

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

BALALLY PARISH

12th September

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Office Open Hours:

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Mass Times & Intentions:

Sunday 12th September 10.00am Mass

**Tom & Jimmy Furey/ Una Mahony & Bridie Perry/
Mary O'Connor/Roger Kelly/ Gerry Dwyer/ Hugh Crean/**

Special Intention

(Wedding Anniversary Remembrance 54 years)/

Special Intention

Monday 13th September Mass

Tuesday 14th September (No Mass)

Wednesday 15th September (No Mass)

Thursday 16th September (No Mass)

Friday 17th September 10.00am Mass

Christopher O' Shea (13th Annv)/

Nancy Finnegan (21st Annv)/ Mary O'Connor/

Kathleen Clarke/ Kathleen Scully/

Special Intention ((Get well)

Saturday 18th September 7.00 pm (Vigil Mass)

John Ryan (4th Annv)/ Mary O'Connor/

Nuala Pullan & Joan Fagan/ Elisabeth Walsh/ Pat Downey/

Special Intention (Get well)

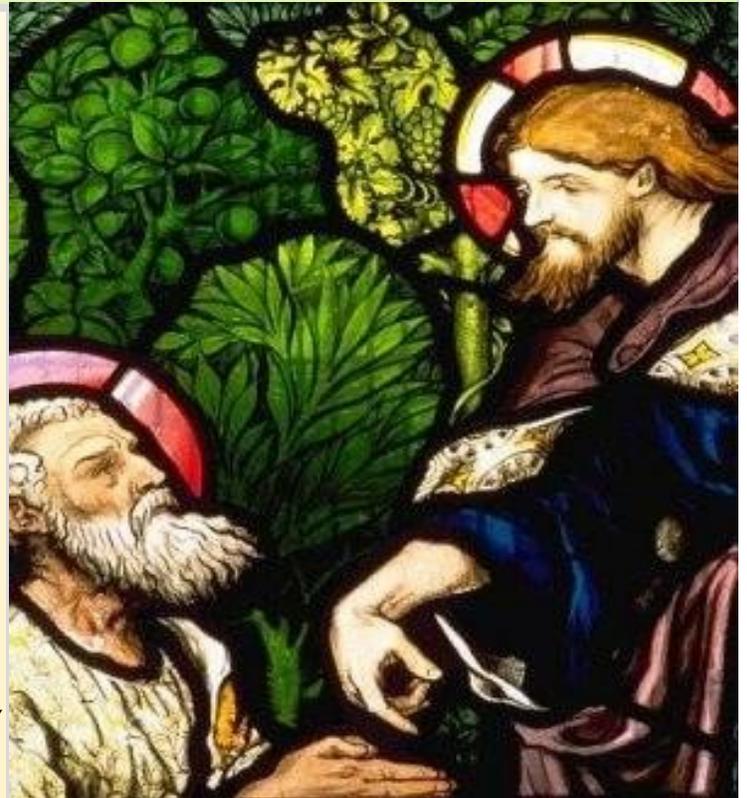
Sunday 19th September 10.00am Mass

Sean King (Months mind)/ Gavin Mee (3rd Annv)/

Joan Brereton (8th Annv)/Peggy Dooley (22nd Annv)

& James & Mary Monaghan (22nd Annv)/

Amy Corbett/ Rosaline Rice (30th Annv)/



*Jesus asks his disciples
"Who do you say I am"
Peter speaks and says to Jesus
"You are the Christ" (Gospel)*

The Deep End: O' By my words, I will show you my faith'

In the second reading today from St James we read, 'What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works?' and in our Gospel reading we hear: 'The way you think is not God's way but man's...'. These are challenging texts which remind us to reflect on what path we are walking as followers of Jesus. Jesus' path was radically different to what people of his time expected of a Messiah. It was a path that would lead to much sacrifice. Being a

Christian today means following Jesus' example, being counter-cultural and making sacrifices for a greater good.

Today is also the second Sunday in the Season of Creation, a time we are called to explore our relationship with nature, God's creation. Pope Francis reminds us in *Laudato Si' - On Care for Our Common Home* that 'We are not God' (LS, 67).

He challenges us to re-examine our vocation to care for creation. In the past we misinterpreted God's words in Genesis to mean that we could have dominion over all of creation, own it and plunder it for our own use. Pope Francis invites us instead to explore our role as carers of creation and reminds us that the very first commandment we were ever given was to be protectors of this beautiful world. Yet, we know the earth cries out to us and that we are living through the sixth mass extinction of life on this earth due to human activity. Ecosystems are collapsing; biodiversity is in crisis. *Laudato Si'* is a hope-filled document, reminding us that we can set out on a new path, that we are capable of turning things around.

One key action each of us can take this Season of Creation is to plant a native Irish tree. Each parish, diocese, family, school, university can engage in this symbolic action to help Restore Our Common Home. This week, gather two or three people and explore what can be done, mindful that our Gospel today urges us to walk God's ways not man's.

Jane Mellett o mellettj@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**



[View the Live Broadcast of our services](#)

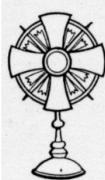
Go to www.balallyparish.ie for live streaming of our online Masses

St Mary's Sandyford, Mass times:

Mon—Fri 10.00am



Saturdays: Vigil 6.00 p.m.



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

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Show us who you are.
In every joy, take our hands.
In every sorrow, take our hands.
Then we will know you well,
love you well.

Raising up your cross will not be so hard
if you are there with us,
holding our
hands.



Balally Parish 400 Club



**Did you ever think of joining
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please ring the numbers below.**

Ph: 087 2577651 or Parish Office 012954296

Sympathy



We extend our heartfelt sympathy
to the Family and friends of

Carmel Stobie: Moreen Avenue

May she rest in the peace of Christ

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



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The Triumph of the Cross

Jesus said, “If you want to be a follower of mine, renounce yourself, take up your cross, and follow me.” In this one sentence from Jesus there are two things that most of us don't want to do. Our world teaches us to 'be yourself'. Jesus teaches us to renounce yourself. This doesn't mean to put yourself down but to let go of your own self-importance and find your true self in being loved and in loving and then he tells us to take up our cross. Immediately we think of suffering. Many of us have suffering in our lives and certainly this can be our cross. But more importantly the cross we need to take up is that of the consequences of putting others first in love. It is the cross of moving out of our own small world of self-preoccupation and living for others in our marriage, our family, and our community. **Johnny Doherty, C.Ss.R.**

**Bayside Alpha are running a free 7-week Zoom course
on prayer starting on**

Wednesday the 22nd of September at 7.30pm.

The course is called 40 Days of Prayer and consists of a 60 minute weekly meeting on Zoom which includes a video presentation, a group discussion and a time for prayer. If you'd like to join please email Paul at alphabayside@gmail.com.

**Readings for next Sunday
19th September**

Twenty–Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

Responsorial Psalm: 54:3-4, 5, 6, 8

Reading II: James 3:16-4:3

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

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Bewley's Big Coffee Morning Social for Hospice

Thursday 23rd September 2021

Host a joyful Coffee Morning in your home, garden or workplace this September 23rd, or on any day in September that suits you, in aid of Our Lady's Hospice & Care Services, if you feel comfortable to do so.



PETER MASSEY FUNERALS



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Season of Creation

Restoring Our Common Home

1 September - 4 October 2021



Suggested Practical Actions for Parishes / Families during the Season of Creation 2021 "For we know that things can change!" (Laudato Si', 13)

Plant pollinator friendly plants in your window box or garden at home and in your parish grounds. www.biodiversityireland.ie

Refuse single use plastics such as cling film, straws, plastic cutlery.

Avoid waste. Reduce, reuse, recycle, recover, treat.

Plastics are suitable for reuse when handled correctly. There are many types of plastics, and it is important that the materials are sorted accurately.

Check the new recycling list www.recyclinglistireland.ie

Learn how to read your energy bills and make your home more energy efficient.

Explore the use of renewable energy in your home, business and school, parish buildings (www.seai.ie). Many grants are available for your community.

Participate in the Think Before You Flush campaign (www.thinkbeforeyouflush.org) and display the 'Dirty Dozen' posters in toilets in your parish buildings.

Consider installing water butts in your gardens.

Offer a welcome to newcomers where you live.

Explore Trócaire's 100 ways for Parishes to implement Laudato Si' (<https://www.trocaire.org/sites/default/files/pdfs/parishes/100-ways-to-implement-laudato-si.pdf>)



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Pollinator Planters



DEVELOPED BY HORTICULTURIST SINEAD MONAHAN, THE STUDENTS OF THE LCETB & ENNIS TIDY TOWNS. SUPPORTED BY CLARE COUNTY COUNCIL

Plant List

PLANTS LISTED BELOW ARE POLLINATOR FRIENDLY AND WILL PROVIDE A FOOD SOURCE FOR BEES AND BUTTERFLIES

Nemesia Blue Bicolour		Lavandula 'Strawberry Ruffles'
Lavandula Bandera Pink		Cosmos
Dianthus Cranmere Pool		Camassia
Dianthus 'Whatfield Can-Can'		Osteospermum 'Lady Leitrim'
Dianthus Charmy		Bacopa
Nepeta glechoma		Margarette
Hedera helix variegata		Allium millenium
Osteospermum jucundum var. compactum		Creeping Jenny

IN SUPPORT OF THE ALL-IRELAND POLLINATOR PLAN WWW.POLLINATORS.IE

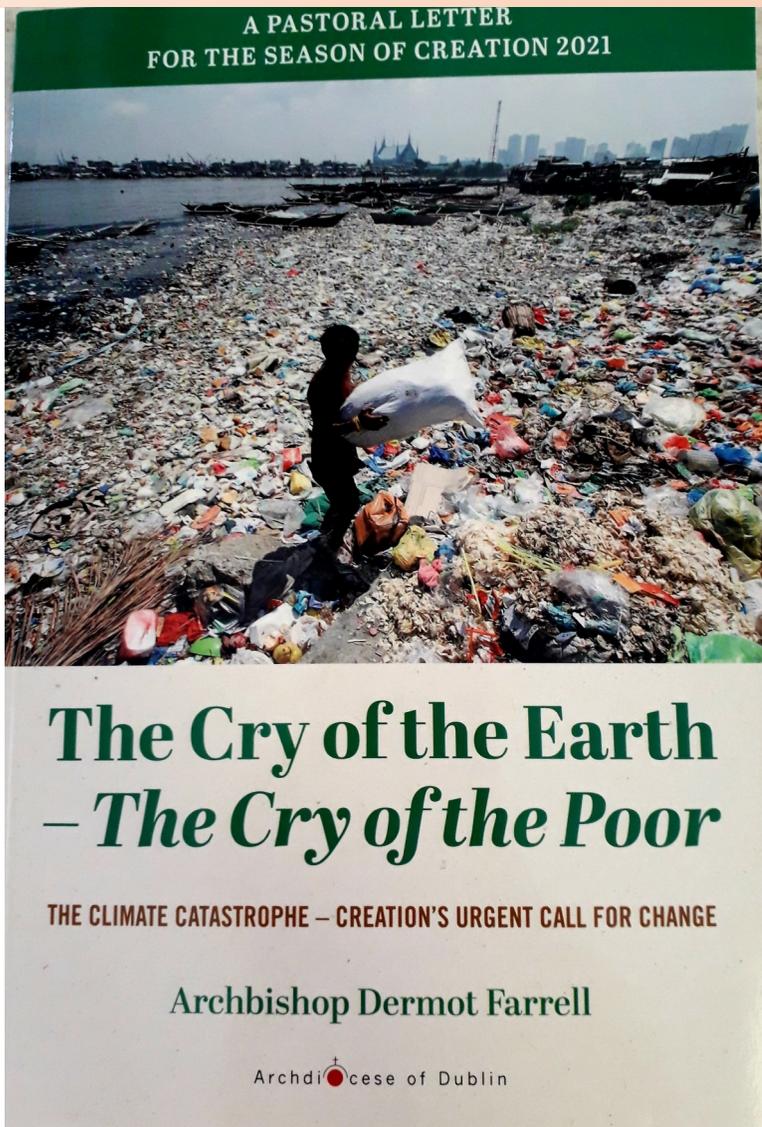


Additional Spaces for Mass

With the latest public health advice allowing a further easing of restrictions on those attending religious services, we are happy to share that Balally will expand those able to attend mass. As of now additional spaces will be available to book online. Our booking system and the additional measures to keep everyone safe will remain in place.

Mass times will remain the same for now.

Friday 10.00am /Saturday 7.00pm Vigil Mass &



**The Cry of the Earth
The Cry of the Poor
For the Season of Creation 2021
On sale at reception (Parish Office)
Price: €2.50**

A Christian prayer in union with creation

Father, we praise you with all your creatures.
They came forth from your all-powerful hand; they are yours, filled with your presence and your tender love.
Praise be to you!
Son of God, Jesus,
through you all things were made.

You were formed in the womb of Mary our Mother, you became part of this earth, and you gazed upon this world with human eyes.
Today you are alive in every creature
in your risen glory.
Praise be to you!

Holy Spirit, by your light
You guide this world towards the Father's love
and accompany creation as it groans in travail.
You also dwell in our hearts
and you inspire us to do what is good.
Praise be to you!

Triune Lord, wondrous community of infinite love, teach us to contemplate you in the beauty of the universe, for all things speak of you.
Awaken our praise and thankfulness
for every being that you have made.
Give us the grace to feel profoundly joined to everything that is.

God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth, for not one of them is forgotten in your sight.
Enlighten those who possess power and money that they may avoid the sin of indifference, that they may love the common good, advance the weak, and care for this world in which we live.
The poor and the earth are crying out.

O Lord, seize us with your power and light, help us to protect all life, to prepare for a better future, for the coming of your Kingdom of justice, peace, love and beauty
Praise be to you!
Amen.

CROSSCARE

The Annual Collection
for Crosscare, the social

support agency of the Archdiocese of Dublin will be taken up at all Masses in the Diocese on the weekend of

18th and 19th September 2021.

It will replace the usual Share collection.



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.

