

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

## BALALLY PARISH

25th October 2020

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time



### Parish Office Open Hours:

**Tuesday to Friday 9.30am – 2.00pm.**

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### Mass Times & Intentions:

**Sunday 25th October 10.00am**

**Florence & Geraldine Fitzgerald/ Ina Corbet/  
(First Cousins) Chris Droney & Mary Scarsbrook  
nee Droney/**

**Rosalie Cassidy/ Special Intention x2 (Get well)**

**Monday 26th October No Mass**

**Tuesday 27th October No Mass**

**Wednesday 28th October No Mass**

**Thursday 29th September No Mass**

**Friday 30th October 10.00am:**

**Sr Alphonsus Mills , Sheila Mohally &  
Jonathan Lynch,**

**Saturday 31st October 7.00pm:**

**Peggy McGrath (3rd Anny)/ Doreen Lalor (11th Anny)  
& Willie Lalor**

**Seamus Smith/ Sean Kinsella/  
Special Intention (Get well)/**

**Sunday 1st November 2020**

**Bethany Mass & Feast of All Saints  
will take place online at 10.00am.**

**We remember our loved ones who have died  
during the year**



*Love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
with all your soul and with all your mind. This  
is the greatest and the first commandment.*

### **The Deep End: Love**

The Pharisees continue their harassment of Jesus in today's Gospel by asking him which commandment is the greatest. What follows is the most famous verses of the New Testament: **'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul ... And ... You shall love your neighbour as yourself.'** We probably can't hear this enough. Love is the greatest commandment and this is a radical statement. Because this love is *agape* love, i.e. a love of those we don't even know or even like! It is a love that binds all of humanity. We cannot separate love of God and neighbour; they are like two sides of a coin; they only work together. If we do not treat others with compassion, then how can we say we love God? Jesus often spoke about approaching the altar whilst holding a grudge against someone (Mt 5:24) and continuously challenged those who were hypocrites. Those critical of social justice movements in the church often say we should not be involved in doing 'social work'. But this is exactly what we must do because this is *how* we love God, by loving our neighbour who is suffering, who is oppressed, who is in pain. We can love God and love people, there does not have to be a dichotomy. There is a beautiful practice in India of using the mystical phrase 'Namaste' in greetings, which means: 'the Divine in me greets the Divine in you'. Usually this is accompanied by a deep bow towards the person. How wonderful it would be to really see God present in each other and, more importantly, in those that society would rather cast aside. In this way we are being true to the greatest commandment.

**'May today there be peace within. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith. May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you.'** St Therese of Lisieux **Jane Mellett [mellettj@gmail.com](mailto:melletjt@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/](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 Sandford, 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**



### THE GOSPEL

Matthew 22:34-40

**The whole law and the prophets depend  
On these two commandments.**

*Love the Lord, your God  
with all your heart  
with all your soul  
and with all  
your mind.*

*“And love your neighbour  
as yourself.”*

Lord,  
let this be.  
Show us how.

Let  
your love be  
the lens that lets us see,  
the map that takes us where we go,  
the power that enlivens our lives,  
the light pointing to the path,  
and the very grace  
that saves  
us.

O  
God,  
kindly  
fill us with  
your  
love.



### **This Week...**

#### **A Letter from Fr Peter.**

#### **Dearest Parishioners,**

This is Fr Peter. As we face in to more restrictions I wanted to write to you to thank everyone who has kept the Parish going during my absence; Fr Dermot and Fr Padraig have been extraordinary, the Parish staff and all our volunteers have done a wonderful job. I'm sure that all of us feel proud that our Parish Council and Finance committee have taken on a role of leadership and so have demonstrated that the laity is well able to guide a parish even in the most difficult circumstances. Thank you to you all. Gratitude is also due to those who upgraded the parish lighting, fencing and painting in the Parish and to all who continue faithfully to support the parish and the priests.

Many have asked where I have been over the last months. In fact some have suggested that the Parish runs just as well without a Parish Priest and a few have commented that since the PP has been away there have been no funerals .... 'maybe he might stay away a little while longer'. Rumours that I was spotted with Jimmy Finnegan on a staycation in Mountjoy are not credible.

Not wishing that my personal situation should in any way be a theme in the Parish I had tried to avoid explanations but as we face new challenges it is only proper that you be informed. I've been waiting for a Consultant appointment since July and though my condition is not really serious it does impede me from doing certain tasks. The delay in receiving an appointment was an unlucky set of circumstances but the consultant's office has promised that the situation will be resolved in the next few weeks.

During these new restrictions we will continue to follow the Mass through the web- cam and stay informed from the Parish website and bulletin. As in the first lockdown we will remember in prayer all those who suffer during the pandemic and convert our homes into domestic churches. I invite you to light a candle at 20.00 hrs every night to pray for those who have died on this little island and to continue with our Balally tradition of making sure that no one is forgotten and that every life is celebrated and handed back to God in a loving way.

**God Bless,  
Fr Peter**

Just for a laugh: Before my first appointment I asked the doctor should I bring anything to the consultation. "Just your brain"- the doctor replied. When I turned up at the clinic with the aforementioned organ the doctor looked disappointed "Father, you're not giving me very much to work with are you?" ...



### **Get well**

Best wishes and thoughts of  
healing and recovery  
to all our Parishioners who are  
sick or housebound. May God's  
unfailing love and care surround you.  
We keep you in our thoughts and prayers.



**In line with the latest government guidelines and announcement**

**While Dublin is in level 5 restrictions, the church will be closed for Masses as there is no congregation permitted.**

**Online Mass Times**

**Friday 10am Mass**

**Saturday Vigil Mass 7pm**

**Sunday Mass 10am Only**

**There will be no Mass Monday/ Tuesday / Wednesday, Thursday**

**And no 12noon Mass on Sundays**

**The Church will be open for personal/ private prayer on weekdays from 11am until 1pm**

**Please use Sanitiser at the door**

**THE ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD:**

It's that time of year again. We see the envelopes for the Altar List of the Dead in the Church Porch. What do we do? Here is a little note about this tradition .

**In November we Remember**

*"All I ask, that wherever you may be, you may remember me at the Altar of the Lord" St Monica.*

November is the month of Holy Souls when we remember our deceased loved ones in prayer. You are invited to compile a list of names for the Altar List of the Dead, which can be placed in the **envelopes, available in the Church porch**. These can then be left into the Parish Office. On the first Friday of every month, for the next year, Holy Mass will be offered for those whose names are on the Parish Altar List of the Dead. Donations can be included in the envelope.

**This tradition reminds us that our community is connected to those who have died and reinforces our hope in the Resurrection.**

"We believe in the communion of all the faithful of Christ, those who are pilgrims on earth, the dead who are being purified, and the blessed in heaven, all together forming one Church; and we believe that in this communion, the merciful love of God and his saints are always attentive to our prayers." (Paul VI)

***Eternal rest, grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.***

***May they rest in peace. Amen.***

***May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.***

***"Shed no more the bitter tear  
nor give the heart to vain regret.  
Tis but mere ashes that lie here.***

**Feast of all Souls Day**

November 2 is the Commemoration of all of the Faithful Departed, or All Souls. On this day, we pray that all those who have died— our loved ones, and also those people around the world who we will never meet through the mercy of God, will rest in peace.



**Balally Parish 400 Club**

**October Draw will take place Saturday 31st**

We would like to thank all our Parishioners who leave their 400 club payment into the Parish Office. Under new Covid19 restrictions it is proving difficult to collect at doors and continuing to leave payment into the Parish Office is a huge help. Thank You

**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**

**1st November 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Solemnity of All Saints**

**Reading I: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14**

**Responsorial Psalm 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6**

**Reading II: 1 John 3:1-3**

**Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a**

**Feast Days For Remaining Month of  
October 2020**

**25th Oct**

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Gaudentius

**26th Oct**

St. Evaristus

**27th Oct**

St. Frumentius

**28th Oct**

St. Jude

St. Simon

**29th Oct**

St. Narcissus

**30th Oct**

St. Alphonsus Rodriguez

**31st Oct**

**Eve of All Saints Day  
(Halloween)**

**The Greatest Commandment**

"You must love the Lord your God with all your heart; you must love your neighbour as yourself." Jesus gives us these two commandments as the only way to full human living and happiness. They are the core of Christian living and practice. We try everything else and yet love is all that human life is about here and hereafter. These two commandments go hand in hand as two parts of the one movement of life. Love of God is the ultimate in human life. It involves each of us in a personal relationship with God through prayer. Our Catholic tradition is very rich in the variety of prayer forms that are possible. Each of us needs to choose the ones that are helpful for ourselves. We reach this love of God also through our love for one another. In our common worship through the Sunday Eucharist we build up the People of God. And through love in marriage and family life we dedicate all that is good in life to God.

**Johnny Doherty, C.Ss.R.**





## PETER MASSEY FUNERALS

SANDYFORD - DUNDUM - RATHFARNHAM



WE'RE HERE WHEN YOU NEED US TEL: 01 2932828



There's more to life than pandemic! Heaven is under our feet as well as over our heads. The Three Rock Mountain in the background.

Photograph taken by Fr Padraig



### 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)

### Good News from Balally Parish.

Painting has begun in the Parish Centre . William our maintenance man is working his way along the corridor with bright new paint. We will be looking forward to welcoming you all back to a fresh, clean and safe new environment in the near future.

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.



**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](mailto:events@leopardstowninn.ie)

### Volunteer Drivers Irish Cancer Society

Irish Cancer Society is  
looking for volunteers  
to drive patients to and  
from their chemotherapy  
treatments. Drivers with a free  
weekday availability and who can  
commit to driving twice a month.  
Please email Gail at

[gflinter@irishcancer.ie](mailto:gflinter@irishcancer.ie) or call  
**01 2310 566** for an application form.

Due to the impact of the Coronavirus  
we are seeking drivers under the age of  
70 years.

