

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD BALALLY PARISH

1st December 2024

First Sunday of Advent



Parish Office Open Hours:

Monday to Friday

9.30am 12.30

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Mass Times & Intentions:

Saturday 30th November 6.00pm Mass

Seamus Coughlan (4th annv)

Sunday 1st December 10.00am Mass

Cecil Maxwell (Months Mind)/

Patsy Ryan (1st Annv)/

Special Intention (Get well)

Monday 2nd December 10.00am Mass

Donald Sadler/ Willie Donnelly/ Niamh O' Doherty

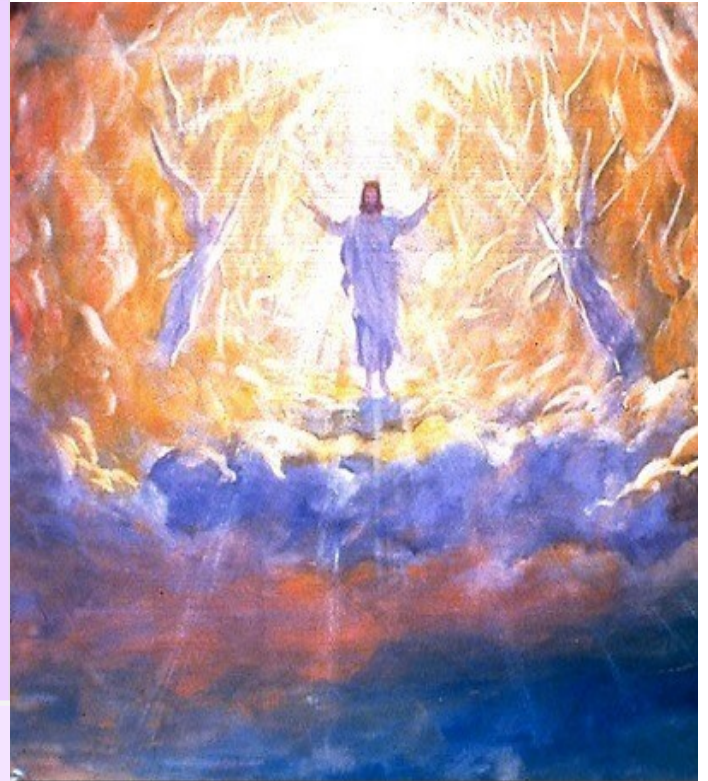
Wednesday 4th December 10.00am Mass

Margaret & Michael Keogh/ Stephan Bergin

Noel MaGee

Friday 6th December 10.00am Mass

Altar List of the Dead



Quote: Dorothy Day

“What we would like to do is change the world--make it a little simpler for people to feed, clothe, and shelter themselves as God intended them to do and by fighting for better conditions, by crying out unceasingly for the rights of the workers, the poor, of the destitute--the rights of the worthy and the unworthy poor, in other words, we can, to a certain extent, change the world; we can work for the oasis, the little cell of joy and peace in a harried world.

We can throw our pebble in the pond and be confident that its ever widening circle will reach around the world.

We repeat, there is nothing we can do but love and, dear God, please enlarge our hearts to love each other, to love our neighbour, to love our enemy as our friend.”

Reflection by Fr Laurence Freeman

We teach meditation from a Christian mystical tradition and the mystical dimension is inherent in the gospel. It's not something that developed later or something that we added on, but it's essential to it. If we fail to see this mystical, contemplative paradox and understand that the kingdom is within us, as well as among us, then we fail to understand the gospel.

This is why the question of enlightenment is a liberating one for us to explore. Today when we use the word enlightenment, we are thinking of Oriental spiritual traditions, Zen or Buddhism particularly and the modern sense or the western sense anyway of Buddhism is that Buddhism is a scientific, objective method for achieving enlightenment. Enlightenment as a term and as a concept is present, of course, within Christian mystical language as well.

COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your very generous response to last Sundays collections
1st Collection €785 2nd Collection € 475



Balally Parish 400 Club
Draw will take place this weekend

If you would like to Subscribe
Please contact Parish Office 012954296



The Annual collection for
Society of St Vincent DePaul
will take place the weekend of
7th & 8th December 2024



Naomh Olaf Club Notes



The 2024 season has been a breakthrough year across all codes in both Men's and Women's competitions. The investment in players development, coaching and infrastructure, combined with a strong emphasis on sports science and athlete welfare is paying off. Teams across all levels are displaying a higher level of skill, consistency and tactical awareness, suggesting that the systems and structures implemented in previous seasons are maturing and yielding positive results. Our Juvenile section had a particularly good season this year and was awarded the prestigious "Friends of Dublin Hurling, Juvenile Hurling/Camogie Club of the year 2024. On Friday Night the 16th November 2024 a celebration night was held in the Bonnington Hotel, Whitehall when presentations were made to all the winning Club's and individuals. The Chairman of Naomh Olaf John Somers received the prize on behalf of our Club and said an appropriate few words. Irish music was supplied by students of Colaiste Eoin and Scoil Iosagain Stillorgan and a lovely meal was had by all.

Some of Friends of Simpsons Hospital with Pasquale



Rev Stephen says thank you



Dear Jim

It was a delight to see you and David come into our service in Dundrum with the cross and your most unexpected and greatly appreciated gift of **€630** from your Church Community.

When I opened the card, you had already left, but I was able to show the card and cheque to our congregation before the Benediction.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity. It has been wonderful to see how the relationship between our Churches has grown so much in recent years and I look forward to seeing what God will do as we move forward in the Spirit

The DMC Church Council have also asked that I thank you on their behalf.

With much love & gratitude in Christ.

Rev Stephen Taylor

URGENTLY NEEDED:

Collection for Male refugees in CMH Dundrum.

Blankets, Sleeping bags, Jumpers, Shirts, T-Shirts, Trousers, Jackets/Coats, Underwear, Socks, hats, Scarves, Gloves, Shoes.

For those who wish to support refugees, you can leave your donations at the Altar in the Church. **Thank You**



Launch of Book by Fr Fintan



Advent Carols:

Sunday 1st

December

Taney

@

7pm

Icon Chapel

Morning Prayer:

Mon/Wed/Fri/Sun

@9:15

Tue/Thu/Sat

@10 am

Advent Retreat with

David Halpin:

Monday 2nd

Tuesday 3rd

Wednesday 4th

@

7pm

Icon Chapel

Evening

Prayer:

Mon-Fri

@

7pm

Carol Singing

Dundrum

Shopping Centre

with Taney:

Monday

9th December

Adults

@

4-6pm

Silent Sabbath:

Sunday 15th

@

11am-9pm

Balally Parish

Carol Service

Monday 16th

@

7:30pm

Christmas
childhood
stories

Sunday 22nd

after 10 am Mass

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Balally Parish

Maanatha