

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

BALALLY PARISH

2nd August 2020

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Office Open Hours:

Tuesday to Friday 9.30am – 2.00pm.

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Mass Times & Intentions:

Sunday 2nd August

10.00am : Rose Murphy/ Ambrose Clarke, Tessie Hannon

**12.00pm: Special Intention/ Michael P. Fleming
(from Houston, Texas) Sean & Bridie Furlong**

Mon 3rd Aug - Sat 8th August 2020 10.00am: & 7.00pm

**10.00am: Monday: Special Intention (Holy Souls)/
Ina McNeill(Edinburgh)/ Fr Dan O'Connor/**

Tuesday: No Mass

Wednesday: No Mass

Thursday: No Mass

10.00am: Friday: Altar List of the Dead

**7.00pm: Saturday: Sarah McCormack/Robert Duffy/
Nora Egan & Annabelle Corrigan**

Sunday 9th August

10.00am John Dowling (3rd Annv)/

**12.00pm: John Gavigan (3rd Annv)/ Mary Loughran
(1st Annv)**



Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds

The Deep End:

Have you ever felt like you have nothing left to give? We all have times when we feel as though we do not have 'enough' to offer, whether it's time, money, energy, or even love. When work is busy, we don't have enough time for family. When we are physically or emotionally exhausted at the end of a long day, we might not have the energy to play with our children or visit a friend. In the face of suffering in our own society and around the world, we often feel helpless – whatever small amount of time or money we can give will never be enough. But where we see 'not enough,' God sees potential. What we see as a small contribution is not small to God, if it is all we have to give and it is given with love. 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish,' say the disciples to Jesus – a tiny offering when faced with a giant task. But Jesus takes what they have, blesses it, and uses it to give sustenance to thousands. In the face of human limitations, God can do plenty. We are told at the start of today's reading that Jesus 'took pity' on the large crowd that followed him. They have been out all day and are hungry, not to mention tired. They are so engrossed in listening to Jesus that time has slipped away. They are running on empty, and I'm sure they would be dismayed if, as the disciples suggest, they had to hike to the nearest village to buy food. Jesus understands their exhaustion and hunger, their limitations and their 'not enough.' What they have to give is inadequate, but he can do more with it than they could ever have imagined. We too are limited in what we have to offer. But whatever we can give – to our families and friends, to those in need – God sees and blesses and multiplies. 'Give something, however small, to one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could.'

ST GREGORY OF NAZIANZUS **Triona Doherty trionad@gmail.com**

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/ 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:

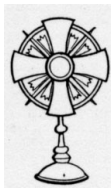
Saturdays: *Vigil 6.00 p.m.*

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



Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel Matthew 14:13-21

1. The news of the death of John the Baptist prompted Jesus to go off and be alone, but the crowds followed him. Despite his personal sorrow, he was able to reach out in compassion to the crowd. Perhaps there have been times when you have put personal preferences and desires to one side, in order to reach out to another. What was it like for you when you were able to do this?

2. When Jesus saw the crowd, he recognised their need and responded to them. Who has been a Jesus-person for you, someone who recognised your need and reached out to you? For whom have you been a Jesus-person?

3. The scene symbolises the Eucharist, reminding us of the sacred meal to which all believers are invited, in order to receive nourishment from the Lord. How has the Eucharist been a source of nourishment for you?

4. When the disciples became aware of the problem, they wanted to send the crowd away, but Jesus told them: 'You give them something to eat.' They thought what they had was insufficient, but Jesus used the little they had to feed the crowd. When we give the little we have to a situation, the results are often beyond our expectations. Have you had this experience?

John Byrne OSA
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Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the Family and friends of



Jude Anthony McMahon: Balally Drive

Jeremiah (Jerry) Costello: Clonard Drive

Who died early in the week

May They rest in the peace of Christ

AL HOMECARE

ALHomecare provide live-in carers for the elderly in your area. Our service enables elderly people to continue on living in their own home longer and postpone the need for nursing home care. We have been operating for nearly 7 years now and we currently have more than 100 live-in carers working in Ireland. Covid-19 has made care of the elderly in their own home more essential than ever and we are very proud that our service is enabling elderly people to stay in their own home safely and with the proper care and attention that they deserve. **If you are looking for a live-in carer for your relative, please call Eileen or Tom today on 087 9916791 or**



This summer we are offering a two-week online summer school on 'Theology, Spirituality and Religious Experience'. The course consists of 10 online lectures by Fr Pat Collins C.M. given over two weeks and is very flexible as it is delivered entirely online from: 10 - 21 August. Participants can interact on our e-learning platform and there will be a streamed question and answer session following the final lecture. No previous knowledge of theology is required. we were delighted to receive hugely positive comments from participants who took part in July; see just two examples below.. Your talks are refreshing me, rekindling my spirit and renewing my enthusiasm.... Refocusing on the centrality of religious experience is vital and extremely helpful 'The eyes of my mind have also been enlightened,

more information on <https://bit.ly/2BYPmXa>



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7th – 21st August 2020

Friday mornings

10:00 am – 11:30 am

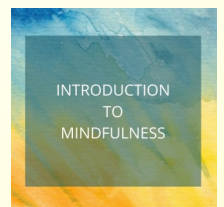
4th – 18th September 2020

Friday mornings

10:00 am – 11:30

Online/At The Sanctuary limited spaces. **Price: €50**

More Information on www.sanctuary.ie



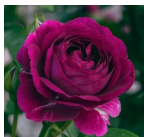
The Lord who feeds u

Jesus said to his disciples: "Give them something to eat yourselves." These words of Jesus in this Sunday's Gospel are a clear reminder that we, as his followers, have to develop a new mentality. Instead of always looking for what we can get we are called to be people who look for what we can give. All the gifts we have are given to us for others. This is especially true of the gift of love. The main question for couples is not "Are we alright?" but "How do we need to be with one another so that others will be alright?" The love of a married couple is full of power for all those who meet them. This is particularly true for their children. It is the quality of the love of the couple that creates the quality of the atmosphere of the home. This command of Christ is also given to us as a community. The gift of faith that we celebrate is given to us so that others may believe. This can call us to radical change as a faith



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.



Balally Parish 400 Club

Congratulations to our July winners

1st Prize: €1,000: Marie Lande

2nd Prize €300: Roy Finnegan

3rd Prize €200 Margaret O' Farrell

4th Prize €100 James Daly

Did you ever think of joining?

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Sacrament of Baptism

We Welcome

Safia Kehoe



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

*Readings for next Sunday
9th August 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

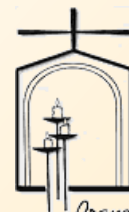
*Reading I: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a
Responsorial Psalm 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14*

*Reading II: Romans 9:1-5
Gospel: Matthew 14:22-23*

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 14:13-21

But they said to him, "Five loaves and two fish are all we have here."



Prayer Path

Like the five thousand people you fed,
we run to your holy mountain,
relishing your lush gifts,
filling up our
starving
souls.

You, the infinitely-more-than-enough,
with the left-over baskets,
say to us:
accept your five loaf-selves the way you are,
fix the climate crisis, stop injustice,
and feed the hungry
people.

O, with your food
we can.
Feed
us
your
grace,

The Senility Prayer

Grant me the
senility to forget
the people I never
liked anyway,
the good
fortune to run
into the ones
I do, and the
eyesight to tell
the difference.



White Ribbons of Peace

*Give God a chance
and he will make
something beautiful
of your life.*





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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) 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 exits 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.

Mass Times: (For the month of August)

Weekdays: Monday, Friday 10.00am Saturday 7.00pm Vigil Mass,

Sundays: 10am; 12 noon.

There will be no Mass on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday.

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.

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Where to get bread? An ever-pressing question

That trembles on the lips of anxious mothers,
Bread for their families, bread for all these others;

A whole world on the margin of exhaustion.

And where that hunger has been satisfied

Where to get bread? The question still returns

In our abundance something starves and yearns

We crave fulfilment, crave and are denied.

And then comes One who speaks into our needs

Who opens out the secret hopes we cherish

Whose presence calls our hidden hearts to flourish

Whose words unfold in us like living seeds

"Come to me, broken, hungry, incomplete,

I Am the Bread of Life, break Me and eat."

Some inspiration from Malcolm Guite