

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD BALALLY PARISH

1st September 2024

22nd Sundays in Ordinary Time

Parish Office Open Hours:



Monday to Friday

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Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 31st August 6.00pm Mass

Terry Kavanagh (10th Anniversary)

Sunday 1st September 10.00am Mass

Kieran Flynn/ Damien Lucey

Special Intention (Get well)

Monday 2nd September 10:00am Mass

Barney McKenna/ Hugh O' Donnell/ Una Bolger

Wednesday 4th September 10.00am Mass

Mary Greene/ Mary Rose Dullaghan/ John Bolger

Friday 6th September 10.00am Mass

Altar List of the Dead



**Reflection
Archbishop
Rowan Williams**

The Eucharist is not, in Christian practice, a reward for good behaviour; it is the food we need to prevent ourselves from starving as a result of our own self - enclosure and self - absorption, our pride and our forgetfulness. In many of our Churches it was once thought that receiving Holy Communion was something you should only do when you felt you had made "proper" preparation. There was a time in the nineteenth - century Roman Catholic Church when weekly communion was some thing your confessor might allow you to undertake of he thought you were doing well and there is still, in many parts of the Christian world, a kind of assumption that Holy Communion is something for the holy. All that I have said so far should remind us that Holy Communion is no kind of reward : it is, like everything about Jesus Christ, a free gift. We take Holy Communion not because we are doing well, but because we are doing badly, not because we have arrived, but because we are travelling.



They observed that some of his disciples ate their meals with unclean, that is, unwashed, hands. (Gospel)

Artist: Federico Barocci

Reflection by Fr Laurence Freeman

"You are my friends if you do what I command you." Well, that sounds a bit conditional, doesn't it? You're only my friend if you do what I say. But listen to what Jesus says! He says there's only one commandment which is love each other. Turn from yourself. Recognise your own distraction, your own being, caught up in ourselves and then you will know what I'm talking about. He's not saying you have to go to church. He's not saying you have to fast. He's not saying you have to obey this or sexual morality, or he's not giving a whole list of rules and regulations—which of course have been constructed since he gave us this teaching. He's simply saying bring it all down to this one simple thing: pay attention and in that act of attention discover God. God is present in that act of attention.

COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your very generous response to last Sundays collections

1st Collection € 755 2nd Collection €525



Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of



Hugh O' Donnell: Balally Grove

May he rest in the peace of Christ

Balally Parish 400 Club

Congratulations to our August winners



1st Prize €1,000:: Kay Hand

2nd Prize €300: T & M Grimes

3rd Prize €200: Sínead Ní Griofa

4th Prize €100: Liam Kavanagh

5th Prize: €100 : Gerry Fagan

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Naomh Olaf Club Note



Accidental death by drowning of Damien Lucey while swimming in Australia on the 8th January, 2024. Damien Lucey went missing while swimming on the 8th January 2024 in Margaret River, Western Australia. Unfortunately despite valiant search efforts Damien's body was not initially recovered. On July the 5th Damien's remains were found on Honeycomb Beach, Margaret River following a storm, and this allowed his family to bring Damien back to his native home in Ballincollig Co Cork. Damien Lucey is the brother of Eleanor Egan who played senior Ladies Football for Naomh Olaf from 2014 to 2019 and brother in Law of Darren Egan who played Hurling and Football for Naomh Olaf from Juvenile to Senior level. Darren also worked for Naomh Olaf as Director of Coaching for a number of years before joining the teaching profession. Damien is also the uncle of Academy player Alexandra Egan. The Egan family live in Wedgewood. Damien is survived by his mother Frankie Lucey, sisters Gretta, Marie, Carol, Eleanor and his brother Paddy. Eleanor and her family would like to thank the members of Naomh Olaf CLG for their support and kindness through this difficult time.

Alzheimer Café

Wednesday 11th September 7-9pm
Parish Pastoral Centre.

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

Topic: 'Mindfulness for Dementia'



A Word From Fr Jim

A new school year begins and in many ways a new parish year. Martina speaks this weekend on Building Hope through Meditation & Service and our ideas as we go ahead to try, with Gods help to build a Contemplative parish.

I have outlined the timetable for the Dermot Lane Seminar at which Archbishop Rowan Williams will speak.

Here is a brief summary.....

"A noisy world in need of Meditation & Service",
Saturday September 28th 10.30am—1.00pm 'Graced by the Holy Spirit, Archbishop Rowan with Fr Dermot & Rev Stephen (Methodist.) Dundrum.

The Journey inwards: Contemplation 2pm - 4pm.
Archbishop Rowan with Fr Dermot & Rev Nigel (Taney).

Sunday 29th September 3.00 – 5.00

Working together for justice & care for our common earth.

Archbishop Rowan with Margaret Daly Denton,
Fr Peter McVerry, Jane Mallett, Archbishop Richard Clarke with an Ecumenical Service to conclude.

7.00pm: Taney: Eucharist with Archbishop Michael Jackson & Archbishop Rowan.

With My Love & Blessing: Fr Jim

Ladies Club

St Olaf's Ladies Club returns on Friday 6th September
3.30 pm in St Olaf's School.



Fr. Dermot Lane

SECOND ANNUAL DERMOT LANE SEMINAR 2024

A noisy world in need of Meditation and Service

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Rowan Williams

former Archbishop of Canterbury



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Building Hope