

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD BALALLY PARISH

28th June 2026

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary

Parish Office Open Hours:

Monday to Friday

9.30am 12.30

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Mass Times & Intentions:

Saturday 27th June 6.00pm vigil Mass

Seamus & Dorine Davin/ Barry Moloney/ Ina Doyle

Kevin O' Malley 12th Annv

& deceased members of the O' Malley Family

Special Intention (For Peter, Judi & Family)

Sunday 28th June 10.00am Mass

Michael McCormack (3rd Annv)/ Catherine Ryan (11th Annv)/

Nollaig Mac Giolla Átha/ Colm Brady/ John Blyth (3rd Annv)/

Special Intention (Get well from Surgery)

Monday 29th June 10.00am Mass

Communion Service

Wednesday 1st July 10.00am Mass

Communion Service

Friday 3rd July 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

Fidelity in meditation, regularity, perseverance, allows us to gradually break through the wall. So there's a breakthrough that happens. Maybe one brick falls out, we find small changes occurring in our personality, our temperament, a deeper patience, a deeper kindness to others, a deeper sense of our own goodness, a capacity to love that surprises us and the joy that is not dependent on external circumstances. In other words, the fruits of the Spirit and as this brick wall of the ego begins to deconstruct or to become what it should be, which is a help and a convenience rather than a prison, then the fruits of the Spirit really begin to manifest themselves in the life of conversion and we are able to see that these beneficial results and fruits of the practice of Meditation and I think we can see the connection between them, that these fruits of the Spirit are in fact signs of the divinisation that is taking place in us, which is the purpose of our existence.

It's why we are here.

COLLECTION

Thank you for your very generous response to last Sundays collections
1st Collection €745 2nd Collection €440



Balally Parish 400 Club

**June draw will take place 4th July,
1st Sunday of the month.
This is a change from original date 28th June**



If you would like to subscribe

Please contact the Parish Office 012954296

**There will be NO 6.00pm Mass for
the Month of July.**

Dates are 4th , 11th , 18th and 25th

There will be Masses at 6.00pm in Ballinteer

The **Peter's Pence** collection will take place this weekend, **27th /28th June**, the Sunday before the liturgical Feast of Saints Peter and Paul.

This special collection replaces the second collection at Mass, the Share collection.



A Word from Fr Jim

Summer is a time for pause...

Here are some dates for your diary in the autumn.

- Balally Rambling House : Friday 18th Sept.
- Retreat day—Judith Valente Saturday 19th Sept 10-4pm
- 4 Mondays - How to do Christian Meditation with

Dr Barry White **5th / 12th /19th/26th October 7.30– 9.00pm**

- Dermot Lane Seminar: Saturday 3rd October.
- Arvo Part in N.C.A Sunday 1st November.
- All Souls 2nd November 7.00pm
- Parish Funding: Concert: Celine Byrne Sat 7th Nov 7pm
- Visit of Abbot Jonas (Mepkin Abbey) Nov 8th
- Christmas Tree Festival: **4th/5th /6th December**
- And remember 2027— our parish is 50 yrs old

With my Love & Blessing

Fr Jim

“My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that

I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you and I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire and I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.” **Thomas Merton, Thoughts in Solitude**

Poster found in a Church in France... (translated):

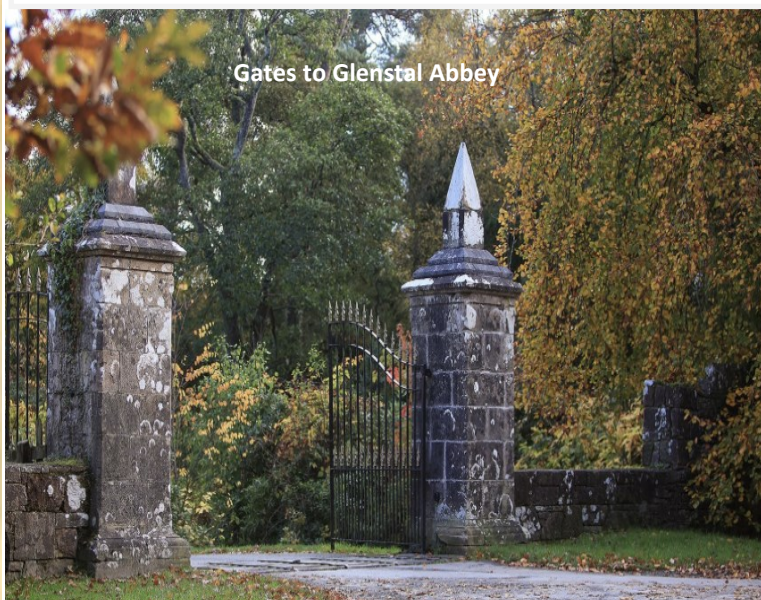


"When you enter this church it may be possible that you hear "the call of God".

However, it is unlikely that He will call you on your mobile.

Thank you for turning off your phones. If you want to talk to God, enter, choose a quiet place and talk to Him. If you want to see Him, send Him a text while driving."

Gates to Glenstal Abbey





Survey

Introduction

Dear Parishioner, thank you for taking part in this short survey. Our Partnership forms part of a wider pilot programme that is currently underway, as recently referred to at Mass. The pilot, called ***Funding Mission in Partnership***, is supported by the Archdiocese and focused on building vibrant, financially sustainable parish communities for the future.

Your feedback is important. It will not only help guide local planning within our Partnership of Parishes, but will also contribute to shaping how parish partnerships develop across the Archdiocese of Dublin in the years ahead.

As parishes and parish partnerships, along with the wider Church, continue to evolve (for example in areas such as Mass attendance, lay participation, and youth engagement), we are seeking to better understand how parishioners and others may wish to grow in their involvement and support in the life and mission of the Church.

About this survey:

- It can be anonymous
- It should take no more than 5–10 minutes to complete — please do so by Monday, 6th JULY
- Responses will be reviewed by the Office for Financial Development at the Archdiocese of Dublin and will help inform future decisions both locally and across the Diocese
- All feedback will be used solely for these purposes and securely deleted at the end of the project

We are very grateful for your time and input.

Please scan the QR code to begin:

