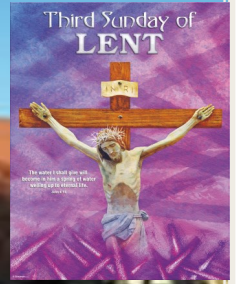


CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

BALALLY PARISH

23rd March 2025

3rd Sunday of Lent



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Monday to Friday

9.30am 12.30

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Mass Times & Intentions:

Saturday 22nd March.00pm Mass

Rosaleen Griffin (Months Mind)/

Special Intention (Birthday Remembrance for Jean Gaynor)

Sunday 23rd March 10.00am Mass

Sarah & Michael Farragher/ Eamonn & Teresa Kealy/

Special intention (In Thanksgiving)

Monday 24th March 10.00am Mass

Betty Dowling & Seamus Duffy/ Carmel Treacy/

Andy McNulty/

Wednesday 26th March 10.00am Mass

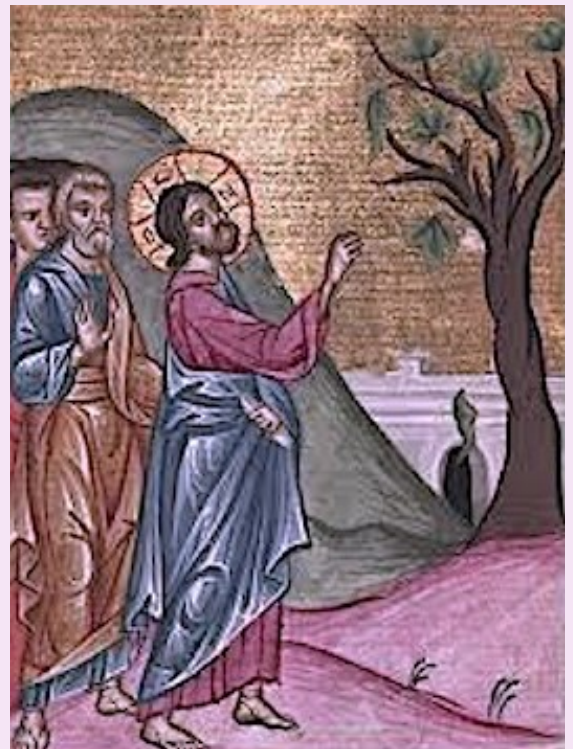
Eileen Collins (1st Anny)/ Brendan Lande (6th Anny)/

Mary Lacy & deceased members of the Lacy Family/

Special Intention

Friday 28th March 10.00am Mass

Patrick (Patsy) Scully/ Gerry Quinn



"For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none." (**Gospel**)

Ilyas Basim Khuri Bazzi Rahib
(Egyptian, active ca. 1684)

Reflection by Fr Laurence Freeman

To awaken is to open our eyes and we open them, as St Benedict said, to the divinising light. In the prologue to the rule of St Benedict he says this, that the call of God comes to us through the crowd, through the crowd of our thoughts, through the crowd of our activities, through the crowd of our memories, our unconscious, our ambitions. The Word of God or the call of God comes to us through all of this, it penetrates through all of this noise and distraction and it is calling us and he says, 'What is sweeter to us than to hear this call and to feel that there is an opening in the wall.' That there is a window, that there is a path, through the wall and that this is leading us into life into a bigger, broader panorama of life than we had imagined possible and this is a continuous process, day by day.



We remember Pope Francis in our prayers at this time.

COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your very generous response to last Sundays collections
1st Collection €705 2nd Collection € 530

St Patricks Day

Total: €670 Split 60% Common Fund 40% Share



Balally Parish 400 Club

Draw will take place on 30th March

If you would like to Subscribe

Please contact the Parish Office 012954296



Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of

Andy McNulty: Moreen Road

May he rest in the peace of Christ



Naomh Olaf Club Notes



Congratulations to Daniel O'Mahoney who is the Naomh Olaf Junior Men's Footballer of the Year 2024.

This is more than just recognition ; it's a testament to the hard work, resilience and a love for the game that shines in every match. Daniel has embodied these values and more. His determination on the pitch, his ability to rise to challenges, his unwavering commitment to his team have not only earned him this award but also the respect and admiration of everyone around him. Daniel you remind us all of the power of perseverance and potential that lies within those who dare to dream big. As we continue to celebrate the talent and dedication within our ranks, we turn our attention to the recipient of the Junior 2, Footballer of the Year award 2024. This award is not just about skill, it's about leadership, heart and the impact one has on their team. This year's winner Gerry McNamee, is the very definition of a stalwart, with his wealth of experience and unwavering commitment, Gerry has been the glue that binds the team together. He's the study hand guiding the younger players as they mature and a trusted presence for all.

A Word from Fr Jim

I invite you to join us today, Sunday 23rd for our Silent Sabbath. Join us for a little or all of the day. Take time this Lent to turn off the phone, I Pad and Social Media to come to us in the Church and Pastoral Centre.

11am - 6.00pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

6.00pm : Light meal (soup & brown bread) eaten in silence with a spiritual reading.

7.00pm: Evening Prayer (Icon Chapel)

7.45pm: Contemplative Rosary

8.30pm:Compline (Night Prayer) from Glenstal Abbey

**With My Love & Blessing
Fr Jim**

Planting of crab apple tree in memory of Willie RIP.



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

LENTEN LUNCHES SUPPORTING

THE CHILDREN OF GAZA (UNICEF)

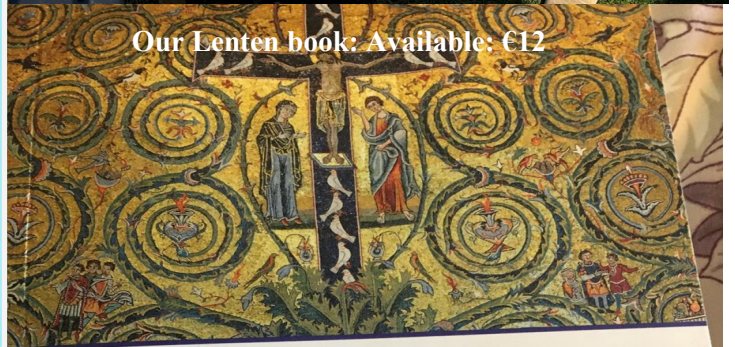
EVERY TUESDAY OF LENT

(25th March 1st, 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

Our Lenten book: Available: €12



ERIK VARDEN
**HEALING
WOUNDS**
THE 2025 LENTEN BOOK

St Patrick (David from Queen of Angels) visits Balally with his family from Romania on St Patrick's Day



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