

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD BALALLY PARISH

**24th September 2023**

**Twenty – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Parish Office Open Hours:

**Monday to Friday**

**9.30am 12.30**

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## Mass Times & Intentions:

**Saturday 23rd 6.00pm Mass**

**Patricia Duffy (1st Annv) & her Parents  
Peter & Maggie Duffy/**

**Thomas & Anne McDonnell/  
Gerard O' Sullivan**

**Sunday 24th September 10.00am Mass**

**Kathleen Kennedy/ Ann Shea/  
Theresa McDonagh/ Tadgh Hassett/  
Special Intention**

**Birthday Remembrance for Tom Pender/  
Special Intention**

**Monday 25th September 10.00am Mass**

**Mary Hassett/  
Special Intention (Get well for Maureen McCarthy)**

**Wednesday 27th September 10.00am Mass**

**Fr Heber McMahon/  
Special Intention (In Thanksgiving)**

**Friday 29th 10.00am Mass**

**Tom Byrne/  
Michael Lynch( Ballyjamesduff)**



**"The Workers in the Vineyard"  
by Kazakhstan Artist Nelly Bube.**



## Quote

There is a judgment of God and of history upon our actions which are inescapable! Never has the use of violence brought peace in its wake. War begets war, violence begets violence.

## Reflection by Fr Laurence Freeman

In the light of this experience of meditation, we are able to see the balance of love in our life, this great balancing power of love that creates us, that accompanies us throughout our life; that heals — sometimes painfully — that heals and teaches us. The love that is with us, that accompanies us on the journey. Not the love that we are trying to gain, but the love that is constantly with us. Our eyes are opened, through meditation, to see how much this power of love is present in the midst of all our imbalance, all our own waywardness, all our own distractedness. Even in the distractedness of our meditation, we are able to understand, to perceive, to feel more and more deeply, the presence of peace and what it teaches us also, as it teaches us to love ourselves, to love others and to love God, is that all relationships are really aspects of one relationship.

## COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your very generous response to last Sundays collections

**1st Collection €625**  
**2nd Collection €1,185 (Crosscare)**



## Balally Parish 400 Club

**Did you ever think of joining**  
**If you would like to Subscribe please contact**  
**Parish Office 012954296**



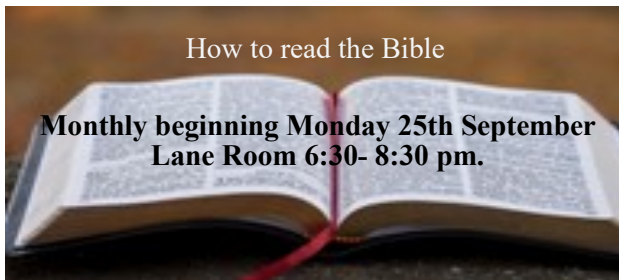
**WCCM**  
MEDITATION & COMMUNITY

The Space Between Words

With Fr. Laurence Freeman O.S.B  
Live from Bonnevaux

How to read the Bible

**Monthly beginning Monday 25th September**  
**Lane Room 6:30- 8:30 pm.**



Bring Your Bible (if you have one) and a note book



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## Incident / Accident reporting

It is important to report any incident or accident that occurs on Parish property. Incident/ Accident forms are available from the parish office and also in the Pastoral Centre (In the kitchen press to the right of the cooker with the **First Aid Kit**).

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



## St Olaf's Ladies Club

**Friday 29th September at 3.30pm in**  
**St Olaf's School Hall**  
**"Chair Aerobics"**



## TROCAIRE

Thank you to the people of Balally Parish for their very generous donation of **€4,492.85**.

We are moved to have you by our side.

Your generosity means the weary and frightened families will receive life - saving support through Trocaire and our local partners.

## Diocesan Safeguarding Day, 2023

### Letter from Archbishop Farrell

**Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> September**, is Diocesan Safeguarding Sunday.

This year we mark the twentieth anniversary of the establishment of the Child Safeguarding and Protection Service. The service was set up by Cardinal Connell, initially as the Child Protection Service, on the advice of the Diocesan Panel on Child Protection. An anniversary such as this provides an opportunity not only to look back and consider what has been done but also to look forward at what remains to be done and the challenges of the future.

It is possible to divide the history of the service into two distinct ten year periods. For the first ten years the emphasis was very much on support for victim/ survivors and ensuring that allegations of abuse against clerics were dealt with in accordance with both national child protection guidelines, **Children First** and with the Church's own guidelines. This work, dealing with the consequences of the past, was accompanied by measures to improve the safety of children involved in church activities. However, it was only with the establishment of the diocesan Safeguarding Committee in 2013 that the work of safeguarding, the proactive work of creating and maintaining safe environments, initially for children and then also for vulnerable adults, came to have the same prominence as dealing with cases and supporting those who were harmed.

We have learned, then, that dealing with the consequences of the past vital though it remains, has to be accompanied by steps to ensure that what happened then is not happening now and will not happen in the future. That is part of the debt we owe to victims and survivors. Many of those who have disclosed abuse have given as their primary reason for doing so that they want to ensure that no child will ever again suffer as they did.

We have learned too that the lay faithful have taken this matter to heart and are determined to rid the Church of the scourge of clerical child abuse. A recent article in the Irish Times by columnist, Breda O'Brien, noted that there has been real progress in the Church, mostly due to an army of faithful lay volunteers and dogged persistence by campaigners.

We owe a great debt to the campaigners, even if they sometimes tell us things we would rather not hear. I want to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the campaigners also, I want to thank all of you who have attended training, implemented safeguarding practices in our parishes, served as parish safeguarding representatives and sat on our various committees at both parish and diocesan level.

We must look to the future with hope, including the hope that children can be brought back to the Church. We are more likely to succeed in doing so if we can convince their parents that the safety of their loved ones is our utmost concern. We need also a realistic understanding that threats to the safety of children can come from the most unexpected sources and that we can only protect them if we remain alert and vigilant.

Finally, I ask you to remember in your prayers all those who have suffered abuse.

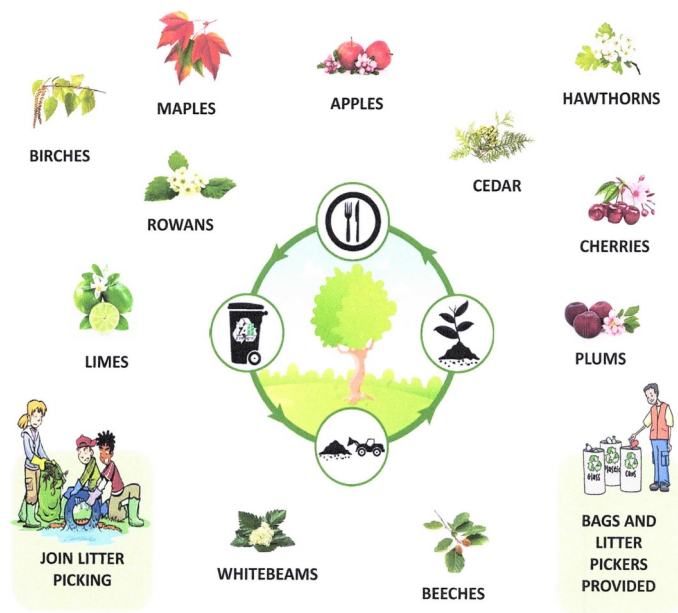
**Archbishop Dermot Farrell**

**Audrey Dowling is the Parish Safeguarding Officer**  
**and Paula McCarthy is the PPC Safeguarding contact.**

**Both can be contacted through the Parish Office**  
**on Safeguarding matters.**

# WEDGEWOOD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

## ESTATE CLEAN-UP DAY



MEET AT  
THE SCOUT DEN



REFRESHMENTS  
AFTERWARDS

DATE: 30<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER TIME: 11am-1pm

### Glendalough Contemplative Pilgrimage



### Summary September Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

**Discussion on the Synod.** To mark the start of the Synod there will be an Ecumenical contemplative prayer service on the evening of **30<sup>th</sup> September at 6:45pm** in Balally Church.

**Lay led liturgy** – Communion services supported by a panel of parish lay ministers over recent months.

Very positive feedback.

**Glendalough Parish Pilgrimage 16th September** project lead David.

Established and agreed a programme of events for **Autumn / Advent** – to be presented at Mass on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> September

**BEG update** – Season of Creation, Return to Nature project in preparation, **SEAI Energy audit** in the parish buildings, new BEG members – Fr Dermot, Chair BEG **Security** - locks changed in parish buildings, new keys were issued and the keyholder forms are on file. project lead John Ryan.

**Update on the Icon chapel** in the Pastoral Centre – to be complete by the end of November – project lead Cinzi  
**Safeguarding update** – no issues to report – lead is Paula with input from Audrey Dowling  
**(Parish Safeguarding Officer)**

**Incident and Accident reporting** prepare a Communication

**Determine a list of key maintenance and future projects:** Fr Jim, Gerry Fagan, Chair Finance Committee, John Ryan, Martina Kavanagh. This is to be reviewed and updated by this group on a quarterly basis.

# Glendalough Contemplative Pilgrimage

