

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

BALALLY PARISH

17th January 2021

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Office Open Hours:

Tuesday to Friday 9.30am – 2.00pm.

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Mass Times & Intentions:

Sunday 17th January

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

Sorcha Kyne –Carroll (9th Annv.)/

Frank O'Connor (19th Annv.) / Des Dowling/Mary Flood/

Barbara Murphy/Special Intention/

Special Intention (Get well)

Monday: 18th January No Mass

Tuesday 19th January No Mass

Wednesday: 20th January No Mass

Thursday 21st January No Mass

Friday 22nd January

Seamus Coughlan/ Phyllis Shannon/

Deceased members of the Candon family/ Michael Fallon/

Des Dowling/Martin & Mary Kavanagh

Saturday 23rd January Vigil Mass 7.00pm

Kathleen Coakley (1st Annv)/

Greg Naughton (10th Annv)/ Deceased members of the

Hannon and Tonra Families/

Sinuhe Rodriguez / Special Intention

Sunday 24th January

Betty O' Neill (3rd Annv)/ Amy Lalor (4th Annv)/

Eoin Fitzgerald (23rd Annv)/ Madeline O' Keeffe/

Anne Keogh/ Jimmy Gallagher/ Nan Foley,

Eileen O' Malley & Mary O' Dwyer



“I did not call you” Eli said to Samuel
“Go back to sleep”

(1st Reading 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19)

Artist: John Singleton Copley
Samuel waking Eli in the night (1780)

The Deep End: Come and see

There is a Brazilian proverb used when a visitor is leaving one's home: 'Whoever drinks of this water keeps coming back'. Offering a beverage such as a cup of water or tea to a visitor is a universal gesture of welcome and hospitality. Today we hear how Jesus invites two of his disciples to 'come and see' where he lives. He welcomes them into his home and they stay with him for the rest of the day, undoubtedly eating and drinking and conversing with him. Jesus' invitation is simple, yet intimate.

We don't know where he lived or what his living arrangements were, but we know he wanted his friends to spend time with him and get to know him. This precious early time with Jesus must have set his friends up for a lifetime of discipleship.

We too are invited to 'come and see', to spend time with the Scriptures and in prayer to get to know Jesus. He welcomes us with open arms. As we reflect on the inviting love of Jesus, we are also encouraged to extend a warm welcome to others in a spirit of friendship. Pope Francis has often spoken of our responsibility, as individuals, communities and church, to welcome everyone – including those who are homeless or who have been forced to leave their home or country. Our welcome is a response to the Lord's supreme commandment to love the other, the stranger, as ourselves. We all have opportunities to do this in our communities. *'Every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ, who identifies with the welcomed and rejected strangers of every age.'* (Pope Francis)

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 Sandvford, Mass times:

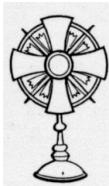
Saturdays: *Vigil 6.00 p.m.*

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



The Masterpiece

My life's an empty canvas Lord
I place it in Your hands.
All of my paint and brushes
Are under your command.

Let it tell a story Lord
Every brush stroke, every line
Of everything I've gained in You
And all I've left behind

The times I stood up straight and tall
Singing, "I shall not be moved!"
Those times I turned back from the fight
And came running straight to You.

You formed me in my Mother's womb
You knew me even then
Who could better paint my life
From where it first began?

So, when my life is over
And the picture is complete
It will be more than just a painting
It will be a Master-piece.

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

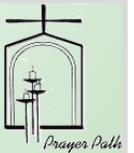
Answering God's call

The disciples asked Jesus 'where do you live?' He replied, 'come and see'. One of the most beautiful truths of our faith is found in the promise that Jesus made to us "where two or three are gathered in my name I am there with them." It is an answer for us to the question that the disciples asked. Jesus lives in our community with one another because of our baptism. He lives in every married couple because of the sacrament they share. He lives in every home because of the love that bonds us to one another as parents with children, as sisters and brothers. The significance of our parish is that it is not merely a place where we worship but is a real presence of Christ in our world. We will only see him in all these special places in so far as we answer his call to love God with our whole heart and to love one another as he loves us.

Johnny Doherty, C.Ss.R.

THE GOSPEL [John 1:35-42](#)

So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day.



Jesus asked,
"What
are you looking for?"
Uh, something.
They weren't sure what.

So they answered with a question:
"Where are you staying?"

"Come and
see."

They
came and
stayed with him
in his ordinary place.

And
they found
what they had been
seeking.

Christ, take
us too to your space.
We want to spend our time with you.
Let us find your radiance,
right here, right now,
always, in our
everyday
lives

Prayer is a state of mind where an amazing exchange happens!

We hand over our worries to God,
And he hands over his blessings to us.



For those of you who did not get a chance to see our Crib here in Balally,
We are including a photo this week before it is taken down next week.

*“Thank you”
to our volunteers who made our Crib look so special*



JAM & Chutney SALE

Brid's pop up Jam & Chutney sale raised €195 and will be used towards the running of the Parish.

We would like to thank everyone who managed to purchase some of the mouth watering jams and chutneys as they seemed to take wings and fly out the door as soon as they went for sale.

“Thank you Brid”



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Get well knowing that someone really cares helps healing along its way, so we hope all our Parishioners who are sick or housebound feel better and keep improving, day by day.



We keep you in our thoughts and prayers.



This Photo was sent in by Kathleen and Paddy Cahill Balally, of their Crib and was shown on EWTN on December 17th.

EWTN is a Catholic TV programme, featuring quality and powerful faith-based film and documentaries and live news from the Vatican and around the world.



PETER MASSEY FUNERALS



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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

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

There is no charge. To register please contact Thérèse at
theresefizgerald7@gmail.com



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

Advertising

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

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FUNCTIONS FOR EVERY OCCASION**

Get in touch with our events team to-
day on 01 2889189 or email
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A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

God, Thank you for helping us to make it through this difficult year. Thank you that you've carried us through the uncertainty of deep waters, through the flames of trials, and through the pain of hard losses.

We are constantly aware of how much we need you, your grace, your strength, your power working through even the toughest days.

Help us to remember that the gift of Christ, Emmanuel, is our greatest treasure, not just at Christmas, but for the whole year through. Fill us with your joy and the peace of your Spirit. Direct our hearts and minds towards you.

Thank you for your reminder that both in seasons of celebration and in seasons of brokenness, you're still with us. For you never leave us. Thank you for your daily powerful presence in our lives, that we can be assured your heart is towards us, your eyes are over us, and your ears are open to our prayers. Thank you that you surround us with favour as with a shield, and we are safe in your care. Shine your light in us, through us, over us

For this coming year

Amen

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 please contact
Tel:+ 353 (0) 86 85 10769 www.prioryinstitute.com



Readings for next Sunday 24th January 2021

Reading I: Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Responsorial Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Reading II: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

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

Please use the sanitiser at the door.