

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

BALALLY PARISH

10th January 2021

The Baptism of The Lord

Parish Office Open Hours:
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Mass Times & Intentions:

Sunday 10th January

Paddy Martin (2nd Annv)/Anne, Dick, Pamela & Noel

Saunders & Keith Kelly/

Deceased members of The Neary & Slane Families /

John Foley/Frank Montague/

Special Intention (Get Well)

Monday: 11th January No Mass

Tuesday 12th January No Mass

Wednesday: 13th No Mass

Thursday: 14th January No Mass

Friday 15th January

Seamus Coughlan / Special Intention/

Deceased Members of the Byrne Family

Saturday 16th January Vigil Mass 7.00pm

Peter O’ Dwyer / Deceased members of the Farrell &

Segarty Families / Thomas Fitzsimons

Kay Donovan / Michael Roe

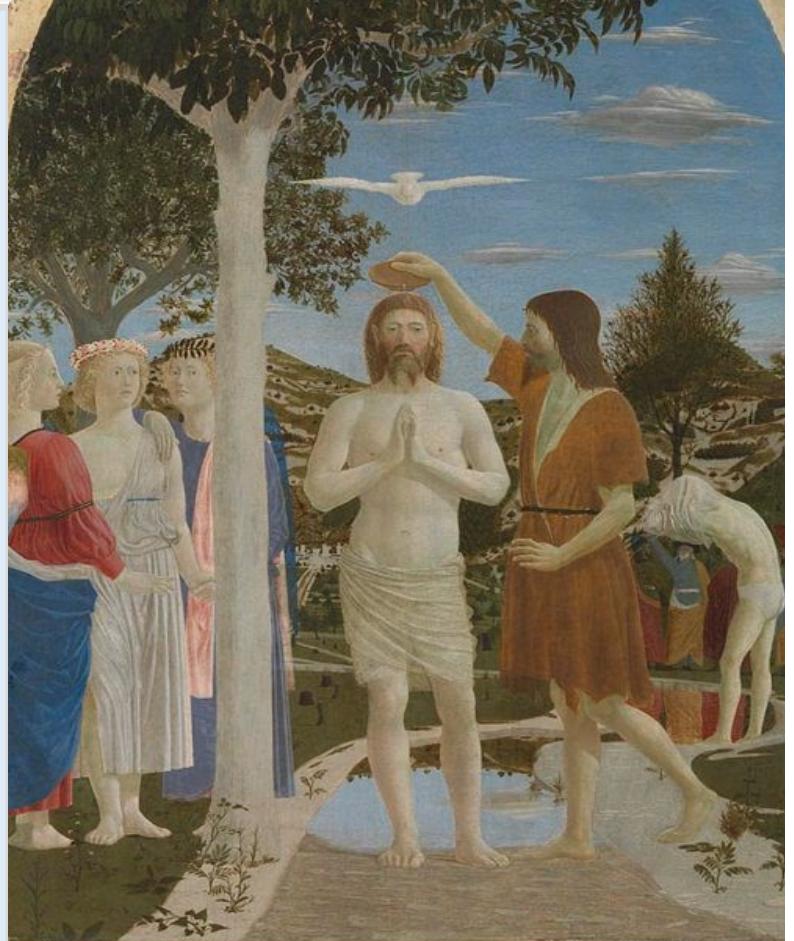
Sunday 17th January

John Weir (6th Annv)/Robbie O’ Connor (4th Annv)

Sorcha Kyne –Carroll (9th Annv.)

Frank O’Connor (19th Annv.) /

Mary Flood/ Special Intention/ Barbara Murphy



**Piero della Francesca:
Baptism of the Lord**

The Deep End: Come to the water

Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus, the moment when God reveals who Jesus is. Our readings are rich with water imagery. Water is a powerful symbol throughout the Scriptures, from the story of creation and the crossing of the Red Sea, to the wedding feast at Cana and Jesus’ encounter with the woman at the well. It is a symbol of life and newness, an opportunity for God to reach out to us, be present with us and teach us something, as well as an opportunity for cleansing and a fresh start. Our gospel today tells of Jesus being baptised by John in the river Jordan. This immersion in water marks the beginning of Jesus’ ministry. By approaching John for baptism, along with all the others, Jesus is identifying with the people and allowing himself to be counted among sinners. It is a sign that he is submitting to God’s will. At this crucial moment, as soon as he emerges from the Jordan, Jesus sees the heavens open and the voice of God confirming him as ‘Beloved Son’. It is a moment of divine approval, confirming Jesus’ identity and launching him on his new mission. The baptism of Jesus is a reminder of our own identity and mission. We are beloved daughters and sons of God, sisters and brothers of Jesus, members of God’s family. In today’s first reading we are invited: ‘Come to the water all you who are thirsty’. We are called to the water, to that moment when we recognise who Jesus is, who we are, and our mission to live as children of God.

‘In order to live a life of holiness, we must first receive new life from God — we must be born from above.’

Triona Doherty: Email 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 Sandyford, Mass times:

Saturdays: Vigil 6.00 p.m.

Sundays: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.,

6:00 p.m.

(Youth Mass) **Mondays to Fridays:**

10:00 a.m.

Holy Days: 10.00 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation :
after Mass on Saturdays/Confessions by request

Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the Family and friends of

Teresa O'Hare: Moreen

Who died earlier this week

May she rest in the peace of Christ



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.



PRIORY INSTITUTE

The Priory institute are moving their Open Day to Saturday January 23rd to an online format.



The course offers people the chance to study from home in their own time and be part of a supportive student community. The next semester starts February 13th 2021 and the Open Day is a chance to look into what it would be like to study with us. People attending our online Open Day in Tallaght will have the opportunity to meet with current students and staff over Zoom, attend a short introductory lecture on theology and find out if studying theology with us is the right thing to do.

For further information Tel: +353 (0) 86 85 10769

www.prioryinstitute.com

Balally Parish 400 Club



**Did you ever think of joining
Subscription: €10 per month**

We would like to ask members of the 400 Club to continue leaving their subscriptions into the Parish Office. payment into the Parish Office is a great help and very much appreciated.

Ph: 087 2577651 or Parish Office 012954296

The Baptism of Jesus

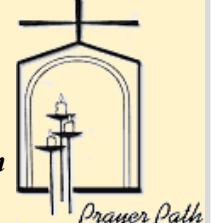
"You are my Son, the beloved, my favour rests on you." Those wonderful words, spoken to Jesus on the occasion of his Baptism in the Jordan, are spoken to each one of us because of our baptism into him. Just listen to God speak those words from his heart into your heart now: "you are my daughter, my son, the beloved, my favour rests on you."

Our major task is to live out that love of God in our vocation. For you as a couple committed in love, make your life together full of the joy of God's love. Single people, religious, priests, live out the same vocation of love in diverse ways but for the same purpose: to fill the world with the presence and the love of God. As a community of faith, the parish is a gathering of all these vocations so that, working with one another, we can radiate that same love to all those around us.

Johnny Doherty, C.Ss.R.

THE GOSPEL Mark 1:7-11

*He saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. and a voice came from the heavens,
"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."*



John baptized Jesus with water.

The Spirit broke through Earth's boundaries,

rushed into the world of time, and

told our universe again

that

God is with us.

Spirit,

tear open

the heavens.

Break through our

set-in-stone boundaries,

and descend into the depths

of our hearts.

Pour rivers of grace on all of us.

Readings for next Sunday 17th January 2021

Reading I: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19

Responsorial Psalm 140:2,4,7-8, 8-9, 10

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Gospel: John 1:35-42

The Church in Guatemala and the transformation that has taken place thanks to the people of Balally who helped transform and rebuild the Church after the fire.





PETER MASSEY
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Flowers of The Holy Night

There was once a poor Mexican girl called Pepita
Who had no present to give baby Jesus at the
Christmas Eve services.



The only offering she had was a bunch of weeds
which she had picked on her way to Mass.
On her way up the aisle to the altar the weeds
blossomed into the beautiful red plant we know
as the Poinsettia, known in Mexico
as "Flores De Noche Buena"
Spanish for "Flowers of the Holy Night".

The shape of the poinsettia flower and leaves are sometimes
thought of as a symbol of the Star of Bethlehem which led the
three wise men to Nazareth and the infant child, Jesus.

Ann Schmitz

Praying with the Psalms

**' For God alone my soul waits in silence;
From God comes my salvation (Psalm 62:1)**

Invitation to explore various Psalms within their context.

Wednesday evenings

7.30—8.45pm

**10th, 17th , 24th February and 3rd, and 10th March via
Zoom**

There is no charge. To register please contact Thérèse at
theresefitzgerald7@gmail.com



**The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed,
A stronghold in times of trouble. (Psalm 9:9)**

Church of the Ascension of the Lord, Balally

**As we are now in Level 5 with COVID-19 the Church is now closed for
Mass until further notice and no indoor gatherings can take place .**

Services will now take place online www.balallyparish.ie

Mass Times: Weekdays: Friday 10.00am Saturday 7.00pm Vigil Mass, Sundays: 10am.

There will be NO Communion distributed after any Mass until further notice

The Church will remain open for Private Prayer only from 11.00am—1.00pm

Advertising

**If you would like to advertise in the Parish
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January

*The days are short,
The sun a spark,
Hung thin between
The dark and dark.*

*Fat snowy footsteps
Track the floor.
Milk bottles burst
Outside the door.*

*The river is
A frozen place
Held still beneath
The trees of lace.
The sky is low.
The wind is Gray.
The radiator
Purrs all day.*