

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD BALALLY PARISH

29th September 2024

26th Sundays in Ordinary Time

Parish Office Open Hours:

Monday to Friday

9.30am 12.30

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Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 28th September

NQ 6:00pm Mass (Fr Lane Seminar)

Sunday 29th September 10.00am Mass

**Harry Murtagh(2nd Anny)/Michael McAndrew/
Rita & John Arthur/ Bernie Carroll/ Paddy Kennedy**

Monday 30th September 10:00am Mass

**Sinead Kearney/ Bernie Carroll/ Paddy Carey/
Special Intention (The Lyons Family)/**

Carol Dungan/ Special Intention X2

Wednesday 2nd October 10.00am Mass

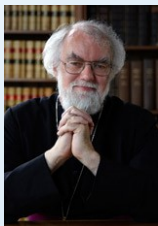
**Bernie Carroll/ David Parnell/ Paddy Carey/
Paul Campbell/ Sotiris Achilleos/ Mona Kieran**

Friday 4th October 10:00am Mass

Altar List of the Dead



Reflection Archbishop Rowan Williams



The Church is always renewed from the edges rather than the centre. There is a limit to what the institutional Church can do: Institutions have their own dynamic and their own problems and renewal tends not to come from central planning. (it was St Francis who went to Pope Innocent III, not the other way round). No one planned the role that Benedictine Monks would have in the history of the Church and Europe and in the teaching of Meditation and Contemplation today.

Reflection by Fr Laurence Freeman

Society is simply a word we give to describe this huge network of human relationships complicated with many storms and friction even in a community. But globally, nevertheless, the human family is simply a family with a network of relationships, so what happens in one part of that network, in one part of the body, affects everything else. Just as if you have something wrong. If you have a pain in your big toe that affects the whole of your body. So when we read the Gospel about the power of the Peace of Christ to calm the waters of our emotions and the hurts of the past and our personal psychological history and the problems of the present moment, that makes us worry and anxious. When we see the power of the love of Christ to calm the air, the wind, our thoughts and our attempts to control everything. This is why we can see how in meditation, where we open ourselves to this power of the presence of the love and the Peace of Christ, we find that our emotions and our thoughts become karma.

COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your very generous response to last Sundays collections

1st Collection €785 2nd Collection €430



Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of

Sinéad Kearney: Clonard Drive,

Paddy Carey: Balally Ave

May they rest in the peace of Christ



Balally Parish 400 Club

400 Club draw will take place 6th October

If you would like to Subscribe
Please contact the Parish Office 012954296



Naomh Olaf Club Note



The Annual Mass for the deceased members of Naomh Olaf G.A.A. Club will be celebrated in the Church of the Ascension of the Lord, Balally, on

Sunday the 17th November, 2024 at 10 a.m.

Members who died during the last 12 Months will be specially remembered by having their names called out from the Altar and by having a lighted candle bearing the name of the deceased placed before the Altar during Mass. This candle will also have the Club Logo on it and it may be collected after the Mass by a family member. Our minor "A" camogie team were defeated by Ballyboden St. Endas on Sunday last, leaving the destination of our team depending on other results. Our second Camogie team defeated Ballyboden St. Endas making it three wins out of three and they are sure to advance in the Championship. Our senior football team were defeated by Naomh Barrog on Sunday last. Our Intermediate Hurling have qualified for the Semi Final of the Intermediate Championship.

Ladies Club

St Olaf's Ladies Club

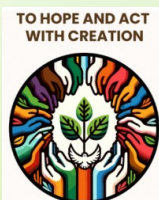
Friday 4th October in St Olaf's School at 3.30 pm

"Bingo"



As we mark the end of Season of Creation
(4th October 2024)

let us resolve to continue to protect earth and dignify humanity - responding to this year's theme
'Hope and act with creation'.



A Word From Fr Jim

As I write, I am looking forward with great anticipation to the Dermot Lane Seminar with Archbishop Rowan Williams.

Here are some other dates For your diary.

- Information evening on teaching English to refugees & Asylum seekers, this **Monday 30th September at 7.00pm** in the Lane Room.
- Meitheal Saturday 12th October 2024 11am -3:00pm in Church grounds.
- Visit of Fr Anthony from Glenstal Abbey **Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th October 2024** to see Meitheal and launch of **Silent Sabbath.**
- School of contemplative leadership, **Wednesday 23rd October 2024 - Seán Boylan.**
- **Thursday 7th November 2024 - Mary Robinson,**
- **Friday 15th November - Bertie Ahern.**
- Commemoration of the dead **Tuesday November 5th 2024**

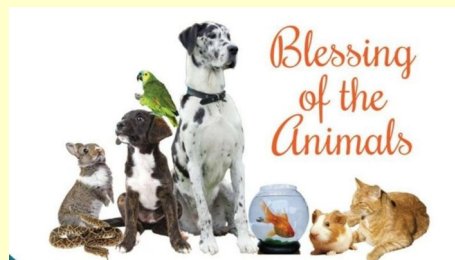
**With My Love & Blessing
Fr Jim**

During the month of August 2024 the Tap and Go machines in Balally Parish collected € **604.00**

This is split 60% to the Common Fund & 40% to Share.

There will be Blessing of the Animals

Sunday 6th October @ 11:30am



Continuation of Reflection with Archbishop Rowan Williams

Institutionally, the parish system works up to a point, but it is one among several ways of being a Church. For many people, in addition to parochial loyalties, there are cross parochial ties and networks that feed and sustain them. What needs to happen within the parish structure and what needs to happen around all the non parochial networks is a re - visioning of the Church. Nearly all Christians have inherited a functional idea of what the local Christian community is for: it gathers us for sacramental worship (with the sacraments seen rather as routine duties). But I think we need to break free a bit, recognizing that, in addition to the sacraments, we meet for other kinds of togetherness. In study and prayer - which means challenging any model based on Sunday patterns alone.