

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

BALALLY PARISH

21st December 2025— 4th January 2026

Christmas Edition



Parish Office Open Hours:

Monday to Friday

9.30am 12.30

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Mass Times & Intentions:

Saturday 20th December 6.00pm Mass

John Hannon (Months Mind)/Joseph Smyth Months Mind/
Special Intention (Thank you to all who have supported the
Hannon Family)/ Flannan (Flan) McCarthy 1st Annv/
Sean & Mary Dillon/ Joan & Pat Keogh/

Sunday 21st December 10.00am Mass

Sylvia Duffy (1st Annv)

Bill O' Brien 1st Annv & Colin O' Brien/
Joe Lynam 15th Annv/ Sean Whelan 17th Annv/
Brian Kerrigan 2nd Annv, Helen Kerrigan 13th Annv &
Thomas Kerrigan 34th Annv/

Monday 22nd December

Communion Service

Wednesday 24th December

Christmas Eve: 6.00pm Mass: Children & Families

Teresa O' Dowd/ Shane & Michael Carrigy/Olga Moran

8.00pm Mass: Choir

James McMahon/ Special Intention (John Weir)/
(100th Birthday wishes for Sr Marie Hayes FCJ)/

10.00pm: Contemplative Mass

Thursday 25th December

Christmas Day: 11.00am Mass: Choir

Gerard Mc Carney (5th Annv)/ Nora Reid/
Pat Hartin (11th Annv) Andrew Watt/

Special Intention(Roseleen Keegan & Lillie Morris

Friday 26th December

St Stephen's Day: 9.30am Mass

Mary Supple/George Webb 1st Annv & Marie Webb 36th Annv
Michael McCarthy/

Saturday 27th December 6.00pm Mass

John Hannon/Sean Clarke/

Deceased members of the Daniel Family

Sunday 28th December 10.00am Mass

Michael Doherty (3rd Annv)/Patricia Hynes 34th Annv)/
Gabrielle Flyun & Mr & Mrs J O' Brien & Mr & Mrs A Fagan

Monday 29th December 10.00am

Communion Service

Wednesday 31st December 10.00am

Communion Service

Thursday 1st January New Years Day

Communion Service

Friday 2nd January 10.00am Mass

Communion Service

Saturday 3rd January 6.00pm Mass

John Hannon & Tom McNamara/ Joe Smyth/
Nora Purcell/ Raymond Walker/ Peader O' Boyle (Get well)/
Deceased members of the Hannon, O' Connor, Tonra Families

Sunday 4th January 10.00am Mass

Catherine Burke/ Dick & Anne Saunders & Saunders Family/
Henry Kelly/ John Hannon/ Matt Kennelly/
Special Intention John Kane (Birthday Remembrance)



Christmas Reflection: Fr Laurence Freeman

Christmas is a time of gift-giving. A gift is not just a cheap novelty, but something that brings newness, renewing our relationships and changing our way of being. If we can learn to freely give and accept a gift, we can enter into a new kind of relationship.

The newness of the birth of Jesus is God's incarnational gift to us, a gift we learn to accept through the practice of meditation. The light of Christmas is the first light of the Resurrection. It catches all in its radiance, the living and the dead, joy and grief, those near and those far away. Each time we meditate we are united in this light, which now shines not just cyclically but continuously in our deepest centre.

COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your very generous response to last Sundays collections



Weekend of 13th & 14th December 2025
6pm First collection only & 10am First Collection only
1st Collection €790 share collections (VDP)

Balally Parish 400 Club

Next draw will take place 28th December
If you would like to Subscribe
Please contact the Parish Office 012954296



St. Vincent de Paul, Annual Christmas Collection, December 2025 To Balally Parishioners



On behalf of the local conference I would like to express our thanks and appreciation for your wonderful support for our Annual Christmas Collection on the weekend of **13th & 14th December 2025.**

Your contributions of **€7,031euro** have enabled us to continue supporting families and individuals who seek our assistance. Over the years you have given us tremendous support and on behalf of the families and individuals we help, we express our thanks and appreciation.

With Thanks
Liam Casey

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, Morning & Evening prayer in the Icon Chapel Food collection for Carrickmines. Our collaboration with Taney was wonderful **We look forward to seeing you at Christmas.**

Christmas Eve Masses:

6.00pm: Children & Families

8.00pm: Choir

10.00pm: Contemplative Mass (Lane Room)

Christmas Day: 11.00am: Choir

St Stephen's Day: 9.30am Mass

We also invite you to join us on New Year's Eve, which can be a lonely night
11.00pm : Quiet time with Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, & Rosary etc.

11.40pm Meditation, Midnight Celebration of New year 2026 in Francis Cafe

A Blessed Christmas & New Year to all

With My Love & Blessing
Fr Jim

Food collection for Carrickmines



Queen of Angels in Dundrum Town Centre





Matilda ...RIP Bondi Beach , Sydney ,
Australia , December 2025



New icons in Icon Chapel.
St Nahi of Dundrum
and St Attracta



Fr Dermot with Cinzia and
Rev Nigel



Pilgrimage on wheels



Clothes for asylum seekers

Christmas Concert in Balally



Advent Reflection with Dr Maureen Ryan