

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD BALALLY PARISH

18th August 2024

20th Sundays in Ordinary Time

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Monday to Friday

9.30am 12.30

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Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 17th August 6.00pm Mass

**John & Barry O'Brien/ Betty Gilleran/ Eoghan Brangan/
Mary Kennedy**

Sunday 18th August 10.00am Mass

Bob & Elisabeth Schwartz (19th Annv)/

James & Annie Corrigan/

Pat McLaughlin/ Randall McDonnell/

Paddy Morris (100th Birthday Remembrance)

Monday 19th August 10:00am Mass

Betty Gilleran/ Joan Gough & Tom O'Brien/

Eileen Leonard/

Wednesday 21st August 10.00am Mass

Betty Gilleran/ The Coughlan & McMahon Families/

Special Intention (Birthday wishes)/

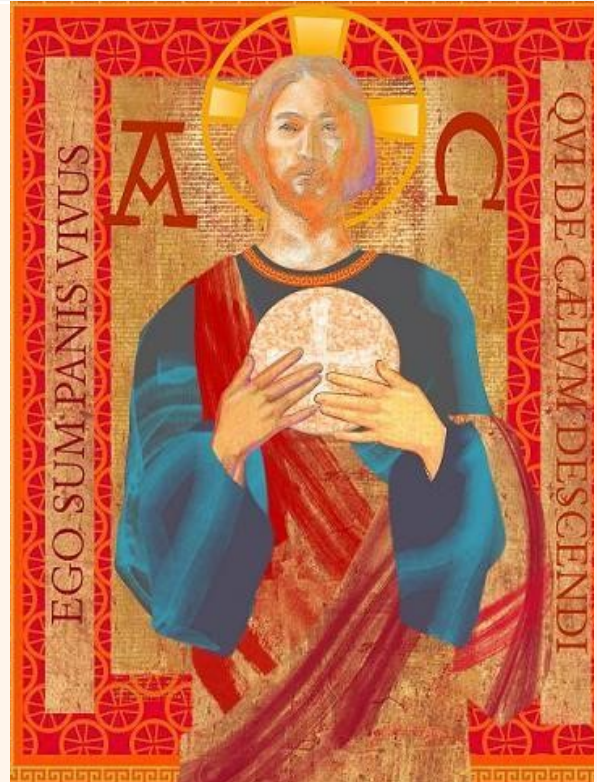
Special Intention (Get well)/

Special Intention (The Healy Family)

Friday 23rd August 10.00am Mass

Betty Gilleran/ Constance Brophy/ Private Ross Mulligan/

Special Intention (Get well)



Quote Pope Francis

Never for a moment think that our struggle is pointless. Life does not end in ruin, a seed of the absolute beats in our hearts. God does not let us down. He gave us hope in our hearts; He does not want to crush it with constant frustration. Everything is born to flourish to an eternal spring, even us.

Reflection by Fr Laurence Freeman

This experience of God sends us back to the words and the images of scripture, not only our own scripture but indeed all scriptures. It changes our idea of God as it changes our idea of ourselves. I think we notice phrases, words, images in scripture that we didn't even notice before. We notice that Jesus, for example, calls God the one who truly is. We notice that St Paul calls God the source, the Goal and the Guide. We begin to understand what St John means when he says that God is greater than our conscience, a very liberating idea which we can only even begin to understand from our own experience of God. That God is greater than our conscience means that God is deeper than our own selfprojection, deeper than our guilt, deeper than our fear of punishment.

God, as St John says, knows all.

COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your very generous response to last Sundays collections
1st Collection €875 2nd Collection €490



Balally Parish 400 Club

August draw will take place on the 25th
If you would like to Subscribe
Please contact the Parish Office 012954296



Naomh Olaf Club Note



On Sunday the 4th August 2024, 30,340 G.A.A. supporters attended Croke Park to watch the 2024 Ladies All-Ireland Senior Football Championship Final between Kerry and Galway. It was a very special occasion because 2024 is the 50th Anniversary of the Ladies Gaelic Football Association. Kerry had not won the Brendan Martin Cup since 1993 nor had Galway won it since 2004. It was a good game. The skills displayed by both sides were incredible and the sportsmanship was excellent. Kerry won the game. Having lost the final in 2022 and 2023 the tears of joy and sighs of relief from the Kerry players and supporters was understandable. Ladies Gaelic Football has become a very popular sport over the last number of years. For example at present Naomh Olaf have three adult Ladies Football teams and two Minor (under 18) Ladies Football teams, as well as at least one juvenile team for girls of all ages.

Acts of Service Week 12



THIS WEEK - FOCUS ON FOOD / SHOPPING

PLAN CAREFULLY FOR GROCERY

SHOPPING AND BUY ONLY WHAT

YOU KNOW YOU WILL USE

WITHIN ITS 'BEST BEFORE' DATE.

THE AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD

THROWS AWAY A QUARTER OF A

TON OF FOOD EVERY YEAR.

A Word from Fr Jim

My recent short trip to Italy brought me to Rome, Castlegondolfo and Nettuno (Where I visited the Bianchi family who were my parents in Italy when I studied in Rome.)

In Castlegondolfo I discovered two interesting things. Firstly, Pope Francis, unlike other Popes does not use it as his summer residence. He has now opened the Papal Residence to the public and the extensive gardens likewise.

These gardens are now called the "Laudato Si Gardens," after his ground breaking encyclical.

Young people from disadvantaged backgrounds are taught the art of gardening here. Secondly, I never knew before that the Papal gardens were opened during the Second World War to refugees. This challenges the "Hitler's Pope" name given by some to Pius XI and calls us to look at how we in our time welcome the stranger and newcomer .

Bookings for the Glenstal Pilgrimage (Sept 7th) are going well.

I especially welcome some of the newcomers to our parish to join us on this Pilgrimage.

With my Love & Blessing: Fr Jim



Laudato Si Gardens Castlegondolfo



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Papal apartments Castlegondolfo

