

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD BALALLY PARISH

15th August 2021

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



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Mass Times & Intentions:

Sunday 15th August 10.00am Mass
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Mary Loughran (2nd Annv)/ Brian O' Reilly (2nd Annv)/
John Gavigan (4th Annv)/ Annie Fox & Eileen Nerney/
Pat McLaughlin/ John Kilcoyne & Seamus Coughlan/
Mary O'Connor/
Special Intention
(Birthday remembrance for Paddy Morris)/**

Monday 16th August No Mass
Tuesday 17th August (No Mass)
Wednesday 18th August (No Mass)
Thursday 19th August (No Mass)

Friday 20th August 10.00am Mass

**John & Mary Furey/
Sarah & Michael Farragher/ Fr John Heaney**

Saturday 21st August 7.00 pm (Vigil Mass)

Ken O'Neill/ Vincent O'Toole

Sunday 22nd August 10.00am Mass

**Gerard Hand (16th Annv/ James & Annie Corrigan /
John & Josephine Dowling/ Pat Cullen/
Bill & Peg Harrington**



*Elizabeth said to Mary
"Of all women you are the most blessed and
blessed is the fruit of your womb".*

The Deep End: The slow work of God

**'Only God could say what this new spirit gradually forming within you will be. Give Our Lord the benefit of believing that his hand is leading you, and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete.
' (Pierre Teilhard de Chardin)**

These beautiful words from French philosopher Pierre Teilhard de Chardin SJ speak to the sometimes-tortuous experience of waiting. In it the author gives us permission to not have all the answers, to allow our faith time to grow and develop.

Above all, he invites us to do that most difficult of things: live in the present moment, and surrender ourselves to God in that moment.

This poem comes to mind as I think about today's celebration of the Feast of the Assumption, when we recall Mary's role in the life of Jesus and in salvation. In our Gospel extract we meet Mary, pregnant and celebrating with her relative Elizabeth. Given the circumstances, it would be understandable if she was unsure and fearful. Her future is uncertain, as is that of her soon-to-be-born son. She cannot yet comprehend the enormity of what is to come. But Mary seems content to wait.

When Elizabeth proclaims Mary as 'blessed', Mary bursts into prayer, praising God for his greatness and for 'looking upon his lowly handmaid'.

In modern terms, it is a lesson in mindfulness. When we find ourselves impatient, struggling to comprehend or to trust God's ways, let us turn to Mary who accepted God's plan with trust and hope, allowing it all to unfold one step at a time.

Triona Doherty Email: trionad@gmail.com

Church Services:



Baptisms: From Thursday 5 August,

Baptism services may proceed. However, they must follow all protective measures and social gatherings afterwards should be avoided.

(Here in Balally we have a waiting list which will take priority. We will be delighted to accommodate everyone who enquires about Baptisms accordingly.)

**Balally Parish Mass Times: Friday 10.00am,
Saturday 7.00pm (Vigil Mass) Sunday 10.00am**

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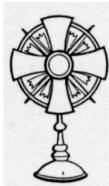
St Mary's Sandyford, Mass times:

Mon—Fri 10.00am



Saturdays: Vigil 6.00 p.m.

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



THE GOSPEL

[Luke 1:39-56](#)



Mary set out and travelled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah.

From a serene, demurring handmaiden,
when she met her cousin Elizabeth
came a cry in unrestrained joy,
and praising God.
Singing a radical song of promise.

Spirit of God,
let us join with Mary
and declare your greatness,
and with whole heart's delight, pray with her:
that you give hope to the lowly, that they be lifted up:
a wealth of good food for all the hungry,
enlightenment and desire, to repair
all that is broken in the planet
and in the justice systems,
with your mercy
for all people
in all times.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Today's feast celebrates Mary's Assumption into heaven. The Gospel for this holy day recalls Mary's actions after the announcement of Jesus' birth by the Angel Gabriel. Mary goes to visit her cousin Elizabeth who is also with child. Elizabeth greets Mary with full recognition of the roles they and their unborn children will play in God's plan for salvation. Mary responds to Elizabeth's greeting with her song of praise, the Magnificat. Both women recall and echo God's history of showing favour upon the people of Israel. Mary's Magnificat, in particular, echoes the song of praise offered by Hannah, the mother of Samuel.



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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.



Readings for next Sunday

22nd August

Twenty– First Sunday in Ordinary Time

[Reading I: Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b](#)

[Responsorial Psalm: 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21](#)

[Reading II: Ephesians 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32](#)

[Gospel: John 6:60-69](#)

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mary said: “My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour; because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid”. Mary is given to us as the model of what a follower of Christ should be. Today, as we celebrate her Assumption into heaven, she models especially the importance of a spirit of thanksgiving and praise. Each of us has so much to be thankful for to God and to one another and yet we can spend so much of our time and energy complaining. This week we are invited to turn this around and practice praise and thanksgiving. We start with those who are closest to us, for example as wife and husband, parents and children, friends, but we should also extend it to the people we celebrate the Eucharist with instead of rushing away as soon as Mass is over and of course, this week take time to thank God for all the gifts we have in our lives.

Johnny Doherty C.Ss.R.

FATHER PETER STEPS DOWN FROM BALALLY PARISH

Father Peter announced at all Masses last weekend that, due to his recently diagnosed illness, he would have to step down from his role as parish priest of Balally. He will take up a new role, in the Archdiocese, which will give him the best chance to fully recover from his illness.

Apparently, he will have to ‘cross the Liffey’ for his new role, so Jimmy Finnegan will be taking him under his expert wings!

Fr Peter will be missed. Please keep Father Peter in your prayers and please pray for our new priest, who will be announced, soon.



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SEPTEMBER MAGAZINE

Panorama always welcomes news from our local areas. Just a reminder that any material (text, photos, adverts) you may wish to have included in our September issue needs to be sent in by **Monday next, 16th August.**



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.



Archbishop Dermot Farrell on the Occasion of the Conferral of the Pallium,

During Vigil Mass in Saint Mary's Pro Cathedral Dublin, (7th August 2021)

Archbishop Dermot Farrell received the Pallium from

His Excellency Archbishop Okolo.

If you would like to read Archbishop Farrell's Homily please go to ... www.balallyparish.ie or dublindiocese.ie



The pallium, this simple white woollen stole edged in black and worn over the shoulders, evokes the image of a lamb being carried by the shepherd... It asks me, and the entire Church that I serve, to remember that we are a community which goes after the lost sheep, not only those who have strayed, but those who are ignored, forgotten or overlooked. The task is not just to find them and bring them home, but to lift them up high, to shoulder level, where they can begin to see and live a new life, the life made possible by the one who is Himself 'the living bread.'

Archbishop Dermot Farrell

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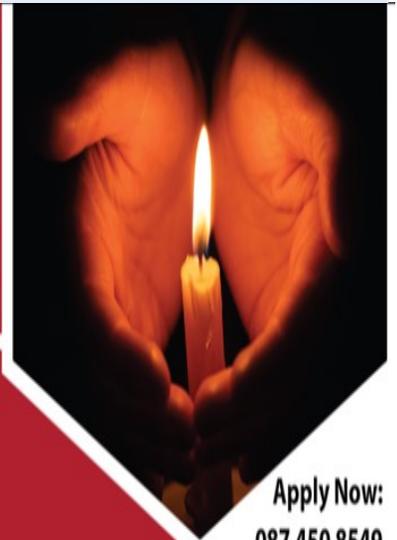
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