

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

BALALLY PARISH

3rd March 2024

Third Sunday of Lent

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Mass Times & Intentions:

Saturday 2nd March 6.00pm Mass

Raymond & Dorothy Fagan/ Joan Hartley/

Anne Kenny/ Liam Marren/

Pat McWilliams & Pete McHugh

Sunday 3rd March 10.00:am Mass

Liam Marren (Months Mind)/ Una Burke Months Mind)/

Bridget Kavanagh (8th Annv)/

Aubrey Condon/ Anne Costello/

Special Intention (In Thanksgiving)

Monday 4th March 10:00am Mass

Michael McGlynn (1st Annv)/ Jack Moylan/

Maurice O' Regan- Reidy/ Special Intention

(Get well)/ Special Intention

Wednesday 6th March 10.00am

Dan O' Neill (20th Annv)/

Joan Mc Cullogh & Michael McGowan/ Michael Twomey

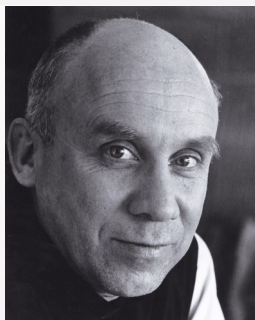
Friday 8th March 10.00am

Mary, Walter, Damien, & John Pilkington/

Annie Barry/ Aubrey Condon



Artist: Rembrandt Van Rijn
Christ Driving The Money Changers
From The Temple 1635



Quote

Thomas Merton

The world of men has forgotten the joys of silence, the peace of solitude, which is necessary, to some extent, for the fullness of human living. Man cannot be happy for long unless he is in contact with the springs of spiritual life which are hidden in the depths of his own soul. If man is exiled constantly from his own home, locked out of his spiritual solitude, he ceases to be a true person.

Reflection by Fr Laurence Freeman

So what is involved in being a disciple? Love of Jesus.

That love will grow. Just as love in friendship or marriage, or love of children, that grows over time, our love of Jesus grows. It also involves obedience to his teaching as best we can. We fail many times, but we keep walking with him. Jesus says that no one can be a disciple without renouncing all his possessions.

That's a little disconcerting if we take it only at the materialistic level. St Francis lived that life of complete physical renunciation; he didn't own anything. But that's only one reflection of the meaning of this call to renounce all our possessions.

Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt sympathy
to the family and friends of

Martin Nolan: Moreen Avenue

May he rest in the peace of Christ



Balally Parish 400 Club



Congratulations to our February winners

1st Prize €1,000: **John Stewart**

2nd Prize €300: **John Molloy**

3rd Prize €200: **Patricia Doherty**

4th Prize €100: **A & P Maloney**

5th Prize: €100 : **Katherine Murphy**

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Naomh Olaf Club Notes



Over the last 10 Years Naomh Olaf has seen a huge increase in the numbers of girls playing both Camogie and Ladies Gaelic Football. This year the Club has over 50 girls playing at minor level (U18) and are fielding 2 teams in both codes. The Club is very well represented at Dublin Minor intercounty level. Seodhna O'Rian and Rebecca Gaughran are playing on the Dublin "A" Minor team and they recently played in the Minor "A" Shield Leinster Final v Offaly. Susie Dalton and Sophie Dempsey played on the Dublin "B" Minor team in the Minor "B" Shield Leinster Final v Carlow. Elsewhere Charlene Sone Lenou and Billie Somers are part of the Dublin U17 Development panel. Clodagh Hogan and Sophie O'Mahony are playing on the Dublin under 16 team.

Acts of Service Week 2



"RIVERS DO NOT DRINK THEIR OWN WATER;
TREES DO NOT EAT THEIR OWN FRUIT;
THE SUN DOES NOT SHINE ON ITSELF AND
FLOWERS DO NOT SPREAD THEIR
FRAGRANCE FOR THEMSELVES.
LIVING FOR OTHERS IS A RULE OF NATURE.
WE ARE ALL BORN TO HELP EACH OTHER.
NO MATTER HOW DIFFICULT IT IS....
LIFE IS GOOD WHEN YOU ARE HAPPY;
BUT MUCH BETTER WHEN OTHERS ARE HAPPY
BECAUSE OF YOU".

POPE FRANCIS

A Word from Fr Jim

When you read this, I hope to be taking a few days of rest/retreat in Maredsous Abbey, the home of Blessed Columba Marmion of Dundrum.

I am hoping that my hospital tests go ok. I have been feeling a bit under the weather in recent weeks.

Lots of people are confused about the forthcoming referendum.

So here is a report of the Bishop's Statement as given by the Irish Examiner. The Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference has called on the public to vote no in the upcoming referendum.

The referendum, due to take place on March 8th, are around amending the Constitution to expand the definition of the family, as well as removing the reference to the woman's place in the home and replacing it with a recognition of care. The bishops' group said the family amendment would diminish the importance of the relationship between marriage and family and weaken the incentive for young people to get married.

They also believe the care amendment would leave the contribution of mothers to the home and wider society unacknowledged. In a statement read at masses around the country today, the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference said:

"We recognise, of course, that there are families in all our communities which are not founded on marriage.

"They form part of the reality of family life, which Pope Francis described as 'a challenging mosaic made up of many different realities, with all their joys, hopes and problems.

"We believe, however, that the commitment of marriage contributes to the common good in a unique way, by bringing stability to the family and to society and that it consequently deserves the protection of the State, which is currently guaranteed in the Constitution of Ireland. "

It said the term 'durable relationship' is shrouded in legal uncertainty and open to wide interpretation.

It noted suggestion by some that the term risks leading to unforeseen and unintended consequences.

Referring to the care amendment, the statement said the present constitutional provision does not say that a woman's place is in the home and does not excuse men from their duties to home and family.

"People generally recognise the enormous commitment that women in Ireland have given, and continue to give, in relation to care, love and affection in the home.

"Pope Francis has said 'Families and homes go together'.

We therefore have similar concerns about the removal of the term 'home' from this article. "The statement suggested that rather than remove the acknowledgement of the role of women and the home, the State should recognise the provision of care by men and women alike.

"The State has to date failed to financially acknowledge the role of women in the home; once again there is no indication that there will be provision for the adequate financial remuneration of carers. "The proposed term 'strive to support' appears to weaken the State's constitutional responsibility to materially and legislatively support such care." The statement concluded by emphasising the importance of every person exercising their right to vote.

Michelle McGlynn: Irish Examiner

St Olaf's Ladies Club

Friday 8 th March 3.30 in St Olaf's School
"AGM"



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1st Collection €820 2nd Collection €820 (Accord)

