with Fr Jim and his family from Ballyroan at the GOAL MILE on St Stephen's Day in Marley