

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD BALALLY PARISH

19th January 2025

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Office Open Hours:

Monday to Friday

9.30am 12.30

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Mass Times & Intentions:

Saturday 18th January 6.00pm Mass

Flannan (Flan) McCarthy Months Mind

Robbie O' Connor (8th Annv)/

Sunday 19th January 10.00am Mass

Sylvia Duffy (Months mind)/ Patricia Brannigan/

Flannan (Flan) McCarthy Months mind/

Eddie O' Riordan (1st Annv) & Stasia O' Riordan/

Margaret Kavanagh (17th Annv)/

John & Frances Reidy/ Terry Byrne (9th Annv)

Monday 20th January 10.00am Mass

John Lombard/ Flan McCarthy/ Mr Mackle/

Timmy O' Keeffe/ Maureen Keenan & Bill O' Brien

Wednesday 22nd January 10.00am Mass

Terry O' Neill/ Bill O' Brien & Flan McCarthy/

Mary O' Grady & George Webb/ Special Intention X2

Friday 24th January 10.00am Mass

Flan McCarthy & Bill O' Brien/

Tommy & Sue Corkery (1st Annv)

Molly Halpin/ Maura Wojdyla



Sacred Words from the Dalai Lama



“ The true purpose of all major religious traditions transcends grand external structures. Instead , it lies in the sacred endeavour to construct inner temples of goodness and compassion within our hearts. These temples, invisible to the eye, are sanctuaries where empathy blooms, kindness flourishes and love radiates. They are the quiet chambers where we nurture our souls, seeking solace and understanding. In this profound perspective, the heart becomes the true sanctuary, a place where faith, humility and empathy intertwine. It is not the towering spires or ornate facades that define our spiritual journey, but the gentle whispers of compassion that echo within. These inner sanctuaries are open to all, transcending boundaries, dogmas and rituals. They invite us to cultivate virtues that transcend mere belief, touching the essence of our shared humanity. So let us build these inner temples with care, brick by brick, thought by thought. Let us adorn them with acts of kindness, forgiveness and understanding. For within these sacred spaces, we discover the universal truth that compassion knows no creed and goodness transcends religious labels.”

Reflection by Fr Laurence Freeman

The children love to meditate. You just need to show them how and you can meditate with them and with a little bit of help and nurturing and support, you will find that they will love it and they ask for it and when they move up the school from one year to the next, they will say to the new teacher, ‘When are we going to do our meditation?’ ‘*Unless you become like little children...*’ (Mt 18:3).’ So this is a little insight into what Jesus meant and also what Thomas Aquinas meant when he said it is simple. Simple, not easy. Sometimes it is difficult, sometimes it is hard, but it is simple. This is something I think that the Christian contemplative tradition desperately, on behalf of our ailing culture and society, needs to recover and teach.

COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your very generous response to last Sundays collections
1st Collection € 800 2nd Collection € 265
Feast of the Epiphany €200 (Total)



Balally Parish 400 Club
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Naomh Olaf Club Notes



The death of Bill O'Brien took place on the 29th December 2024. Bill was born in Keel Castlemaine County Kerry in 1935. He attended Castlemaine Primary School, St. Brendan's Secondary School and Pallaskenry Agricultural College. He worked with the Land Commission before joining An Garda Siochana in 1958. He served as a Garda in Sundrive Road, as a D/Garda in the Fraud Squad and as a D/Sergeant in Rathfarnham. He married Máire Hodgins of Dublin in 1966. Their marriage was blessed with three children, John, the late Colin and Dermot. Bill was one of the founder members of Naomh Olaf G.A.A. Club.. He was Vice Chairman of its first Committee. He served as Chairman in 1984 and for many years on its Executive Committee. He was one of the Club's Trustees. He served as the Club's delegate to various Boards. He was team mentor of a number of teams. He organized an overnight trip to Kerry for his football team on a number of occasions for a game with his home Club. Bill helped to maintain the playing pitches. He was a fundraiser extraordinaire. His loss to Naomh Olaf is incalculable.

St Olaf's Ladies Club

Friday 24th January in St Olaf's School at 3.30
"Aerobics"



Here are some dates for your diary

Saturday 25th January

Reunion with Fr Fintan Lyons (Glenstal) - 1.00pm
Mass Followed by a light meat tea

Sunday 26th January

Welcome Sunday and Maranatha Chorus: 10.00am Mass

Saturday 15th March

Ecumenical Pilgrimage to Kildare

Saturday 26th April

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

Word from Fr Jim

This week all the Churches celebrate the week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Our local celebration is in Taney at 7.00pm this Sunday 19th January and all are welcome from Balally, Dundrum, Meadowbrook and Ballinteer, with our Methodist friends. Cars will leave Balally at 6.40pm. The Carmelite Sisters in Upper Kilmacud Road also have a wonderful programme at 4.30pm daily live in the Convent and online.

Sat 18th: The Fatherhood and care of God who rules the universe: Rev. Simon Nolan O. Carm, Provincial order of Carmelites.

Mon 20th: The Incarnation of the Son: Ms Ellen Moisselle, Chaplin, Holy Child School, Killiney.

Tues 21st: The Paschal Mystery: Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus: Reflection by Carmelite Sister.

Wed 22nd: The Holy Spirit, the giver of life and joy
Rev Martin Sauter, Lutheran Church.

Thurs 23rd: The Church Community of Believers
Rev Nigel Pierpoint, Taney, Church of Ireland, Dundrum.

Fri 24th: Baptism into the Death and Resurrection of the Lord. Dr Paul Manook, Armenian Apostolic Church of Ireland.

Sat 25th: Waiting for the Kingdom and the life to come.
Rev Kevin Conroy, St Brigid's, Church of Ireland Stillorgan.

With My Love & Blessing: Fr Jim

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GODLY PLAY IRELAND

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WHERE?

Mater Dei Centre for
Catholic Education, DCU St
Patrick's Campus, Dublin 9.

WHEN?

25th January, 2025*
8th February, 2025*
22nd February, 2025*
9 a.m. - 5 p.m. each day

*You must be able to attend all three days and bring your own lunch. Tea/coffee provided.

REGISTER NOW

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COST?

€300