

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD BALALLY PARISH

25th January 2026

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Office Open Hours:

Monday to Friday

9.30am 12.30

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Mass Times & Intentions:

Saturday 24th January 6.00pm Mass

**Frank Gaynor Senior (64th Annv)/ Des Dowling/
Irene Lawlor/ Joe & Jenny O' Neill & Family/**

Sunday 25th January 10.00am Mass

Amy Lalor (9th Annv)/

Patrick & Barbara Murphy & their baby daughter Margaret/

Jack & Ann Keogh & their daughter Maeve/

Eoin Fitzgerald/ John Hannon/ Angela Flanagan/

Monday 26th January 10.00am

Communion Service

Wednesday 28th January 10.00am Mass

Liam Collins (5th Annv)/ Betty O' Neill (8th Annv)/

Marcella Byrne (17th Annv)/ Dorethy Sullivan/

Mary White & Mary Lyle/ Angela Flanagan

Friday 30th January 10.00am Mass

Angela Flanagan/ Michael Davitt/ Ronnie Watt/



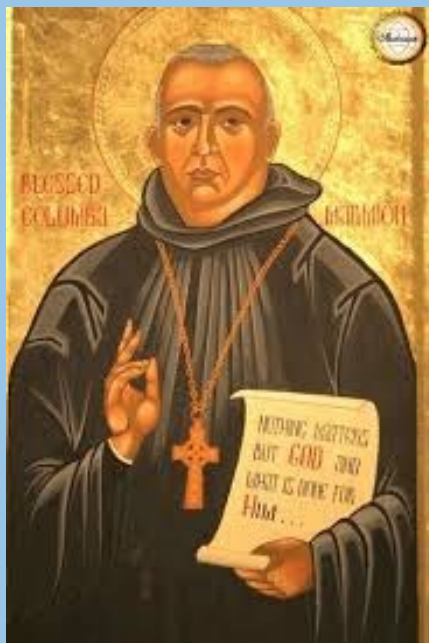
I will make you Fishers of Men

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

Some words of John Main from his collection of talks called *The Way of Unknowing*:

To awaken is to open our eyes and we open them, as St Benedict said, to the divinising light and what we see, transforms what we are.

We'll just read that again. This is really a description

of the process of breakthrough and remember,

I'm speaking about breakthrough not as just a big event, sometimes we have big moments of revelation, dramatic

changes of consciousness or ways in which we see everything. But the breakthrough itself essentially is

a process of development, we are constantly breaking through into the next stage of our journey and he's

describing it here as awakening, to become more conscious of ourselves and of our surroundings.

COLLECTION

Thank you for your very generous response to last Sundays collections
1st Collection €775 2nd Collection €470



Balally Parish 400 Club

Next draw will take place **25th January**

If you would like to **Subscribe**

Please contact the Parish Office **012954296**



St Olaf's Ladies Club

Friday 30th January in St Olaf's School at 3.30pm

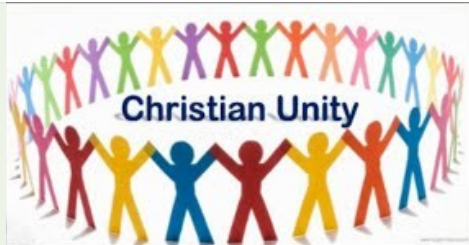
“Talk by Dundrum Historian John Lennon “

Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of

Carole Kilscooley: Dun Emer

May she rest in the peace of Christ



CHURCH UNITY WEEK

EVENING PRAYER: BALALLY

SUNDAY 25TH JANUARY @ 7.00PM

PREACHER: REV STEPHAN TAYLOR

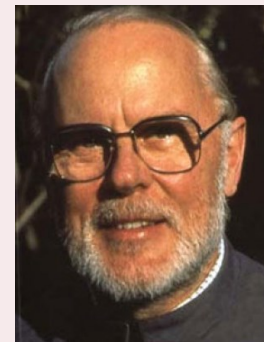
(DUNDRUM METHODIST CHURCH)

A Word from Fr Jim

100 years old this week



Fr Eddie Randles, with Fr Fintan (Paddy) Lyons, Glenstal Abbey were the founding fathers of Balally parish. We will commemorate Fr Randles 100th anniversary of his birth this Sunday 25th January.



Fr John Main OSB

He discovered Christian Meditation - a gift to our parish. His successor, Fr Laurence Freeman OSB will celebrate the Contemplative Mass this **Tuesday 27th January @ 7.00pm** and speak on his life and legacy

**With My Love & Blessing
Fr Jim**





Balally Contemplative Parish

Living the Rule Together



Seeking God in community, prayer and daily life

What

- Explorations of key themes in the Rule of St. Benedict.

When

- One Saturday per month starting January 31st 2026.

Where

- Balally Centre. Pastoral

Time

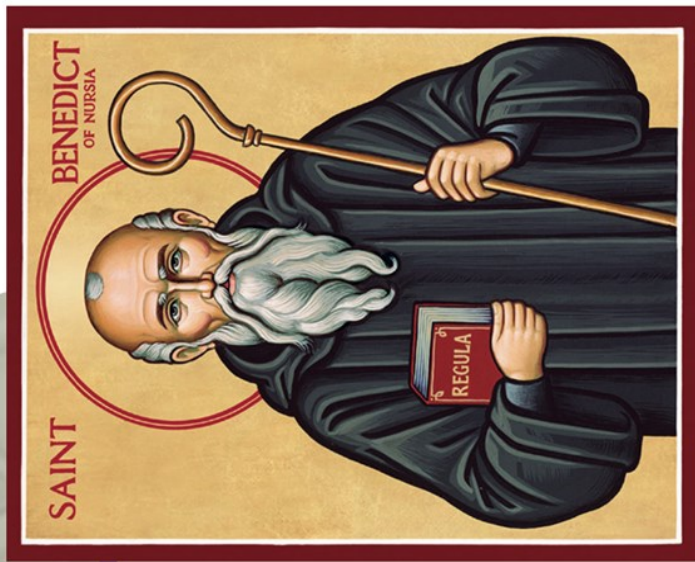
- 3pm-7pm

Price

- €50 per person.

Who is it for?

- For spiritual seekers
- For those interested in living the Benedictine Rule in the modern world in the monastery without walls.
- For those who might be considering becoming Oblates of the WCCM Community.



Formation in Benedictine Spirituality

Living the Rule Together

Programme

When

- January 31st
- February 28th
- March 28th
- April 25th
- May 30th
- June 27th
- September 26th
- October 31st (Halloween)
- November 28th
- December 12th

Theme of the day

- Who and what is the Rule of St. Benedict
- Hospitality (Terry Doyle)
- Community
- Lectio Divina and reading the Rule
- Care for common home
- Prayer and meditation
- Stability
- The Abbot and leadership
- Oblates in WCCM
- Humility

Day's flow

- 3pm Theme of the day
- 3:45pm Meditation
- 4:15pm Tea/Coffee break
- 4:45pm Sharing and discussion
- 5:15pm Lectio Divina (preparing for Mass)
- 6pm Mass