

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

BALALLY PARISH

22nd December 2024 – 6th January 2025

Christmas Edition



Parish Office Open Hours:

Monday to Friday

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Mass Times & Intentions:

Saturday 21st December 6.00pm Mass

Joe Lynam (14th annv)/ Andrew Watt (20th annv)

Teresa O' Dowd

Sunday 22nd December 10.00am Mass

James McMahon (12th annv)/ Sean Whelan 16th (annv)/

Brian Kerrigan (1st Annv & Helen Kerrigan (12th annv)/

Victor Marin Del Sol (6th annv)

Monday 23rd December

NO MASS

Tuesday 24th December

Christmas Eve: 6.00pm Mass: Maranatha Chorus

Larry Fenlon & Eamon Mackle/ Roger O' Shea/

Willie McCabe

8.00pm Mass: Choir

Noel McCarthy & Paul & Clodagh Meade

10.00pm: Contemplative Mass

Wednesday 25th December

Christmas Day: 10.00am Mass: Choir

Ger Mc Carney (4th annv)/Patrick Hartin (10th annv)/

Special Intention (Birthday Remembrance for John Weir)

Special Intention (For Nora & Daniel Henderson)

Thursday 26th December

St Stephen's Day : 10am Mass

Mary Supple & Marie Webb

Friday 27th December 10.00am Mass

Paddy Carey & Pat Vasiliou

Saturday 28th December 6.00pm Mass

Sunday 29th December 10.00am Mass

Michael Doherty (2nd annv)/ Patricia Hynes (32nd annv)

Monday 30th December 10.00am Mass

Mark Granville/ Aidan Martin

Tuesday 31st December

New Years Eve:

Contemplative Mass 7.00pm

Wednesday 1st January

New Years Day: 10.00am Mass

Mrs Catherine Burke

Friday 3rd January 10.00am Mass

Altar List of the Dead

Saturday 4th January 6.00pm Mass

Special Intention X2 (In Thanksgiving)

Sunday 5th January 10.00am Mass

Dick, Anne, Noel, & Pamela Saunders & Mary

& Alice Lee & Keith Kelly

Monday 6th January 10.00am Mass (Feast of the Epiphany)

Sylvia Duff/ John Duncan



For unto us a child is born.

Unto us a son is given:

Isaiah 9:6

Christmas Reflection : Fr Laurence Freeman

Christ was born at Bethlehem and that is a marvellous, historical fact.

But it is a fact that is completed. It was completed in the past so that now he must be born in our hearts.

Our hearts must be made ready for him.

There must be room for him in the inn of our heart. That is all meditation is a readying and opening of our heart for the birth of Christ

COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your very generous response to last Sundays collections

1st Collection € 825 & 2nd collection €510

All collections over Christmas counted in New year



Balally Parish 400 Club

Draw will take place 29th December

If you would like to Subscribe

Please contact the Parish Office 012954296



Naomh Olaf Club Notes



Naomh Olaf A.G.M. was held in the Clubhouse on **Thursday the 5th December 2024** when the following Committee was elected for 2025.

Chairperson Shane Whyte. Vice Chairperson, Eoin Kinsella, Secretary, Sarah Kinsella, Registrar, Colm McInerney, Treasurer, Mary-Maud O'Malley, Vice Treasurer, Dermot Brosnan, Officer for Irish Language and Culture, Aodhagán MacCoitir, P. R.O. Emer Cleary, Membership Officer, Eoin Doyle, Players Representative, Ross Donovan, Committee Members, Terence O'Halloran, Kevin Berrane, Jennifer Pimlott, Rory Kennelly, and Maoiliosa O' Dubhthaigh. Saturday last was the occasion of Santa's annual visit to Naomh Olaf.

A large number of children were there to greet him. Santa was in very good form and was delighted to have the children around him. He spoke to each one of them and as they were all very good he had presents for all of them.

Nollaig Shona, agus Athbliain faoi Mhaise.

During the month of November 2024 the Tap and Go machines in Balally Parish collected €1,204.

This is split 60% to the Common Fund and 40% to Share.

A Word from Fr Jim

On behalf of Fr Dermot, Cinzia and myself I wish you the peace and joy of Christmas. Thank you to all who contributed to a beautiful Advent.

Our time of preparation was blessed by Contemplation & Service, i.e

Advent Retreat, Carols in Dundrum Centre, Simpsons hospital, Silent Sabbath, collection for St Vincent de Paul, clothes for the asylum seekers in Dundrum, training in English lessons for refugees, Morning & Evening prayer in the Icon Chapel

Our collaboration with Taney was wonderful
We look forward to seeing you at Christmas.

Christmas Eve Masses:

6.00pm: Maranatha Chorus

8.00pm: Choir

10.00pm: Contemplative Mass (Lane Room)

Christmas Day: 10.00am: Choir

St Stephen's Day: 10.00am Mass

We also invite you to join us on New Year's Eve, which can be a lovely night.

7.00pm Contemplative Mass

8.00pm—11.00pm: Quiet time with Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, Rosary etc.

11.30pm: Meditation & Celebration of New Year & opening of Jubilee'25 'Holy Door' at Midnight
A Blessed Christmas & New Year to all

With My Love & Blessing
Fr Jim

Advent Carols in Balally



First Silent Sabbath...Sunday 15th December



Carol Singing in Dundrum with Taney and Methodist for Lighthouse and Laura Lynn (€2,500 collected)

