CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
BALALLY PARISH

6th April 2025

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Parish Office Open Hours:
Monday to Friday
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Mass Times & Intentions:

Saturday 5th April .00pm Mass

Michael & Kathleen Sheehy/ Josephine Clarke

Sunday 6th April 10.00am Mass

Esther Duggan (1st Annv)/ Noel Cullen (7th Annv)/
Dermot Coffey (40th Annv)

Monday 7th April 10.00am Mass

George Sinclair, Maureen Johnson & Vincent Molony/
Marie Therese Reynolds

Wednesday 9th April 10.00am Mass

Mary Moran/ Dr Brian Lane

Friday 11th April 10.00am Mass

Peg Waters/ Isabelle Kelly

We remember Pope Francis in our prayers.

Reflection by Fr Laurence Freeman

What are we doing in meditation? We are doing something very simple, very profound, and very transformative; we are *paying attention*. When I say that we are letting go of our images and our desires as they arise in the form of distractions, we're not fighting them. We're not saying, 'That's bad, I shouldn't be feeling that, I shouldn't be wanting that, I shouldn't be having that. 'We are not judging them as they arise. We know they're there, we accept them. We're not trying to suppress them, because if you try to suppress them you'll lose. What we do is we take our attention off them and so, with infinite patience, you are simply letting go. It's like a ship going through the water.

You steer your way through the waves of the mind, the desires, the images, the fantasies, the memories, the plans. Gently, one by one, you let them go by taking your attention off them and we do that by giving our attention to the mantra. That's how it works. .

Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt sympathy
to the family and friends of

Isabelle Kelly: Wedgewood

May she rest in the peace of Christ

COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your very generous
response to last Sundays collections
1st Collection € 965 2nd Collection € 525

Balally Parish 400 Club

Congratulations to our March winners

1st Prize €1.000 : Michael Browne
2nd Prize €300: Anne O' Shea
3rd Prize €200: Attracta Kennelly
4th Prize €100: Sabrina Moffet
5th Prize €100: Jack Horgan

If you would like to Subscribe
Please contact the Parish Office 012954296

Naomh Olaf Club Notes

Hurling is more than just a game it's a tradition, a passion and testament to commitment and teamwork. The Naomh Olaf Junior Hurler of the Year Award winner 2024 Liam Quigley is someone who embodies these values. Liam is a shining example of dedication. His unwavering attendance and commitment to his team set a standard for everyone around him. Liam's reliability and determination inspire his teammates to give their all. He reminds us that success doesn't come from talent alone but from showing up, working hard and staying true to the spirit of the game. Liam, you've not only earned this award but also the gratitude of your teammates and of the community. There will be a family fun day at the new Skills Wall at the Clubhouse on Saturday the 21st June 2025, celebrating the end of the (juvenile) season. In relation to the Skills Wall there is still time to buy a Brick and cement your name and the names of your family in this Generational Development.
If you are interested please contact our Club Secretary Sarah Kinsella, telephone 086-1501749
or email: Secretary.naomholaf.dublin@gaa.ie

unicef

Holy Cross Parish, on behalf of Dundrum Churches together, would like to invite you to ...

LENTEN LUNCHES SUPPORTING
THE CHILDREN OF GAZA (UNICEF)

EVERY TUESDAY OF LENT

8th & 15th April

12:30pm to 2:30pm

Holy Cross Parish Pastoral Centre, Main street, Dundrum
Come and join us for some homemade soup, brown bread and cake and help us raise money for the children of Gaza

A Word from Fr Jim

We remember Dr Brian Lane in our prayers. Brian is the brother of Fr Dermot and we express our love and solidarity in these challenging days for Fr Dermot.

Next Saturday we have our Leonard Cohen retreat, preparing for Holy Week and Easter. Leonard is a poet, songwriter, mystic and a spiritual seeker. I invite all spiritual seekers to join us.
(See poster at the back of the newsletter)

With My Love & Blessing
Fr Jim

MSC Missions (Missionaries of the Sacred Heart)

"Have you ever dreamed of walking the Camino. This **September** join the MSC Missions as we walk the shaded lanes and valleys of the **Camino Frances** walking from Saria to Santiago in Spain. We will then visit Fatima for a short pilgrimage. We are being led on this spiritual journey by Fr Tony Horgan MSC. For more details of this fundraising pilgrimage **ring Valerie at 021 454 3988** or email **valerie.buckley@mscmissions.ie**

On behalf of **Return to Nature** I would like to thank all those who supported our 'Spring Meitheal' on Saturday 22nd March. In particular we are grateful to all who worked so hard on the day, those who contributed seasonal plants and bulbs, those who made financial donations and DLR CoCo Environmental Dept for their grant funding. **Many thanks, Paul Murphy**

The next Alzheimer Café takes place
Wednesday 9th April 7pm - 9pm

Topic: Enhancing and Enabling Communication in Dementia
Speaker: Áine Lawlor,
Speech and Language Therapy Manager, HSE

Balally Parish Pastoral Centre.

Tea & a Talk. Free to all who are living with dementia or caring for them.

HOLY WEEK IN BALALLY 2025

Palm Sunday: Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 10.00am Mass.
Confessions after 10.00am Mass

Spy Wednesday: Homeless street walk in Dublin,
leave Balally 1.30pm, cost €5

Holy Thursday: 10.00am Morning Prayer (Icon Chapel)
7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
followed by Gethsemane vigil until 10.00pm and concludes with Glenstal compline (Night Prayer)

Good Friday: Morning Prayer 10.00am (Icon Chapel)
12.00noon Stations of the Cross
2.30pm Celebration of the Lord' Passion
and then followed by the **7 Churches Pilgrimage...**
Balally, Methodist Church Dundrum, Ballinteer, Taney Meadowbrook, St Nahi's, Holy Cross Church, Dundrum .

Holy Saturday: 10.00am Morning Prayer (Icon Chapel) followed by reflection.
6.00pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday: 10.00am Maranatha Chorus

'Spring Meitheal' workday on Saturday, 22nd March

SEAN GOAN

Balally Contemplative Parish

Saturday 12th April 10:30am-4pm

Sean Goan retreat on Leonard Cohen

"Journeying Into Holy Week with the Songs of Leonard Cohen"

Leonard Cohen's lyrics continue to be a source of inspiration for countless numbers of people trying to make sense of life in what seems like a spiritual wilderness. During this time of reflection we shall consider how his image of **"inhabiting a biblical landscape"** might assist us in preparing for Holy Week and finding God in the events that unfold in the last week of Jesus' life.

Booking required
Ticket €20

Booking contact:
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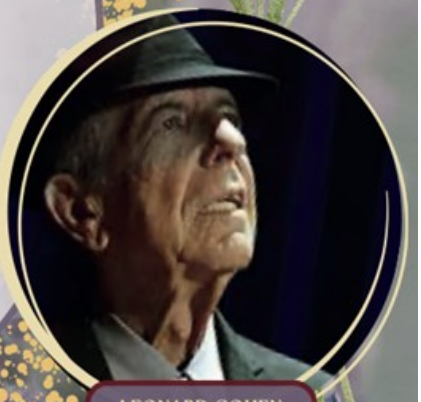

LEONARD COHEN

Balally, Ballinteer, Dundrum, Meadowbrook Parish Partnership

Archdiocese of Dublin
Ard Deoise Atha Cliath

Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to

Knock

Saturday 26th April 2025

Departure from Balally Church 8:15 am
Back to Balally 9:30 pm Approx.

Please contact your parish office to book a ticket
Cost is €60 per person to secure a place which includes
bus, tea/coffee, with scone on the way and an evening meal on the way home.

Early booking is advisable.
Payment confirms your place