

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD BALALLY PARISH

7th June 2026

*The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ*

Parish Office Open Hours:

**Monday to Friday**

**9.30am 12.30**

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## Mass Times & Intentions:

**Saturday 6th June 6.00pm vigil Mass**

*Dez Shanley (9th Annv) & Ita Shanley (60th Annv)/*

*Carol Fitzpatrick (16th Annv)/Bridgee Kilduff (26th Annv)/*

*Mary Whelan/ Special Intention (In Thanksgiving)*

**Sunday 7th June 10.00am Mass**

*Alicia O' Keeffe (Months Mind)/ Fr Padraig McCarthy (1st Annv)/*

*Austin Quirke (1st Annv)/ Michael Keane (10th Annv)/*

*John Slattery (13th Annv)/ PJ O' Callaghan/*

**Monday 8th June 10.00am Mass**

**Communion Service**

**Wednesday 10th June 10.00am Mass**

*William Maher Senior & William Maher Junior/ Mary Whelan/*

*Noel Delaney/ Eileen Sheehan/ Special Intention/William Byrne/*

*Bridget Carr & John Fleming/*

*Stephen Bailey & Josie O'Donohue Keane*

**Friday 12th June 10.00am**

**Confirmations: Queen of Angels 11.00am/St Olaf's 4.00pm**



'I am the living bread which has come  
down from heaven.

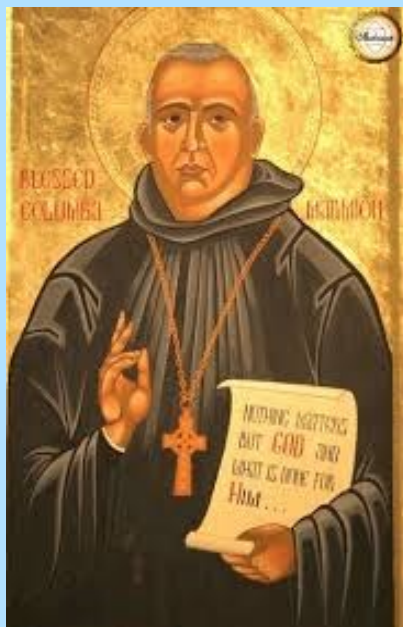
Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;  
and the bread that I shall give is my flesh,  
for the life of the world.'

## 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

A condition for allowing the breakthrough process to  
continue is patience, or the ability to wait.

Because of the instant culture that we live in – instant  
results and same day delivery – we've rather lost the  
art of waiting and we want to speed everything up,  
although nature can't really be speeded up.

So we have to re-learn what this art of waiting as part  
of our cultivation of the spirit, the field, really means.

Rather than thinking about it as something we have  
to be frustrated by – because we're not getting  
what we want immediately so we get impatient and  
frustrated – we can think of it in a very different way.

We can think of it in a creative way.

## Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt sympathy  
to the family and friends of  
**Barry Maloney: Clonard Park**  
May he rest in the peace of Christ



## COLLECTION

Thank you for your very generous  
response to last Sundays collections  
1st Collection € 875 2nd Collection €515



## Balally Parish 400 Club

Congratulations to our May winners

1st Prize €1,000: *Eileen Collins*

2nd Prize €300: *Claire McGrath*

3rd Prize €200: *Liam Kavanagh*

4th Prize €100: *Sabrina Moffett*

5th Prize €100 : *Valerie Slattery*



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Please contact the Parish Office 012954296

We invite all our international friends to attend  
10am Mass on Sunday 14th June.

All Family members wear your national dress  
(both Male & Female)

Help the parish by participating and bring along  
extended family and friends.



Emma ( our former colleague) and  
David on wedding day in Virginia  
USA

## A Word from Fr Jim

Next Sunday **June 14th** is International Sunday in Balally.  
All welcome to come in your national costumes/ outfits/

GAA/ sports jerseys or string vests.

Anyone interested in helping to organise the Mass  
please see Thomas Augustine after Mass this weekend

**With my Love & Blessing**  
**Fr Jim**

## Reflection: God is an Apron.

Supper was special that night  
There was both a heaviness and a holiness hanging in the air.  
We couldn't explain the mood  
It was sacred, yet sorrowful  
Gathered around that table eating that solemn, holy meal  
seemed to us the most important meal  
we had ever sat down to eat.

We were dwelling in the heart of mystery.  
Though dark the night  
Hope felt right as if something evil was about to be  
conquered and then suddenly the one we loved startled us all.

He got up from the table and put on an apron  
Can you imagine how we felt?

***God is an apron,***

Tenderness encircled us as he bowed before us

***"I choose to wash your feet because I love you"***  
God is an apron, kneeling I couldn't believe my eyes  
I was embarrassed until his eyes met mine

I sensed my value then

He touched my feet

He held them in his strong, brown hands

He washed them

I can still feel the water

I can still feel that touch of his hands

I can still see the look in his eyes

Then he handed me the towel and said

***"As I have done so you must do"***

Learn to bow, learn to kneel

Let your tenderness encircle everyone you meet  
Wash their feet not because you have to, because you want to.  
It seems I've stood two thousand years holding the towel in  
my hands.

***"As I have done so you must do"*** keeps echoing in my heart

"There are so many feet to wash" I keep saying

"No" I hear God's voice resounding through the years,

***"What you do for them you do for me"***

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