

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

## BALALLY PARISH

*19th July 2020*

*16th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### Parish Office Open Hours:

Tuesday to Friday 9.30am – 2.00pm.

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### **Mass Times & Intentions:**

#### **Sunday 19th July**

**10.00am:** *Special intention (Holy Souls)/ Deceased members of the Condon Family/ Mary Griffin*

**12.00noon:** *Special Intention*

#### **Mon 20th July - Sat 25th July 2020 10.00am: & 7.00pm**

**10.00am:** *Monday: Pauline Kavanagh/ James McGettigan/ Special Intention/ Special Intention (Get well)*

**7.00pm:** *Tuesday: John & Brida O' Dwyer*

**10.00am :** *Wednesday: John Mannion/ Nancy & Jimmy Gill*

**7..00pm:** *Thursday: Kathleen, Alec, Monica & Jennifer Lynch/ Jim Dunphy (42nd Annv) Evelina Melchionda (6th Annv) Aldo Brancaccio (4th Annv)/ Eileen & Patrick Fay*

**10.00am:** *Friday : Phyllis Monahan/ Ignatious Kelly*

**10.00am:** *Saturday: Special Intention*

#### **Sunday 26th July**

**10.00am:** *Kevin O' Malley /Special Intention*

**12.00noon:** *Durney & Fleming families*



*First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn. (Gospel)*

**Van Gogh, Peasant Woman Binding Sheaves (after Millet), 1889**

### **The Deep End:**

In today's Gospel, we hear many parables about the 'Kingdom of heaven' and what it is like. This might move us to think about the afterlife, but Jesus was describing God's kingdom in the here and now, 'on earth as in heaven.' Jesus, through parables, is trying to describe what is difficult to comprehend. Parables allow our minds and hearts to ponder, to imagine, to move beyond the constraints of language. Jesus is describing what God's vision for this world is like, in the here and now! Taking one of these parables, the mustard seed, we can explore a little more. There is an ancient text which forbade planting mustard seeds in Palestinian gardens because the shrub would take over. It can go wild, out of control, and attract unwanted birds. Author Shane Claiborn compares it to kudzu, a wild vine that could blanket entire mountain areas and even crack cement buildings. I like the idea of something so small causing so much mischief, holy mischief! The Kingdom of Heaven is like this? Yes, growing even where it is not wanted. People in authority during Jesus' time might have had images of the 'lofty cedars of Lebanon' representing the 'reign of God.' Theirs was a grand vision. As with most of Jesus' parables, he turns things on their head. It is through the smallest of seeds that God's grace affects the world, silently making its way through the cracks. 'Might I,' quavered Mary, 'might I have a bit of earth?' 'Earth!' he repeated. 'What do you mean?' 'To plant seeds in – to make things grow – to see them come alive.' FRANCES H. BURNETT, *The Secret Garden*

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### Other Church Services:

Holy Day Masses: *Vigil 7.30pm;  
10.00am, 1.10pm*

Confessions: *Saturday after 10.00am Mass*

Baptisms: *Second Sunday of every month*



### View the Live Broadcast of our services

Go to [www.balallyparish.ie/balally-goes-live/](http://www.balallyparish.ie/balally-goes-live/) for a live streaming of our liturgies...

The Rosary: is recited every morning at 9.40am before 10:00 am Mass. All Welcome.



Eucharistic Adoration with prayer and reflection - is held here in the church every Friday morning after the 10.00am Mass



### St Mary's Sandvford, Mass times:

Saturdays: *Vigil 6.00 p.m.*

Sundays: *9:00 a.m., 11:00a.m, 6:00p.m*

*(Youth Mass) Mondays to Fridays: 10:00am.*

Holy Days: *10.00am and 7.30pm.*

### Sacrament of Reconciliation :

*after Mass on Saturdays/Confessions by request*



*Those we love can  
never be more than a  
thought apart.*

*For as long as there is a  
memory,*

*they'll live on in our hearts.*

### **Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel Matthew 13:24-43**

1. The owner of the field who allowed the wheat and the darnel to grow together is a reminder to us to be patient with ourselves and with others when we see that not everything is right. Sometimes a preoccupation with the negative (the darnel) can blind us to the positive in our own lives and in the lives of others. When have you found that a willingness to live with the messiness of the present created the conditions for future growth?

2. Have you ever found that it was through accepting the darnel that you learned important lessons for life, e.g., learning through mistakes, stupid questions, or foolish risks?

3. The parables of the mustard seed and the leaven are reminders that seemingly insignificant things can have very positive results. Have you ever been surprised by the benefit to yourself or others of a kind gesture, a small initiative, or a word of encouragement?

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### **This Week: .**

#### **Dear Parishioners, Welcome Back**



On behalf of the Parish Pastoral Council we are delighted to be able to welcome you back to the Church. While the Church has been closed we do hope you were able to join us in the celebration the Masses and Evening Prayer via our webcam service. Our webcam service has also, hopefully provided some comfort to those grieving loved ones lost to Covid-19. Some of our Parishioners will continue to use this vital service for the time being. The Covid-19 new normal is now taking shape across all of our lives including our Church life. This leaflet has been drawn up to support the safe reopening of our Church. We ask you to follow all the guidelines whilst attending Mass to ensure we are providing as safe a place to worship as possible. The Parish Pastoral Council is committed to our new normal so that we can continue to allow us to gather as a Faith Community. We have met regularly, and will continue to do so, in order to ensure that we as a Parish can operate in these times. **In time we will make some changes based on your feedback and always following Public Health advice.** We hope that all who wish to come for Mass will be able to do so during July, whether on Sunday or on a Weekday.

#### **Before attending Mass please note:**

For health & safety, the number of people present for Mass is restricted. It is not possible to have all at the one time.

For this reason, we have an online booking service available through our website ([www.balallyparish.ie](http://www.balallyparish.ie)) or you can call the parish office (01 2954296) and they will book your mass for you. Please arrive **15 minutes early** to allow for staggered entry into the church. You may need to queue for a few minutes to allow for social distancing. Upon entry to the porch, you will be welcomed by one of our stewards who will give you hand sanitiser. The doors of the Church will remain open to ensure good ventilation, you may wish to bring a coat with you - even on warmer days.

#### **While attending Mass please note:**

We would kindly ask you, where possible, to wear a face covering. When you enter the church another steward will show you to your assigned seating. Please follow the one-way system that is clearly marked out for your safety. This applies to entry and exit. We ask that you (and your children) remain in your seat until the end of mass. The Priest or Eucharistic Minister will bring Holy Communion to you in your seat

#### **Please note that the toilets are closed due to health and safety guidelines**

#### **Departing after Mass please note:**

A one way phased exit will take place to allow social distancing, this is via the side doors, not the main door. Hand sanitizer stations will be available at the exists also. We ask you to depart as quickly as possible to allow the Church to be prepared for the next Mass and the distribution of Holy Communion for those who viewed online.

#### **Receiving Holy Communion for those who have not been in the church for Mass:**

This will take place strictly from **11am-11:40am** after the 10am Mass and **13:00-13:40** after the 12 noon Mass on Sundays only.

There will be a one way system in place, arriving via the main porch, from the Pastoral Centre side, with exit via a side door. There will be stewards to assist in approaching for Communion Unfortunately we cannot facilitate you to pray in the church after receiving at this time. Hand Sanitizer will be available on arrival and departure.

#### **Times of Mass (For the month of July)**

**Sundays: 10am; 12 noon. Weekdays: Monday, Wednesday,**

**Friday & Saturday: 10am. Tuesday and Thursday: 7pm.**

*Evening Mass on Tuesday and Thursday is to facilitate those at work during the day.*

### Our Merciful Judge

**“Listen, anyone who has ears.”**

We live in a world of constant sound and yet we are not all that good at listening. Take a few moments as you read this to listen to the sounds around you. What do you hear? Listen to the sounds within you. What do you hear? A lot of the time what we hear is discordant noise and yet what Jesus wants us to hear is the love of God that is all around us and within us and between us. We will hear that sound if we listen carefully enough with our hearts and minds. Listen especially to the beautiful sounds of your love for one another in marriage and/or family life. It is so easy to get into a pattern of not listening in these sacred places. Listen also to the goodness of the people who make up your faith community so that you can become aware of Christ who lives in them. And listen this week to the needs of the people around you so that you can respond to those needs in love. *Johnny Doherty, C.Ss.R.*



### Balally Parish 400 Club draw

July Draw takes place on Saturday 25th

**Did you ever think of joining?**

**Subscription: €10 per month**

Gift Certificates available in the Parish Office

Ph: 087 2577651 or Parish Office 012954296



### Sacrament of Baptism

We Welcome babies

*Daniel & Oliver Cahill  
Anna Colombo*



Who were Baptised into the Christian Community in this Church last Sunday

### ALONE COVID-19 support line

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID -19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am-8pm by calling 0818222024.

To Volunteer your help, visit [www.alone.ie](http://www.alone.ie)



### Get well

Best wishes and a speedy recovery to all our Parishioners who are sick or housebound. We keep you in our thoughts and prayers.



### THE GOSPEL

[Matthew 13:24-43](#) or [13:24-30](#)

The Kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed ...

Lord,

you have given to the smallest of seeds whatever it needed to become the largest of plants in the garden.

Like the mustard tree, with the birds of the sky dwelling in its branches, you have given all of us everything we need to grow into your loving family, caring deeply for each other and for our environment with its air, branches and birds.

Help us grow. Nourish us with your grace.



### New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week

The late, great John O' Donohue wrote that "The greatest sin is the un-lived life". In a powerful one-hour talk, he urges the need to enter fully into our own lives, becoming all that we are capable of becoming – so that "when the time comes for us to lie down and die, we will be able to look back on a life that took honourable risks, that pushed its own frontiers, that tried to look after its own healing...that was compassionate, that didn't judge, and that tried to look after the poor and neglected, and the unspoken for." Listen to this compelling recording at:

[www.NewPilgrimPath.ie](http://www.NewPilgrimPath.ie)



*Readings for next Sunday  
26th July 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Reading I: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12**  
**Responsorial Psalm 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130**

**Reading II: Romans 8:28-30**  
**Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52 or 44-46**

### PLEASE NOTE:

From August 1st 2020 times of Masses in Balally will be as follows...

Monday 10.00am and Friday 10.00am Saturday Evening 7.00pm (only) and Sunday Masses 10.00am and 12.00pm.

There will be NO Mass Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday  
This will be reviewed during the month of August



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The Usual Suspects



**The Usual Suspects**  
Congratulations to the lovely Jennifer (Eccles) O' Kane on her retirement . Jenny has worked in the Parish for well over 30 years . Parishioners and her many friends in Balally Parish and beyond wish Jenny a Happy retirement.

This is a small voluntary charity putting all their efforts into the funding of life saving equipment for "The New Children's Hospital" when building is complete. **Koins for Kids** collects out of date and damaged currency and one and two cent coins. They are open to any donation. None is too big or small. To date they have raised over €100,000. If you have any coins or foreign currency which can be repatriated please leave into the Parish Office.



### A Prayer for Healing

Lord, You invite all who are burdened to come to you. Allow Your healing Hand to heal me.

Touch my soul with Your compassion for others; touch my heart with Your courage and infinite Love for all; touch my mind with Your Wisdom, and may my mouth always proclaim Your praise.

Teach me to reach out to You in all my needs, and help me to lead others to You by my example.

Most loving Heart of Jesus, bring me health in body and spirit that I may serve You with all my strength. Touch gently this life which you have created, now and forever.

Amen.