

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD BALALLY PARISH

4th February 2024

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Office Open Hours:



Monday to Friday

9.30am 12.30

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Mass Times & Intentions:

Saturday 3rd February 6.00pm Mass

Seán Casey (Months Mind)/ Billy Holley (1st Annv)/
Brendan Clarke (8th Annv)/
Deceased members of the Candon Family/
Maura McGroarty

Sunday 4th February 10.00:am Mass

Joan Mulhall (1st Annv)/ Brendan Clarke (8th Annv)/
Brendan Byrne (9th Annv)/ John Kavanagh (19th Annv)/
Eoin Fitzgerald (26th Annv)/
Maureen Keenan & Leslie Vard/ Paddy Cahill/
Kathleen Finnegan/ John Kilgallen

Monday 5th February 10:00am Mass

Bryan Cullen / Paddy O' Donoghue/ Paddy Cahill/
Eithne O' Gorman & Enda O' Regan/
Maureen Keenan

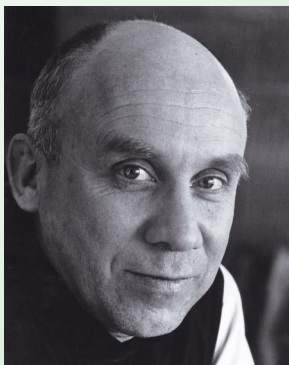
Wednesday 7th February 10.00am Mass

Breige Russell (14th Annv) Eddie Molloy/
Maureen Keenan/

Sr Geraldine O' Connor & Sr Mary Bresnihan/
Special Intention (Get well) X2

Friday 9th February 10.00am

Paddy Cahill/ Maureen Keenan/ Mary Kennedy/
Tom Sheridan/ Special Intention (Get Well)



Quote

Thomas Merton

“Souls are like athletes that need opponents worthy of them, if they are to be tried and extended and pushed to the full use of their powers and rewarded according to their capacity.”

Reflection by Fr Laurence Freeman

So let's think of *conversatio* as a metanoia. It means to change your mind. To change your mind means change the direction in which you're looking and perceiving. This is what happens when we start to meditate. We are really accepting this work of *conversatio*, of metanoia, and allowing this work, to begin and to continue within us on a continuous basis. This has big, ultimate consequences for our religious imagination, for how we see God – no longer as an external entity, but as a transcendent being and transcendent means that we can be caught up into it. We can be united with it, because it is also imminent, it is also present within us, the ground of our being and paradoxically, also transcendent and this means we begin to really understand what Jesus is talking about in the farewell discourses in the Gospel of John, where he speaks about the undivided consciousness that he enjoys with the Father and he is offering to us, to humanity 'so that they may be one as we are one (Jn 17:22)'.

COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your very generous response to last Sundays collections
1st Collection €945 Second Collection €590



Balally Parish 400 Club



1st Prize €1,000: Helen Monaghan

2nd Prize €300: Fr Jim Caffrey

3rd Prize €200: Anne Flynn

4th Prize €100: Bernie Doyle

5th Prize: €100 Susan Hegarty

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

Alzheimer Café

14th February 7-9pm.

Parish Pastoral Centre.

Tea & a Talk. Free to all who are living with dementia or caring for them.

Topic: Fair Deal.

Speaker: Dermot Sherlock, ASI



A Word from Fr Jim

We approach the special Bank Holiday for St Bridget which we will celebrate on Monday with our little Camino trip to Monasterevin, Co Kildare, **(Leave Church @ 8.45am)** and our Mass here in **Balally is at 6.00pm.**

As St Bridget is classified as a goddess, we can see her as a founder of community, a religious leader, a loved of the Poor, a bright light shining and much more.

St Bridget Pray for us.

I was thrilled that 19 of us went to St Naithi's Church, the beautiful Church of Ireland in Dundrum for the service of healing led by Rev Nigel and Rev Jane.

The Holy Spirit was really present.

Next week we will launch our Lenten Programme.

This year's Lenten book will be €10.

A truly Lovely read.

**With My Love & Blessing
Fr Jim**

**St Olaf's Ladies Club
Friday 9th February at 3.30pm
St Olaf's School Hall
"Talk by historian Liz Gillis"**



Naomh Olaf Club Notes



David Byrne who was born and reared in Balally Grove is now one of the most successful Gaelic Footballers in G.A.A. History. Hereunder are some of his most noticeable achievements.

He won Dublin Schools Senior Championships with St. Benildus College in 2011 and 2012, the Sigerson Cup Final with D.C.U. in 2016. He won the Leinster Minor Championships with Dublin in 2011 and 2012 and the Minor All-Ireland Final in 2012 as captain. He won the All-Ireland under 21 Championship with Dublin in 2014 and the Leinster under 21 Championship in 2015 as captain.

He has since won eight All-Ireland Senior Championships with Dublin. David has gone travelling for 2024 and will be sorely missed by both Club and County.

Visit From Anelya (Bonnevaux) to John Main Icon Chapel



Healing Service in St Naithi Church of Ireland ...Balally pilgrims

