

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD BALALLY PARISH

**9th February 2025**

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Parish Office Open Hours:

**Monday to Friday**

**9.30am 12.30**

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## Mass Times & Intentions:

**Saturday 8th February 6.00pm Mass**

**Frances Glanville (1st Annv)/ John Cassidy (14th Annv)/  
Aubrey Condon (15th Annv)/**

**Sunday 9th February 10.00am Mass**

**Mary Geddes (9th Annv)/ Brendan Byrne (10th Annv)/  
Aubrey Condon (15th Annv)/ John Kavanagh (20th Annv)/  
Ann MacGiolla Fhearga(24th Annv)**

**Monday 10th February 10.00am Mass**

**Brigid Cogger/ Mary Brodrick & Aileen O' Keffe/  
Bill O' Brien & Flan McCarthy/ Walter Scott/  
Kitty Ryan & Colm Browne**

**Wednesday 12th February 10.00am Mass**

**Freda Mc Ivor/ Tony Manville/ Rita Maher/ Bill O Brien/  
Sr Dolores Reynolds/ Special Intention**

**Friday 14th February 10.00am Mass**

**Marion Reilly/ Marie Graham/ Vincent Flynn/ Walter Scott**



## Reflection by Fr Laurence Freeman

So myths give us courage, that meaning is waiting for us to discover. They remind us of hope in miracles, cures and healing wells and they connect us to what is mysterious and life-giving. They give us hope. Myths help us to understand ourselves, our beliefs, our customs, our taboos, where we have come from. But in this present situation, what sense can the myths of Christianity mean – the story of the gospel, the great myths of the Incarnation, the teaching, the suffering and the death and the resurrection of the Lord? Myth is always enacted, not just spoken, or narrated; it's enacted in ritual, in liturgy, in dance and ceremony. Well, I think that is the role of contemplative practice. It's the role of meditation. In our education and in our institutions today, it recharges the great myths of the gospel and the great myths of humanity. From that mythology comes theology and psychology and cosmology, with humane depth and sense of wonder.



## COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your very generous response to last Sundays collections  
**1st Collection €895 2nd Collection € 610**



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## Naomh Olaf Club Notes



We are delighted to announce Sarah Kinsella as the new secretary of our Club. Sarah brings a wealth of experience, dedication and a deep-rooted connection to the Club and its community. Her appointment marks the continuation of her long-standing commitment to the success and growth of our Club. Sarah joined the Club in 2012 when her family's involvement in the Club began to flourish. Sarah who was reared in Ballinteer is married to Malcome Kinsella from Ballawley, who played for the Club. They have three sons all of whom have grown up as active Club members. The family live in Sandyford. Sarah has played a pivotal role in several of the Club's activities including the following, volunteering every Saturday morning selling tea, coffee and cakes, helping to mentor her son's teams, for many years she was instrumental in organising the Club's participation in the St. Patrick's Day Parade and more recently she has served as the Club's Public Relations Officer.

Now as secretary Sarah takes over from the highly regarded Jen Mulvaney.

We wish Sarah every success in her new role.

## Rathdown for all visit mosque in Clonskeagh



## Word from Fr Jim

Last week at Mass I quoted from the words of Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde of the Episcopal Church, in the presence of President Trump in New York.

**Quote:** "In the name of God, I ask you to have mercy upon the people in our country who are scared now. There are gay, lesbian and transgender children in Democratic, Republican and independent families who fear for their lives.

"And the people who pick our crops and clean our office buildings; who labour in our poultry farms and Meat- packing plants; who wash the dishes after we eat in restaurants and work the night shift in hospitals - they may not be citizens or have the proper documentation, but the vast majority of immigrants are not criminals. Have mercy, Mr President, on those in our communities whose children fear that their parents will be taken away. Help those who are fleeing war zones and persecution in their own lands to find compassion and welcome here.

Our God teaches us that we are to be merciful to the stranger, for we were once strangers in this land". Speaking about Bishop Budde's words, the Catholic Auxiliary Bishop of Armagh, Dr Michael Router, said that the Bishop is like a modern day St Bridget of Kildare. Her words, he said, echoed the principle that underscored the Irish Saint's life (Caring for the poor, lightening everyone's burdens and setting up a New Monastic Community).

### **Quote: Bishop Router**

"Brigid's approach to healing was inseparable from her sense of justice. She did not merely tend to wounds, or weakness, but sought to address the inequalities that left people vulnerable in the first place. Her acts of charity and service echoed Christ's call in the scripture to love our neighbour as ourselves. This integrated view of compassion and justice is a striking contrast to the normal situation, in the past and even in the present in many societies, where vulnerable people often face neglect or sometimes even hostility".

**With my Love & Blessing: Fr Jim**

## St Bridget of Kildare

17 Parishioners from Balally participated in our wonderful Camino to Monasterevin on bank holiday Monday.

We will have news next week about our Ecumenical Pilgrimage to Kildare, Saturday 15th March.

## St Vincent de Paul Christmas Collection

### To Balally Parishioners,

On behalf of the local conference I would like to express our thanks and appreciation for your wonderful support for our **Annual Christmas Collection in December 2024.**

**Your contributions of €23,000** have enabled us to continue supporting families and individuals who seek our assistance. Over the years you have given us tremendous support and on behalf of the families and individuals we help, we express our thanks and appreciation.

We are always looking for new members for our conferences in adjoining parishes.

Please leave your name and contact details in the Parish Office and we will contact you.

Best regards

**Liam Casey: Conference President**

# Ballally Parishioners at St Brigid's Camino in Monasterevin



# St Brigid's Camino

