

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD BALALLY PARISH

24th July 2022

*Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly*

Parish Office Open Hours:

Monday to Friday 9.30am – 2.00pm.
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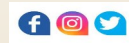
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Mass Times & Intentions:

Sunday 24th July 10.00am Mass

Tom Pender/ Dermot O' Neill/ John Keenan/

Norah Egan & Annabell Corrigan/

Special Intention (Birthday wishes for Seán Firzsimons)/

Monday 25th July 10.00am Mass

**Tom McGee (60th Anny) & Remembering his wife
Anne McGee/ Sr Catherine Horan (Sisters of Charity)**

Tuesday 26th July (No Mass)

Wednesday 27th July 10.00am Mass

Tom O' Driscoll

Thursday 28th July (No Mass)

Friday 29th July 10.00am Mass

Special Intention (In thanksgiving)

Saturday 30th July 6.00pm Vigil Mass

John Gleeson (60th Anniversary)/

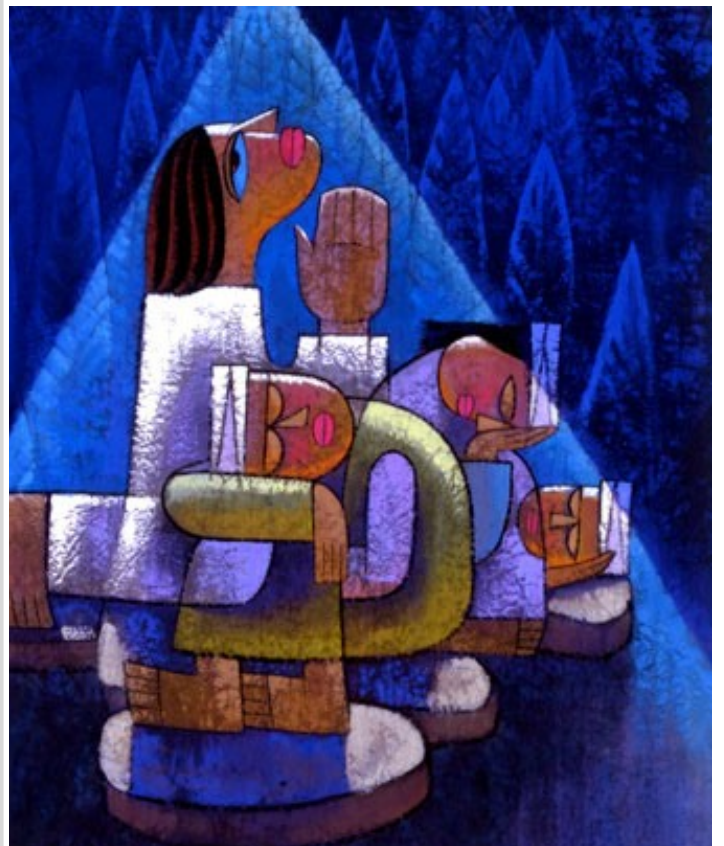
Eugene McGann/

Ursula Holmes & Stephen Howley/

Sunday 31st July 10.00am Mass

Tom Pender/

Mavis Lawless/ Special Intention



*Lord teach us to pray,
just as John taught his disciples
Artist: He Qi*

Reflection by Father Laurence Freeman

John Main said that meditation is the prayer of faith because we have to 'leave ourselves behind before the other appears and with no pre-packaged guarantee that he will appear'.

So here is the risk of meditation, the risk of love, the risk of being alive: leaving self behind before the other appears, without a pre-packaged guarantee that the other will appear.

This is why meditation is an act of faith. It's a repeated act of faith. Of course if we meditate seriously, regularly then it becomes an act of love.

DOROTHY DAY, THE FOUNDER OF THE CATHOLIC WORKER MOVEMENT

Quote

What we would like to do is change the world - make it a little simpler for people to feed, clothe, and shelter themselves as God intended for them to do.... We can, to a certain extent, change the world; we can work for the oasis, the little cell of joy and peace in a harried world. We can throw our pebble in the pond and be confident that its ever widening circle will reach around the world. We repeat, there is nothing that we can do but love and dear God, please enlarge our hearts to love each other, to love our neighbour, to love our enemy as well as our friend.

Church Services:

Baptisms: Baptisms take place
Second Sunday of every month.
For more Information please contact the
Parish Office on 012954296
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Balally Parish Mass Times:

Monday 10.00am Wednesday 10.00am and
Friday 10.00am. Saturday 6.00pm (Vigil Mass)
Sunday 10.00am

7.00pm vigil Mass Holy Days
10.00am Mass on Holy Day



View the Live Broadcast of our services
Go to www.balallyparish.ie

COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your very generous
response to last Sundays collections
1st Collection €660 & 2nd Collection €440



Balally Parish 400 Club

The July Draw will take place next weekend

Did you ever think of joining
If you would like to Subscribe please contact
Ph: 087 2577651 or Parish Office 012954296



The Coffee dock is open
Sunday, Monday & Friday after 10.00am Mass
Please do drop in for a cuppa and a chat.
We are looking for more volunteers to help.
if you are interested in volunteering
please contact the Parish Office on 01-2954296



Readings for next Sunday 31st July 2022
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.
Reading I: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23
Responsorial Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17
Reading II: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11
Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

THE GOSPEL

Luke 11:1-13

“I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence.”

O Jesus,
your father stands at the door
waiting for us to knock, never sleeping,
always seeking ways to dote on us
and fill us with good things.
Help us to persist in our prayers
For climate change, immigrants, starving children,
racism, war.

A Word From Fr Jim

I am delighted to say that Fr Laurence Freeman who is simply the best teacher of Christian Meditation around today, will be with us here in Balally on Tuesday 13th September, save the date!!

It will be a great blessing for our parish as we journey towards being a parish of meditation and service.

On a less happy note we said goodbye this week to Leona in the office who finished her CE scheme with us and is now beginning a new job. Leona was a tremendous asset to the parish, kind and welcoming to all, efficient and well organised in her job and a pleasure to have around. We will all miss Leona and wish her every blessing in the future.

Fr Laurence pictured with Fr Jim beside a photo of Fr John Main, founder of the World Community of Christian Meditation



World Day For Grandparents and the Elderly 2022



Pope Francis established a
World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year's celebration is:

“In old age they will still bear fruit” (Psalm 92:15)

Lord Jesus,
you were born of the Virgin Mary,
the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne.
Look with love on grandparents the world over.
Protect them! They are a source of enrichment
for families, for the Church and for all of society.
Support them! As they grow older,
may they continue to be for their families
strong pillars of Gospel faith,
guardians of noble domestic ideals,
living treasuries of sound religious traditions.
Make them teachers of wisdom and courage,
that they may pass on to future generations the fruits
of their mature human and spiritual experience.

Lord Jesus,
help families and society
to value the presence and role of grandparents.
May they never be ignored or excluded,
but always encounter respect and love.
Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed
in all the years of life which you give them.
Mary, Mother of all the living,
keep grandparents constantly in your care **Amen**