

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

## BALALLY PARISH

*9th August 2020*

*19th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### Parish Office Open Hours:

*Tuesday to Friday 9.30am – 2.00pm.*

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

#### **Sunday 9th August**

*10.00am; Mary Doyle (2nd Annv)/ John Dowling (3rd Annv)/ Joseph Lennon.*

*12.00pm: Mary Loughran (1st Annv)/John Gavigan 3rd Annv/ Deceased members of the Fox Family/ Special Intention*

***Mon 10th Aug - Sat 15th August 2020 10.00am: & 7.00pm***

*10.00am: Monday: Rory McMillan/ Tom Foley/ Rose Nulty/ Sheila Mitchell & Jeanette Gudry/ Declan Mulligan/*

*Tuesday: No Mass (Confirmations)*

*Wednesday: No Mass*

*Thursday: No Mass (Confirmations)*

*10.00am: Friday: Elizabeth & Bob Schwartz/ Eamonn & Micheál Ó Domhnaill & Bríd Ní Mhaoilmhichíl/ Jim & Eleanor Barry/ Special Intention( Birthday Remembrance Peggy Sullivan)*

*7.00pm: Saturday: Brendan O' Gorman & Maureen Nevin/ Mollie Collins & Patricia Kidd/ Denis O'Connor*

#### **Sunday 16th August**

*10.00am: Eileen & William Field/ John Noonan (6th Annv)/ Special Intention( Birthday Remembrance Colm Burke)*

*12.00noon: Pat McLaughlin/ Fr John Heaney & Sarah & Michael Farragher/ Maureen Lycett (5th Annv)/ Special Intention( Paddy Morris Birthday Remembrance)*

### **The Deep End: That sinking feeling**

Have you ever used the expression 'My heart sank'? It is usually used to describe an experience of extreme disappointment or anxiety; a moment when our courage or hope fails and we feel that things are about to turn out very badly indeed. We might be going along just fine, confidently navigating life's twists and turns, when something knocks us off balance. It could be an illness, a financial blow, falling out with a family member or friend, worry about a son or daughter. Especially when we lose someone close to us, grief can make us feel as though we are sinking. What strikes me about today's gospel is that Peter doesn't hesitate about taking that first step out of the boat. Once he sees who is calling him, out he gets and begins to walk towards Jesus. But then, as soon as he feels the force of the wind, as soon as he realises that the conditions around him are challenging and frightening, he loses courage and starts to sink. Wind and storm are metaphors for situations we face. Sometimes it is a single thing that knocks us back. Sometimes it is a build-up. A few months ago, at the early stages of 'lockdown,' we thought it wouldn't be so bad to take a break and stay at home for a few weeks. But as the weeks turned into months, many people were overwhelmed by increasing feelings of loneliness, fears for health and anxiety about the future. It can feel like sinking. The good news of today's gospel centres around the line, 'Jesus put out his hand at once and held him.' As soon as Peter starts to falter and sink, Jesus reaches out to steady him and pull him to himself. When we are in trouble, sometimes all we can do is trust in God. When our faith and hope are shaken, and we are sinking, he will reach out and hold us close. *Triona Doherty [trionad@gmail.com](mailto:trionad@gmail.com)*



But when (Peter) saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" (Gospel)

**Lluís Borrassà,**

Jesus Supports Saint Peter on the Water. 1411

### 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:

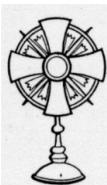
Saturdays: *Vigil 6.00 p.m.*

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*



### 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.



### Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel Matthew

#### Matthew 14:22-33

1. The story illustrates the power of faith. Have you noticed that when you believe in someone, or something, you can do things that would not be possible when you are full of doubts? Recall moments when your faith gave you strength and courage? Name for yourself the different kinds of faith that had this effect: belief in yourself, trust in another, faith in God.
2. When Jesus got into the boat, the winds ceased. Who has been a Jesus-person for you, helping to calm a storm that frightened you or made you anxious?
3. The experience of Peter gives encouragement to us when we waver in our trust and belief in God. In his doubt and fear, Jesus reached out to him. Who has reached out a helping hand to you when you felt you were sinking?
4. The story ends with a profession of faith in Jesus as the Son of God. Have you had experiences of being rescued from some hazard or danger, experiences which deepened your faith in the presence and compassion of God?

**John Byrne OSA**

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### **Parish Vocation**

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time — August 9, 2020  
(Matthew 14:22-33)

**“Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.”**

Uncertainty can sometimes bring fear along with God's call to consecrated life or priesthood. If the Lord is truly calling you, what is needed is trust if you are discerning your vocation, speak to your local priest, or call your Diocesan Vocation's director, or email the National Vocations Office on [info@vocations.ie](mailto:info@vocations.ie)

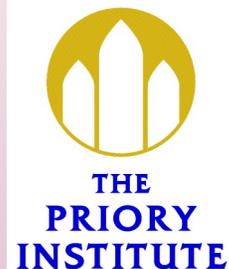
### **AL HOMECARE**

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>



### **SUMMER E-FESTIVAL 14TH –16TH**

#### **AUGUST 2020**

The annual Youth 2000 Summer Festival is Ireland's largest Catholic Youth event, but this year, for the first time, it will be streamed live on the 14th-16th of August. Hear talks and workshops from some of the best Catholic speakers including Fr. John Harris OP, Dr. Scott Hahn, John Pridmore, Petroc Willey (University of Steubenville), Katie Ascough, Sr. Colleen Mattingly, Sr. Mary Hanrahan, Bill Keimig (University of Steubenville), Beth Davis (Blessed is She) and others from Ireland and around the world. Youth 2000 Ireland's motto is 'Youth leading Youth to the Heart of the Church' and we do this by leading Eucharistic-centred festivals, retreats and prayer meetings throughout the country. Register FREE at [www.youth2000.ie/summerfestival2020](http://www.youth2000.ie/summerfestival2020)



### Courage, it is I

Jesus said to his disciples: "Courage! it is I. Do not be afraid." Fear is identified in the Scriptures as the single greatest enemy of life and love. It affects everything we do and everything we hope for.

Courage, on the other hand, is one of the qualities we most need to develop if we are to live and love and hope to the full. It takes courage for any woman and man to pledge their love for the rest of their lives in marriage. It takes even more courage to live that out anyway fully. It takes courage for parents to have children and even more so to bring them up to be people of hope and confidence. and it takes courage to believe in Christ and to live out that belief in everyday life. This kind of courage, for the sake of all that is best in our lives, means making decisions that are in favour of what we hold dear. These decisions can often mean denying ourselves things for a greater good. They can also mean going against the norm that is around us *Johnny Doherty, C.Ss.R.*



Safia Dahmas's First Holy Communion which took place last Sunday in Balally Church with Family and Friends

### Prayer to St Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

..where there is injury, pardon;

..where there is doubt, faith;

..where there is despair, hope;

..where there is darkness, light;

..where there is sadness, joy;

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

..to be consoled as to console;

..to be understood as to understand;

..to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

..it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

..and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

### Balally Parish 400 Club



Did you ever think of joining?

Subscription: €10 per month

Gift Certificates available in the Parish Office

Ph: 087 2577651 or Parish Office 012954296

### Readings for next Sunday

16th August 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Responsorial Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

Reading II: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

### THE GOSPEL

#### Matthew 14:22-23

Meanwhile the boat ... was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was against it. ... He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus Lord,



we see you walking on our sea, raging with an out of control pandemic, racial injustice and an environmental crisis.

You call us to come to you.

Help us keep our eyes on you; never take them off. We know you will be right with us, calming our rampant squalls.

And reach out your hand, like you did to Peter, if, when we are terrified, we falter and start to sink.

### Interesting facts regarding Balally webcam viewing

**A few samples:** Viewers from 83+ countries.

Excluding views of less than 1 minute, the average view is 1 hour 18 minutes. Those who view for less than one minute may be people just surfing or searching the web and moving on.

We don't have the time of day the viewing took place, but with that length of time per view, it seems likely that almost all were for celebration of Mass. Largest numbers of viewers from Ireland, UK, US, France, Spain, Mexico. (Those viewers in Mexico must know somebody in Balally parish. Guess who?)



# PETER MASSEY FUNERALS

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## DO YOU NEED SOME HEADSPACE



Balally Parish Pastoral Centre  
Long-term rental

For enquiries please call:  
01-2953095 or email: balallyppc@gmail.com

1. Room size: 22 ft x 20 ft approx.
2. On site parking.
3. Luas stop and Beacon quarter 300 metres away.
4. Secure location.
5. Room capacity 20- 25 people.
6. Good for classes, courses, meetings and training days.

**Advertising**  
If you would like to  
advertise in the Parish Newsletter  
please contact the Parish Office on  
01- 2954296

## THE LEOPARDSTOWN INN

**CATERING TO FAMILY EVENTS AND  
FUNCTIONS FOR EVERY OCCASION**

Get in touch with our events team to-  
day on 01 2889189 or email  
events@leopardstowninn.ie

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.



### 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.

### 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.**