

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD BALALLY PARISH

25th August 2024

21st Sundays in Ordinary Time

Parish Office Open Hours:

Monday to Friday

9.30am 12.30

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Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 24th August 6.00pm Mass

Chris & Michael Hurley & Family/

Rose & John Nulty & Sue Corcoran

Sunday 25th August 10.00am Mass

Pauline Kelly (1st Annv)/ Matthew & James Jones/

Patricia Fox/ Paraic Ruane/ Pat Cullen/ Gerard Hand/

Monday 26th August 10:00am Mass

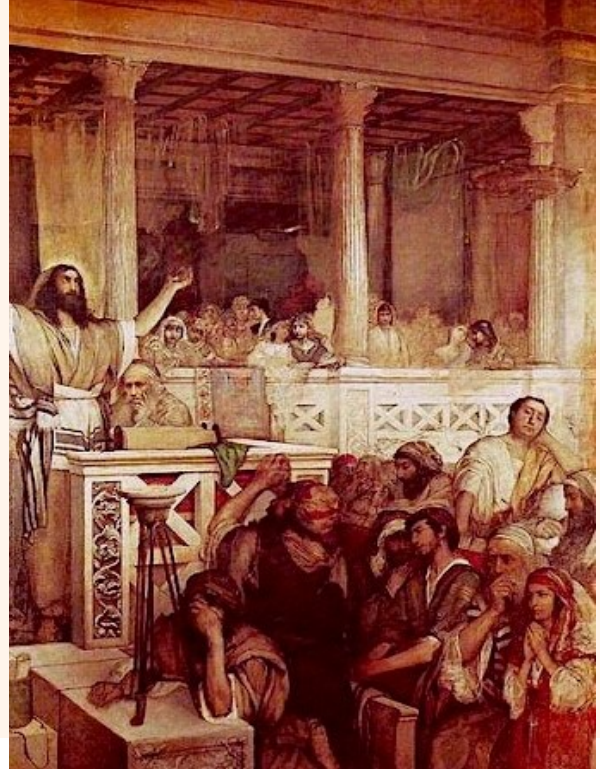
Betty Gilleran/

Wednesday 28th August 10.00am Mass

Special Intention (Get well)

Friday 30th August 10.00am Mass

Andrew Comerford/



**Jesus said to the crowd “ I am the living bread
that came down from heaven”**



Quote Pope Francis

Recognising one's insignificance is the starting point for growth. If we think about it carefully, we do not grow thanks to our successes and possessions but, on the basis of our struggles and moments of great fragility.

Reflection by Fr Laurence Freeman

If we're only connected to ourselves, then as Jesus says, we won't produce anything. There will be no grapes and life will lack the wine of joy and with that sense of disconnection that so many people feel today, everything that we want to avoid entraps us: anxiety, self-centeredness, the illusion that our perspective is the only perspective, that we are the only ones who get it right. Look at the world of politics today. So many people are all convinced that they are only right and they cannot even listen to the other person. This feeling of disconnection produces anxiety and discontent, even violence. Confusion about what we are supposed to be doing in this life. What is our direction? What is our purpose? If we think of ourselves as his disciples what are we producing?

COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your very generous response to last Sundays collections

1st Collection €855 2nd Collection €425
Feast of the Assumption
1 Collection €315



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 11th August 2024 the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship Final between Cork and Galway was played in Croke Park. It was the last of the 2024 Senior Inter-County Championship Finals. Cork were the All-Ireland Camogie Champions in 2022 and 2023 having been defeated in the finals the previous two years and were favoured by many to win again this year. It was a thrilling game, one of the best finals in many years. The sides were level eight times in the first half with Galway winning by a point at half time. Cork played with more urgency in the second half scoring 1-4 without reply. Galway then scored 6 points without reply leaving the sides level once more. They were still level after fifty one minutes. Cork introduced some Substitutes who made a real difference and got some vital scores. Galway gave it everything but Cork won the O'Duffy Cup for the 30th time since the Camogie Association was founded in 1924. Commiserations to the Galway team and their supporters as this was the third All-Ireland final they had lost in just three weeks. They lost in football to Armagh, Ladies football to Kerry and Camogie to Cork.

A Word from Fr Jim

We are delighted to say we have 45 booked on our Pilgrimage to Glenstal (September 7th) and also delighted to announce The Second Annual Dermot Lane Seminar on Sept 28th & 29th (See back of Missalette) for details. Over the last few weeks I have been talking about the Eucharist. Here are 5 action words that might help us to understand what we do when we celebrate and how Christ is present.

WE...

COME

LISTEN

GIVE THANKS

SHARE

GO

With My Love & Blessing
Fr Jim

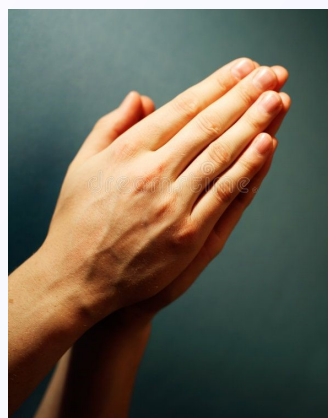
SEASON OF CREATION 2024

1st September-4th October

The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion and commitment together.

NAMASTE

A bow with hands joined and raised has become a popular sign of peace at Mass. It embraces the "Praying Hands" or "Study of The hands of an apostle," the pen and ink drawing of Albrecht Durer, dated 1508 and now in the Albertina Museum in Vienna. It has been reproduced in many mediums and is seen almost everywhere. As an element of the sign of peace it underlines prayer and peace, a prayer shared by people as all express to one another peace, communion, and charity (GIRM 154) In a similar way is the namaste in the Hindu tradition, the word from Sanskrit for "I bow," it is the most popular sign of greeting in South -Asian countries and adopted In many parts of the world. In worship it is an attitude of prayer, expressing respect, gratitude, hands and fingers pressed together, held upright and close to the chest, then a bow. It may be made from one person to another or to a group. In secular life, it can be a greeting, a welcome and indeed a farewell. Depending on the situation, it may be a gesture of acknowledgement of the family relationship, respect for the other person, a sign of gratitude, or welcome to a stranger.



Acts of Service Week 13



SUPPORT ORGANIC AND SUSTAINABLE FARMING BY BUYING LOCAL ORGANIC PRODUCE ON A REGULAR BASIS. BY AVOIDING THE USE OF ARTIFICIAL FERTILISERS, HERBICIDES AND PESTICIDES, ORGANIC FARMING REDUCES THE AMOUNT OF HARMFUL TOXIC COMPOUNDS RELEASED INTO THE ENVIRONMENT. (STUDIES SHOW THAT PESTICIDES ARE AMONG THE FIVE WORST ENVIRONMENTAL THREATS TO CHILDREN'S HEALTH.)