

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD BALALLY PARISH

21st January 2024

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Office Open Hours:

Monday to Friday

9.30am 12.30

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Mass Times & Intentions:

Saturday 20th January 6.00pm Mass

**Paddy Cahill (Months Mind) & Kitty Burke/
Desmond Dowling/ Vera Doyle/ Brian Winder/
Special Intention (Get well for Gail Byrne)**

Sunday 21st January 10.00am Mass

**John Barry (2nd Annv) & Bertie & Kathleen Ring/
Margaret Kavanagh (16th Annv)/
Paddy Cahill/ Pam Tavassann**

Monday 22nd January 10:00am Mass

**Brian Kerrigan/ Pat O' Driscoll/
Special Intention (Get well for Mattie Bourke)/
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Wednesday 24th January 10.00am Mass

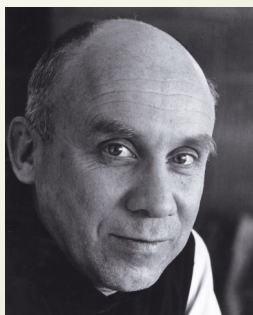
**Betty O' Neill (6th Annv)/ Maureen Keenan/
Special Intention(Birthday wishes for Nick Roach)**

Friday 26th January 10.00am

Cyril Harbison/ Ruth Ryan/ Fabriciano Diaz



*"Follow me
and I will make you into fishers of men"
Gospel Mk.1: 14: 20*



Quote

Thomas Merton

"Keeping a journal has taught me that there is not so much new in your life as you sometimes think. When you re-read your journal you find out that your latest discovery is something you already found out five years ago. Still, it is true that one penetrates deeper and deeper into the same ideas and the same experiences."

Reflection by Fr Laurence Freeman

John Main recommends that we meditate twice a day and he says, actually this is the minimum. If you want to develop, cultivate the field of your heart and the field of your life and uncover the treasure of the kingdom, then a serious contemporary practice is necessary.

We discover that this is built into our human nature, this is natural. This is not something that's imposed from outside. No one can make you do it and John Main is not saying you have to do it or else you will not go to heaven. He is sharing from his own experience and from that of the tradition, he's sharing with us this fundamental law of the spiritual life, that a regular practice fits into our life most naturally and healthily with this balance morning and evening. That's how every day is physically constructed and that's why we recommend to meditate once in the morning, once in the evening as a minimum.

COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your very generous response to last Sundays collections
1st Collection €975 Second Collection €465



Balally Parish 400 Club

If you would like to Subscribe
Please contact Parish Office 012954296



Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of



Eddie O'Riordan: Balally Park

May he rest in the peace of Christ

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Evening prayer will be offered for this great desire of Jesus at 4.30pm each day at the Carmelite Monastery, Upper Kilmacud Road.

All are welcome each Day .

Live-stream on our YouTube channel:
@KilmacudCarmel

More details on our website

www.kilmacudcarmel.ie/christianunity

Sunday 21st: Rev. Kevin Conroy,
St Brigid's Church of Ireland, Stillorgan

Monday 22nd: Reflection by a Carmelite Sister

Tuesday 23rd: Rev. Jim Caffrey,
PP Balally Parish

Wednesday 24th: Dr. Paul Manook,
Armenian Apostolic Church in Ireland.

Thursday 25th: Reflection by a Carmelite Sister

The Annual General Meeting
of **Naomh Olaf G.A.A. Club**



takes place in the Clubhouse on Thursday night

1st February 2024 at 8 p.m.

It is important that Club member attend this
important meeting.

St Olaf's Ladies Club
Friday 26th January at 3.30pm
St Olaf's School Hall
"Talk by Kathy Skuffle"



Retreat Morning for Ministers
Saturday 27th January 10am—1.00pm
Reflection & Prayer / Recommissioning for next year/
Registering as Volunteers

Wednesday Morning Mass 24th January 2024
(Celebrant Fr Jim)
is at the earlier time of 9:30am

The monthly outdoor collection for
Society of St Vincent DePaul
will take place this weekend



A Word from Fr Jim

I look forward to going tonight (Sunday) to join our fellow Christians in Dundrum Methodist Church.

I'd Love you to join Fr Dermot and I at **7.40pm** and we can pool cars and travel together.

Last year about twenty Methodists joined us when we hosted the gathering in Balally, so I hope we can do the same for them.

People are asking me when is the Icon Chapel opened? Cinzia is still working on it and I hope that beginning In Lent we will have morning and evening prayer most days, we can then announce times when people can come and pray privately in this beautiful space of silence and prayer.

As we approach the Feast of St Bridget and the bank holiday, we are suggesting a pilgrimage to Kildare on **Thursday 1st February** for an ecumenical Prayer Service (**Leave balally at 9:45**) and an event (s) on **Monday 5th February. More details next week.**

The theme for the World community for Christian Meditation (WCCM) for 2024 is

"Beholding Divine Beauty".

We will be collaborating and will have some exciting events to share soon and also our Lenten Programme.

With My Love & Blessing
Fr Jim

Summary 3rd January 2024 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Advent: programme review

Reviewed all events during Advent – there was participation of many in the parish. Archbishop Farrell's interview with Bryan Dobson on RTE radio on the "welcome" to refugees in Ireland was recommended. Collaboration with our Church of Ireland and Methodist neighbouring parishes. The generosity of parishioners to those who have less, was very apparent

Safeguarding: update from Paula (Parish Safeguarding Officer). Updated Child Safeguarding Policy had been issued and posted in church and centre, also, to be posted on the parish website. Diocesan Safeguarding audits planned – 70 parishes per year starting 2024 Candidates for Safeguarding training will be identified by Paula

BEG: update from Fr Dermot:

Meeting for recommendations for the parish from the **energy audit on 4th Jan 2024.**

Return to Nature: project is in preparation with Paul Murphy as the leader. A parish committee is now in place. Meeting with Shankill parish towards the end of January
Parish programme for 2024:

Leadership Forum on 14th January 2024

Service for **Christian Unity** on Sunday **21st January at 8pm** in Dundrum Methodist Church – **all welcome**

Spiritual Retreat for Ministers on **27th January 2024**

WCCM – Behold Divine Beauty theme in 2024 Programme for **1st Communion and Confirmation parents** every Monday evening in February – talks will be led by Dr David Halpin.

Lent:

Welcome Ministers:

Calling for volunteers to welcome new people at 10am Sunday Mass – if you are interested to do this one Sunday per month, please contact Martina or David.

Priority maintenance items: deep clean of the church & centre and roof maintenance.

Martina (Chair) & David (Vice-Chair)