

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD BALALLY PARISH

4th December

2nd Sunday of Advent



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Mass Times & Intentions:

Saturday 3rd December 6.00pm

Fred Glass/ Marion Lycett/ Alice Brett/ Sharon Pocock/
Paddy Clarke/
Special Intention

Sunday 4th December 10.00am Mass

Seamus Coughlan(2nd Annv)/ John Mee/ & Gavin Mee/
Eva Gethin & Eileen Ryan/ Julia McGuire/ Alice Brett/
Shane Kavanagh/ Mikie Keogh & Margaret Keogh

Second Sunday of Advent

Monday 5th December 10.00am Mass

Paddy Fitzsimons/Sharon Pocock/ Noel Lynn/

Special Intention (Birthday wishes)/

Special Intention (Get well)

Tuesday 6th December

Desert Days in Balally - Every Tuesday

Contemplative Eucharist:

Taize Music, Lectio Divina 7.30pm

Wednesday 7th December 10.00am Mass

Fred Glass/ Helen Morrissey/ Marion Lycett/

Sharon Pocock/ Sister Siobhan Ni Mhaoilmhichil

Thursday 8th December (No Mass)

Friday 9th December 10.00am Mass

Rory Kavanagh/



*John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the
desert of Judea and saying,
"Repent for the kingdom of heaven is
at hand!" (Gospel)*

Fresco

Giovanni Battista Tiepolo

"John the Baptist, preaching" 1732

Reflection by Father Laurence Freeman

Breathing, the most important thing is to breathe, keep breathing, but there is no special technique or magic to breathing in meditation. Just breathe naturally, close your eyes, and then you begin the work and the work is to say your mantra. Say your word. The word will guide you from the mind to the heart. It will lead to this process of integration that you will feel beneficial in every aspect of your life. Saying the word continuously during the time of meditation will also help you to lay aside your thoughts and that's a good way of defining meditation. Meditation is not what you think. In fact, and this is a big challenge to us in our modern world. Meditation is about laying aside your thoughts. The thoughts of course will flow like the traffic, sometimes congested, sometimes fast-moving, sometimes sluggish. You may have obsessive thoughts. You know, we all have certain little cycles of thought; we go over them and over and over again. We don't solve any of the problems but we just keep repeating them. You might be doing that for thirty years.

POPE FRANCIS

Quote



If one has the answers to all the questions,
that is the proof that God is not with him.
It means that he is a false prophet using religion for
himself. The great leaders of the people of God, like
Moses, have always left room for doubt.

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CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

ADVENT CAROLS AND CRIBS
Sunday 11th December at 5pm

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE
Sunday 18th December after 10am Mass

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Saturday 24th December (Christmas Eve)

**VIGIL MASS FOR CHRISTMAS – 6PM (CHILDREN)
AND 8PM (CHOIR)
AND 10PM CONTEMPLATIVE MASS
(REFRESHMENTS AFTERWARDS)**

Sunday 25th December (Christmas Day)
MORNING MASS 10AM (CHOIR)

A Word from Fr Jim

A blessed Advent to everyone. This weekend 3rd/4th December we invite you to leave toys for Ukrainian children around the altar, the Church will stay open until 9.00pm Sunday. Also on Sunday, we have our school of prayer in the Lane room of the Pastoral Centre 6.00 -9.00pm. We will have two talks with Caroline Stratton & Rev Sarah Bachelard joining us from Australia, tea, toast and meditation. I especially invite you if you would like to begin a deeper practice of meditation.

It is a good way to spend an Advent Sunday. Looking ahead to Christmas there will be three Masses on

**Christmas Eve, 6.00pm (Children)
8.00pm (Adult Choir) and
10.00pm Contemplative Mass in the Lane Room,
(with Italian refreshments afterward.)**

On Christmas day Mass is at 10.00am . (Choir)

Don't forget Advent carols & cribs On Sunday
1th December at 5.00pm

Blessed Advent

With my Love and Blessing. Fr Jim

Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt sympathy
to the Family and friends of

Rory Kavanagh

May he rest in the peace of Christ



Balally Parish 400 Club

Congratulations to our November winners

1st Prize €1,000: Olive Brooks

2nd Prize: €300: Nuala Burke

3rd Prize €200: Ann Smyth

4th Prize €100 Peter O' Brien

5th Prize €100: Sheenagh Carroll

Did you ever think of joining

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COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your very generous
response to last Sundays collections

1st Collection €600 2nd Collection €795



Tap & Go Machines

During the month of October 2022 the Tap and Go machines
in Balally Parish collected €426.00 from 37 transactions.
This is split 60% to the Common Fund and 40% to Share.

The Annual Christmas Appeal for the
Society of St Vincent DePaul
will take place on the 11th December



Thank You

I would like to thank all in the parish
who came to my aid when I was unwell in the Church
recently. Thankfully I am back to full health.
Many thanks again. **Brendan McGlynn.**

11th December

Annual Jams & Chutney sale after 10am Mass,

Carol Service at 5.00pm

Christmas Raffle will take place after Carol Service

Tickets 3 strips €5

Tickets sold at reception and after all Masses

A wide range of prizes to be won.

All proceeds towards running of Church

A Very Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year

