

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

BALALLY PARISH

25TH September 2022

Twenty - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Safeguarding Sunday

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Mass Times & Intentions:

Sunday 25th September 10.00am Mass

John McKeever (Months mind)/

Patricia Nolan (22nd Annv)/

Tom Wall/ Peter Campbell/

Harry Murtagh/

Monday 26th September 10.00am Mass

Raymond Campion/ Róisín Dunn/ John Arthur/

Special Intention (Get well)

Tuesday 27th September (No Mass)

Wednesday 28th September 10.00am Mass

John Malone/ Seamus Keogan

Thursday 29th September (No Mass)

Friday 30th September 10.00am Mass

Special Intention (Get well)

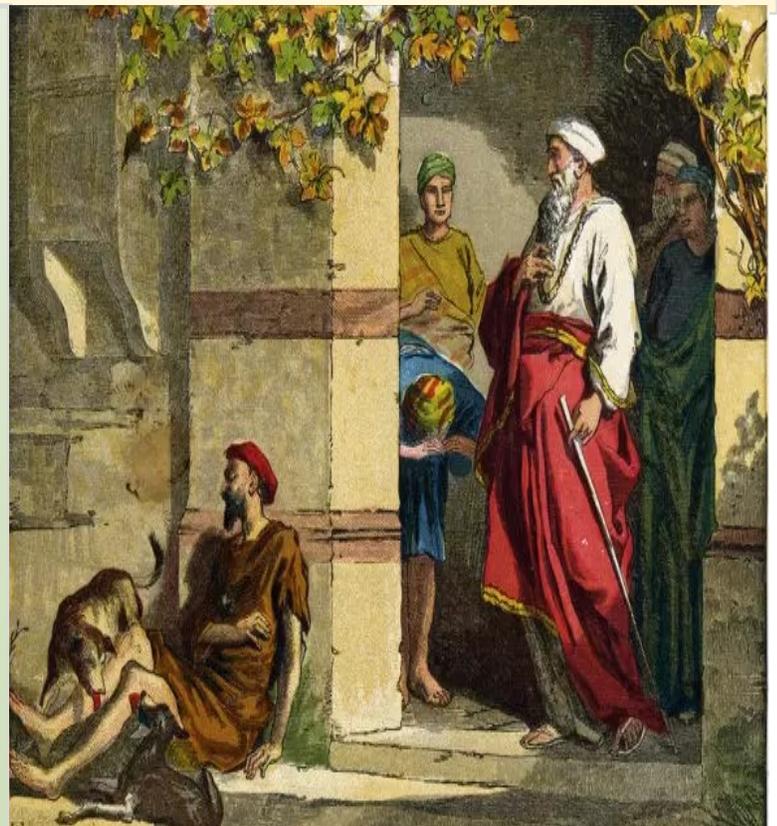
Saturday 1st October 6.00pm

Eithne Farrelly / Colm Mooney

Sunday 2nd October 10.00am Mass

Rose Daly (3rd Annv)/ John Arthur/

Eleanor Condon



*The Rich man and Lazarus
God is our refuge and strength*

Reflection by Father Laurence Freeman

We have to face the fact, as religious people, that many of the forms of prayer or expressions of prayer that we exercise can be forms of distraction. Can be. Meditation, as we know, does not replace any other form of prayer that you find helpful or through which you can grow in your love of God. But if we don't have this centrality of contemplation in our practice of prayer, then the danger is and I am not being dismissive here, but the danger here is that our religiosity, our other forms of prayer, however busy we are with them, can become distractions and that primary, all important quality of pure attention, which is pure prayer is lost or is not exercised and begins to waste away. At the end, if that process were to continue without interruption, it will just lead to a religious fanaticism or compulsiveness. You know, the kind of religious person who is hyper religious, but really does not pay attention to anybody else or anything else, just to their religiosity.

We have to face that fact, as religious people.

POPE FRANCIS

Seeing the Lazarus in our Midst

In big cities, beneath the roar of traffic, beneath “the rapid pace of change”, so many faces pass by unnoticed because they have no “right” to be there, no right to be part of the city. They are the foreigners, the children who go without schooling, those deprived of medical insurance, the homeless, the forgotten elderly. These people stand at the edges of our great avenues, in our streets, in deafening anonymity. They become part of an urban landscape which is more and more taken for granted, in our eyes and especially in our hearts'.

Pope Francis, Homily, 25th September 2015.



Balally Parish 400 Club

September draw will take place Sun 2nd Oct

Did you ever think of joining
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COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your very generous
response to last Sundays collections



1st Collection € 1015 & 2nd Collection (Crosscare) €680

"Koins for Kids Ireland"

This is a voluntary charity putting all their efforts into providing a "Pediatric MRI Scanner" for "The New Children's Hospital" when building is complete. They have a home for any coin or currency on the globe (Old, obsolete, damaged, dirty, low denomination, foreign coin or banknote). To date they have raised over €275,000 and intend to make a big impact on the less fortunate children in communities all over this Island. If you have any of this type of currency or any unwanted currency, please leave it into the Parish office.



Fr Norman Nolan's family came to Balally to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of his ordination last Sunday.



A Word from Fr Jim

We have an important letter from the Archbishop on Safeguarding Sunday 25th September
Please see letter below.

With my Love & Blessing: Fr Jim

Letter from Archbishop Farrell

Sunday, 25 September, is Diocesan Safeguarding Sunday.

This year the theme of the day is "Safeguarding a Gospel Value". Children occupy a central role in the teachings of Jesus, who pointed to the child as the ultimate symbol of the Kingdom of God. 'Whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it' (Lk 18:17). Safeguarding Sunday is now a regular part of the diocesan calendar. It falls each year on the fourth Sunday in September. Over the past year or so, we have done a lot of talking and a lot of listening, both as part of the Synod and as part of the Building Hope project that I launched at the beginning of 2021. The talking and the listening in themselves bring us together and are part of the building up of the Kingdom of God. One of the things talked about in the synod meetings in the parishes was the sorrow, guilt and helplessness experienced by older parishioners at the lack of involvement of their own children with the Church and the need to reach out to young adults and children. These young adults are often the parents who must decide whether to permit their children participate in the life of our parishes. Some young parents are involved with their local parishes and do permit their children to participate in Church activities. However, some of these young parents have told us that some of their peers express misgivings about this. These parents wonder if it is safe to allow their own children to become involved in Church activities. These are the concerns of loving, responsible parents who are determined to protect their children from abuse. We need to open up a dialogue with these parents. We need to listen to their concerns, acknowledge the failures of the past, and share with them all the many ways that we seek to ensure the safety of their children. We need to find ways to share the good news with them, the good news that God loves their children and that those who work in our parishes - clerics, religious and lay people are determined to demonstrate God's love for these children by the actions we take to ensure their safety. In the short film we made for this year's Safeguarding Sunday, Natalie Doherty, Faith Development Worker and member of the diocesan Safeguarding Committee refers to her work as centred "on engaging with families to support faith in the home", and of walking "the wonderful journey of celebrating the sacraments". We must be ever mindful of the generosity of parents who open their families to us, and the particular responsibility that brings with it. We should remember too, our responsibility to the vulnerable members of our community. The Church must always be a place of safety for those for whom the world may not always feel secure and welcoming. Finally, I ask you to remember in your prayers all those who have suffered abuse. **Dermot Farrell**