

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD BALALLY PARISH

2nd October 2022 *Twenty - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Parish Office Open Hours:

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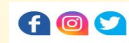
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Mass Times & Intentions:

Sunday 2nd October 10.00am Mass

**Patricia Nolan (22 Annv.) Rose Daly (3rd Annv)/
John Arthur (RD)
Eleanor Condon**

Monday 3rd October 10.00am Mass

**Breda Kearney / Harry Murtagh
Get Well x 2**

Tuesday 4th October (No Mass)

Wednesday 5th October 10.00am Mass

**Tom Pender/Frances Hughes/
Javier Lenor Del Pozo**

Harry Murtagh / Special Intention (Get Well)

Thursday 6th October (No Mass)

Friday 7th October 10.00am Mass

Altar List of the Dead

Saturday 8th October 6.00pm

Eithne Farrelly/ Colm Mooney

Sunday 9th October

**Tom Pender / Kathleen Cullen / Sean & Mona Hopkins
(1st & 23rd Annv.) / Ciara Coughlan (10th Annv.)**

Special Intention (Graham Carraher)



Reflection by Father Laurence Freeman

The fruits of the Spirit, remember, grow in our daily life, in our relationships, above all. This is of great importance

I think, for our time, our culture and for young people today. Because if we are only creatures of desire, we will only experience suffering. Desire always brings suffering with it because it is always unsatisfied. If you desire something, you are not satisfied. So, there is suffering in some way. But when we can turn our attention away from our own desire towards the desire of others for fulfilment, then we discover what fulfilment really means, we discover what love means. Because this love which focuses on the well-being and on the flourishing of another, or others, is the meaning of compassion. Now this is a sequence, this is a process, in which the fruit of the Spirit that is love grows in us, and it grows in us through practice, through an exercise, through the nurturing and the cultivation of this natural growth process.

POPE FRANCIS

Quote

Essential to the attainment of these national goals is the moral imperative of ensuring social justice and respect for human dignity. The great biblical tradition enjoins on all peoples the duty to hear the voice of the poor. It bids us to break the bonds of injustice and oppression which give rise to glaring, and indeed, scandalous social inequalities. Reforming the social structures which perpetuate poverty and the exclusion of the poor first requires a conversion of mind and heart.

Church Services:

Baptisms: Baptisms take place
Second Sunday of every month.

For more Information please contact the
Parish Office on 012954296
Email: balallyparish@gmail.com

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

Balally Parish 400 Club

September draw will take place this Sunday

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



COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your very generous
response to last Sundays collections

1st Collection €670 & 2nd Collection €455



Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt sympathy
to the *Family and friends of*
Harry Murtagh
May he rest in the peace of Christ



Sacrament of Baptism

We Welcome Baby
Patrick Markey



Who was baptised into the Christian Community
in this Church last week.

Sarah and Kerrie, our resident musicians, and their group

Vox Hiberniae have put together a reflection

"A Celtic Journey with St. Francis of Assisi"

to mark his feast day.

It can be viewed at www.youtube.com/c/voxhiberniae

St Olaf's Ladies Club Friday 7th October 2022

Talk and Slide Show on the Photographer of Francis
Street.

Also, a big thank you to everyone who contributed to
the Hospitality Coffee morning in aid of the Hospice.
We raised €610.

Hospice Coffee Morning

Frances and Nuala would like to thank everybody for sup-
porting their Coffee Morning in aid of the Hospice.

We raised €2,664.

A Word from Fr Jim

When I was a Cistercian monk in Mepkin Abbey we had a weekly Desert Day - a quiet day with no activity - and plenty of opportunity to rest, relax and pray. I miss it - and I need it. So, I thought - why not do the same in the parish? This is our first shot at it - and it may change as time goes on. Starting on Tuesday 4th October, we will have it every Tuesday.

Here is the working programme:

You can dip in and out as it appeals or as you are free.

DESERT DAYS IN BALALLY

10am: Exposition / Rosary, Morning Prayer/
Meditation (Church)

12.00: Light lunch- Soup for the soul – eat in silence –
listen to reading – (As in Monastery, Pastoral Centre)

1.30: Take a hike/ a walk in the garden, a look at a
book, or a walk with a soul friend (Meet at Pastoral
Centre)

7.30pm: Contemplative Eucharist: Taize Music, Lectio
Divina, Meditation including school of meditation (For
those wishing to learn how to meditate (Pastoral Cen-
tre, Lane Room) we will teach you the way of Christian
meditation

Join us for some or part of our Desert Days, beginning
Tuesday October 4th 2022.

With my Love & Blessing Fr Jim

NOTICES

Collection Counters

**Gerry Fagan, the incoming Chair of the Parish Finance
Committee** and Fr Jim will meet all who have volunteered
to count money, after 10am Mass on Monday 3rd October.

Blessing of Animals - Sunday 12noon outside the Church

Fr. Dermot's book launch - Thursday 13th October at 7pm
by Minister Catherine Martin.

Parish Church 40th Anniversary Celebration and launch of
Building Hope by Meditation and Service - Saturday 22nd
October at 6pm Mass

New Youth Loft

I am accepting donations to furnish the new Youth Loft!
(presently the Round Room in the Pastoral Centre). We are
excited to create a space where young people in the church
and community can feel that they belong. We are looking
for a bookshelf, couch, chairs, a table, board games, and
Bibles. If you have any items you'd like to donate, or are
curious about what is accepted, please contact Emma Liv-
ingston at 085267618 or emmalivingston726@gmail.com
Please do NOT drop items at the church without
coordinating with me first!

Many thanks, Emma