

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

## BALALLY PARISH

**31st March – 7th April 2024** *Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection*  
*(Easter Edition)*

Parish Office Open Hours:



**Monday to Friday**

**9.30am 12.30**

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### Mass Times & Intentions:

**Saturday 30th March 6.00pm Mass**

**Easter Vigil**

**Brian Leathem/ Kit Larkin/ Gail Byrne/**

**Special Intention/**

**Sunday 31st March 10.00am Mass**

**Easter Sunday**

**Martin Nolan (Months Mind)/ Noel Cullen (6th Annv)/**

**Dermot Coffey (39th Annv)/**

**Special Intention (The Whelan Family)/**

**Special Intention (Get well) (Baby having Heart Surgery)/**

**Special Intention (Olga Moran)/ Bridget Hickey/**

**Special Intention**

**Monday 1st April 10.00am Mass**

**Easter Monday**

**Aubrey Condon/**

**Special Intention (Mona Noonan)/**

**Special Intention (Jan & Doug in America)/**

**Special Intention**

**Wednesday 3rd April 10.00am**

**Special Intention**

**(Wedding Anniversary Remembrance for Fred)/**

**Pauline Molloy/ Special Intention**

**Friday 5th April 10.00am Mass**

**Altar List of the Dead**

**Saturday 6th April Vigil Mass 6.00pm**

**Michael & Kathleen Sheehy/**

**Special Intention**

**Sunday 7th April 10.00am Mass**

**Dermot Connolly (8th Annv) Lucy Neligan/**

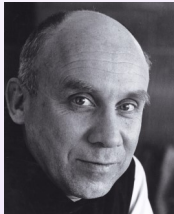
**Margaret & Jim Hannon/ Pdraig Aherne**

**Special Intention X2**



### Reflection by Fr Laurence Freeman

We should be mindful and set our minds on 'God's kingdom before everything else' (Mt 6:33), not be scattered and jumping from one thing to another all the time. In prayer we must learn to pay attention, to be single-minded, single-pointed, present, still and in prayer, Jesus says also, we should be in the present moment. Not just thinking about this afternoon or tomorrow morning, or anticipating or fantasising what's going to happen next, but to be in the present moment and all of these elements of prayer as Jesus describes them to us are really the elements of the prayer of the heart, contemplative prayer, what we call meditation, Christian meditation.



### Quote

**Thomas Merton**

"The grace of Easter is a great silence, an immense tranquillity and a clean taste in your soul. It is the taste of heaven, but not the heaven of some wild exaltation.

The Easter vision is not riot and drunkenness of spirit, but a discovery of order above all order—a discovery of God and of all things in him.



## COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your very generous response to last Sundays collections  
**1st Collection €730 2nd Collection €485**



**Balally Parish 400 Club  
March draw takes place 31st**

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



## Naomh Olaf Club Notes



The adult camogie in the Club keeps growing and improving every year with ladies moving up from our minor teams and also with new players joining our teams. Our camogie ladies having been training hard in the off season are now ready for their league matches to start soon. We wish them well in their future games. We also wish Chloe Kelly McDonald, Ciara Murphy, Christine Shanahan and her sister Grace Shanahan well in the future with Dublin camogie.

## Wedgewood Residents Association

Estate Clean-up Day  
Meet at the Scout Den **Saturday 6th April**  
**11am - 1pm**  
Refreshments afterwards

## A Word from Fr Jim

On behalf of Fr Dermot and myself I wish you the peace and joy of the Risen Lord at Easter. Easter is a time when we look forward with joy and hope, even in the face of war, violence and pain. One of the great joys of this Lent for me has been the growing community of prayer gathering in the Icon Chapel every morning and evening.

May it continue to be blessed.

I write this on Tuesday morning of Holy Week, so I thought I would share some of the insights gleaned from the talk by the poet Aidan Matthews last night.

- Ireland is changing its Gods.

We have emphasised the Gospel of atonement and the Gospel of prosperity. What we need to look at more in the Passion is social exclusion.

-The mob scapegoats Jesus, we can be the mob and the poor and the excluded can quickly be the objects of our rage.

We often believe more in law and order than the peace of the Gospel. When we scapegoat, we point the finger in rage, we look for the fall guy.

- The God of Jesus in the Gospels, is not a king, but a powerless servant.

- Be wary of any sentence that begins with **WE (S. Weil)**

Easter Sunday, the day of the resurrection teaches us that the future is more important than the past. Let us look to the future with hope. Happy Easter

**With My Love & Blessing  
Fr Jim**



*Balally, Ballinteer, Dundrum, Meadowbrook Parish Partnership*



Archdiocese of Dublin  
Ard Deoise Átha Cliath

*Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to*

*Knock*

*on Saturday 27th April 2024*

*Please contact your parish office to book a ticket  
Cost is €50 per person to secure a place which includes  
bus, tea/coffee, with scone on the way and an evening meal on the way home.*

*Early booking is advisable.*