

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD BALALLY PARISH

**11th February 2024**

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
World Day of the Sick**

Parish Office Open Hours:     
**Monday to Friday**  
**9.30am 12.30**  
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## Mass Times & Intentions:

**Saturday 10th February 6.00pm Mass**

David Broderick (7th Annv)/ Gail Byrne/ Maureen Keenan  
Liam Marren & Peg O' Kane

**Sunday 11th February 10.00:am Mass**

Alan McNulty (3rd Annv) & Maurice McNulty (40th Annv)/  
Deceased members of the Sutherland & Rogers Families  
& Roisin/ Joe & Gertie Keating/ Martin & Mary Kavanagh/  
Mick Gilleran (20th Annv)/ Geraldine Kelly/

**Monday 12th February 10:00am Mass**

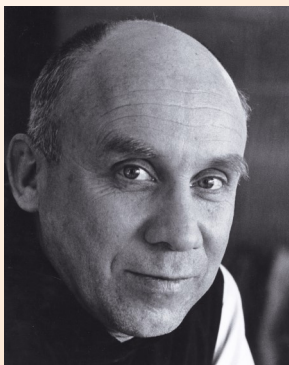
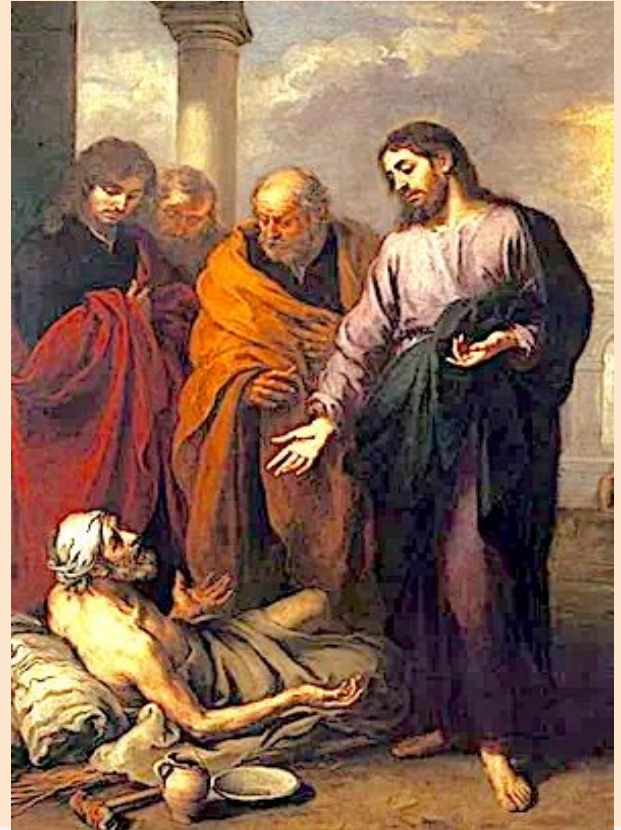
Gail Byrne/ Maureen Keenan/ Tom Sheridan/  
Special intention (Get well)

**Wednesday 14th February 10.00am Mass**

Brigid Cogger/ Eddie O' Riordan/ Kieran Cavanagh  
Maureen Keenan (From the Ladies Club)/  
Special Intention (Get well)

**Friday 16th February 10.00am**

Maureen Keenan, Liam Marren, Kieran Cavanagh/  
Paddy Cahill/ May Smyth/  
Special Intention ( Get well for Paola)



**Quote**

**Thomas Merton**

“Only the man who has had to face despair is really convinced that he needs mercy. Those who do not want mercy never seek it. It is better to find God on the threshold of despair than to risk our lives in a complacency that has never felt the need of forgiveness.”

## Reflection by Fr Laurence Freeman

We can feel the assurance that even though we may be in uncertainty and doubt and confusion, we can still be sure that things will be well. That's a fundamental element of the conversion process, very similar to what John Keats described as 'negative capability', the ability to remain in a state of doubt or confusion, uncertainty without having to run around like a scared cat looking for facts and reasons. We can simply accept what is happening in trust. and with meditation, what Keats is describing as a contemplative consciousness in the poet, I think the same consciousness develops in us through a contemplative practice that we build seriously, faithfully into our lives. So the state of assurance, a sense of meaning is another symptom of the experience of conversion and as I said, meaning is about the realisation that we are connected.

## COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your very generous response to last Sundays collections  
**1st Collection €630 Second Collection €980**



## Balally Parish 400 Club

If you would like to Subscribe  
Please contact Parish Office 012954296



## Alzheimer Café 14th February 7-9pm. Parish Pastoral Centre.

Tea & a Talk. Free to all who are living with dementia or caring for them.

**Topic: Fair Deal.  
Speaker: Dermot Sherlock, ASI**



## Naomh Olaf Club Notes

At the recent A.G.M. the following Committee was elected.  
Chairperson, John Somers, Vice Chairperson, Maoliosa O' Dubhtaigh, Secretary, Jennifer Mulvany, Registrar, Colm McEnerney, Treasurer, Mary Maude O'Malley, Vice-Treasurer, Dermot Brosnan, Public Relations Officer, Sarah Kinsella, Vice- Public Relations Officer, Emer Cleary, Membership, Eoin Doyle, Players Representative/Committee Member Shane Whyte, Committee Members, Ronan Burke, Terence O' Halloran, Neil Barrett, Kevin Birrane, Jenny Maher.

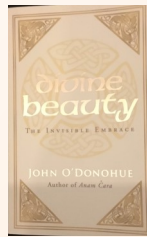


## Rev Philip Mc Kinle, curate St Bridget Cathedral



## A Word from Fr Jim

We celebrated St Bridget beautifully. The pilgrimages to Kildare (Thursday Ecumenical Service) also Monday, Bridget Camino and our own Eucharist (with liturgies of the word led by Sr Kathryn and Sr Eileen were very moving. St Bridget with her joint Irish patrons, Sts Patrick and Columba give us plenty of Possibilities for renewal of our Church, Monastic and Celtic. Have a look at our Lenten Programme on the back of the newsletter . Ashes will be distributed at the **10am Mass** and the contemplative **Mass at 7.00pm.**



Its time for new beginnings. We will begin morning prayer and evening prayer in the **Icon Chapel**, look at list at the back for details. Our Lent book is available this weekend.

Finally, put Monday **February 26th at 7.00pm** in your diary. It is a unique presentation of the Gospel of Mark, **I am Mark**, by the actor Stefan Smart . It will be **€2 per ticket** and with each ticket you will get one free invite for a non Churchgoing family member, neighbour or friend.

**With My Love & Blessing  
Fr Jim**

## Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of



*Una Burke: Dun Emer Drive*  
*Liam Marren: Dun Emer Drive*  
May they rest in the peace of Christ

Sr Katherine and Sr Eileen lead St Bridget Day Mass in Balally



**Balally at Ecumenical Service in Kildare for St Bridget**



**Bishop Denis Nulty of Kildare walkers greets some of Balally walkers on St Bridget Camino walk**



**St Bridget Camino and Service of Light**





# BALALLY PARISH

## LENT 2024

**Morning Prayer Icon Chapel**  
Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays,  
Fridays  
9:15 am  
  
Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays  
10am



**Evening Prayer Icon Chapel**  
Mondays, Wednesdays,  
Thursdays  
7pm

**Desert Day  
Contemplative Mass**



Tuesdays Lane Room  
7pm

**"I am Mark"**  
Monday 26th February



Performance by Stefan Smart of  
Mark's Gospel  
at 7pm

**Station of the cross**  
Fridays at 10am Mass



**Lent Book**  
Divine Beauty: John  
O'Donoghue

### Holy Week Poetry Retreat



**Monday 25th March**  
An Audience with the poet  
Aidan Matthews  
8pm



**Tuesday 26th March**  
An Audience with the poet  
Patrick Kavanagh  
(Sr. Una Agnew)  
8pm



**Wednesday 27th March**  
An Audience with the poet  
John F. Deane  
8pm