

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

BALALLY PARISH

2nd February 2025

The Presentation of the Lord

Parish Office Open Hours:

Monday to Friday

9.30am 12.30

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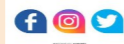
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The presentation of Jesus in the temple,
Simeon and Anna the prophetess meet Jesus,
whom his parents brought to the temple.

Reflection by Fr Laurence Freeman

There is another source of wisdom that we also need and that other source of wisdom is myth, mythos. A myth is an essential ingredient to a rich human life and culture and the word means many different things. It could mean speech, story, fiction or plot, logos. I think we could say, a great meaning that it has, which helps us in our situation, I think is 'conversation', to have a conversation. Myth provides a people with a common language of the mind and also entertainment and instruction and material for imagination. Without a healthy myth, we wither as social beings, we feel lost, we feel locked up in ourselves as individuals and in our fantasies. Loss of myth means the loss of conversation. It's a sign of that, for the young especially today.



COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your very generous response to last Sundays collections
1st Collection € 885 2nd Collection €445



Balally Parish 400 Club

Congratulations to our January winners



1st Prize €1.000 : Mary & Frank Kavanagh

2nd Prize €300: Susan Hegarthy

3rd Prize €200: Vincent Walsh

4th Prize €100: Caroline Yorke

5th Prize €100: Claire Watt

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

Naomh Olaf Club Notes

Our Annual Presentation Night was held in the Talbot Hotel Stillorgan on Friday the 15th November, 2024. As usual it was a well-attended function where the patrons enjoyed a lovely meal in comfortable surroundings before proceedings commenced. Damien Lawlor of R.T.E. was M/C for the night. Eleven presentations were made to the adult players of the year in the different grades in Men's football and Hurling and Ladies football and Camogie. This week we recognize and congratulate the Naomh Olaf 2024 Senior Footballer of the year Eoin Foley. Eoin has demonstrated extraordinary skill, resilience and leadership both on and off the field of play. Week after week he has shown us what it means to be a true competitor, pushing boundaries, inspiring teammates, and delivering unforgettable performances when it mattered most. His commitment to excellence and ability to perform under pressure has set him apart. He is presently under going trials for a place on the Dublin Senior Football team and we wish him every success.



St Olaf's Ladies Club

Friday 7th February in St Olaf's School at 3.30pm
"Auction"



We would like to offer our sincere thanks to all who donated to the "Parish Christmas Offering" (Green Envelopes)
Total amount collected €6,805
Thank you. Fr Jim



Summary 15th January 2025 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Parish Programme:

Silent Sabbath – first one on 19th January, will be 3rd Sunday monthly – dates to be posted.

Ecumenical Service for Christian Unity, Taney 19th January at 7pm

Icon Chapel Prayer Leaders Day on 1st March
Pilgrimage to St Brigid's Kildare – 15th March details to be announced

Lent Retreat on Saturday 12th April Sean Goan, Teacher and Scripture scholar – more details to be announced.

Good Friday – Passion Play in the morning & 7 Dundrum Churches, pilgrimage in the afternoon
Safeguarding: Paula

Training – 2 identified for next full course. Focus on the completion of Garda Vetting forms.

Balally Environmental Group BEG: Fr Dermot Update on **Return to Nature** group. DLR grant received €800. Next **Meitheal** will be Saturday 22nd March
A memorial tree for Willie McCabe will be planted on Sunday 16th March. His family will be present.

Earth Day is 22nd April

Welcome Day Sunday 23rd February: Martina In the Parish Centre at 11am Introduce Ministry groups in the parish centre – set up stalls allow people to see, ask and learn more. Refreshments for adults and children. More details to be announced closer to the day. Invitation is open to everyone

Altar Servers

There are 6 Altar servers. David & Clare providing training.

Refurbishment of the pastoral centre to be presented at the next PPC meeting: Cinzia.

Administration:

Part-time parish caretaker role to be advertised

Martina (Chair) & Ciara (Secretary)

Safeguarding

There is a Safeguarding Information Session in Newtownpark Parish Centre on Thursday, **February 13th from 7pm to 8.30pm** facilitated by Garry Kehoe, Child Safeguarding & Protection Service, Dublin Diocese. The invitation is open to members of all ministry groups in Balally Parish if they wish to attend. There is no charge and no need to register in advance as details of attendees will be recorded on the night.

Contact **Paula McCarthy, Balally Parish Safeguarding**





JOB ADVERTISEMENT

Job Title: Caretaker

Reports to: Parish Operations Leader

Parish Pastoral Centre, Church & Grounds – Church of the Ascension of the Lord, Balally

Contract Details:

Type: Permanent (part-time) Contract

Probation period: 6 months

Hours of work per week: 12 hours

Pay Scale: will be discussed on appointment

Job Location: Church of the Ascension of the Lord, Balally, Cedar Road, D16E032

Responsibilities:

- Carry out day-to-day maintenance and minor repairs
- Coordinate with outside contractors for site maintenance and repairs
- Regular checks on drainage system
- Daily check on grounds for tidying, weeding and litter control
- Oversee waste management
- Make sure heating, lighting and alarm systems are working properly
- Check doors and windows are locked daily after usage
- Order in cleaning materials, new equipment and furniture as required
- Set up rooms and arrange chairs and tables for meetings
- Daily cleaning duties throughout the Parish Pastoral Centre

The above contains the main outline of duties. However, it is inevitable that tasks may arise that do not fall within the remit of the above list of main duties. Employees are therefore required to respond with a flexible approach when ad hoc tasks arise which are not specifically covered in their job description. Should an additional responsibility become a regular part of an employee's job, the Job Description will be amended to reflect this. Expenses incurred related to the parish are reimbursed subject to an expense policy.

JOBHOLDER ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

Essential Qualifications

- General Maintenance/DIY Skills

Experience:

- Experience in a similar position desirable

Key Skills & Behaviours:

- Ability to communicate well to a range of people in a parish setting
- Good interpersonal skills
- Proactive and uses own initiative
- Good organisation and time management skills
- Reliability and flexibility to work as part of a team and in relation to working hours
- An appreciation of confidentiality and discretion.

References will be requested and referees may be contacted in relation to the job.

Send your application with cover letter, CV and the names of two referees to:

Fr. Jim Caffrey PP,
The Church of the Ascension of the Lord,
Cedar Road, Wedgewood, Dublin 16 D16 E032

or by email to: jcaffrey73@gmail.com

Closing date for applications is 19th February 2025



Balally Contemplative Parish

St. Brigid Camino Kildare

Led by Bishop Denis Nulty

Bank Holiday Monday 3rd February

- Leave Balally at 9AM (carpooling)
- Walk by canal (3Miles)
- Service of candlelight Monastrevin church 12:30
- Arrive back to Balally 2:30 approx