

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD BALALLY PARISH

5th May 2024

6th Sunday of Easter

Parish Office Open Hours:   

Monday to Friday

9.30am 12.30

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Mass Times & Intentions:

Saturday 4th May 6.00pm Mass

*Walter Reidy (2nd Annv)/ Jean Gaynor (3rd Annv)/
Denis Carroll*

Sunday 5th May 10.00am Mass

*Jim & Mary Conroy/ Pat Byrne/ Pat Walsh/
Anthony Oliver & Mary Culhane/
Special Intention (Get well)X3*

Monday 6th May 10.00am

*Mary Kavanagh/ Breda Conneely/ Pat Walsh/
Mary Holohin/ Lila Kirk/
Special Intention*

Wednesday 8th May 10.00am Mass

*Nicholas & Margaret Fanning/ Marie Waters & Alma Touhy
Mary Kavanagh Una Burke & Eileen Collins/
Joseph Meehan*

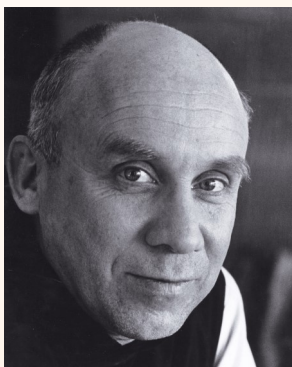
Friday 10th May 10.00am

Bernie Cashman (1st Annv/ Pat Walsh/ Maura O' Neill/



*While Peter was still speaking these things,
the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were
listening to the word. (First Reading)*

***Jan Styka, St. Peter Preaching
the Gospel in the Catacombs, 1902***



Quote

Thomas Merton

True encounter with Christ liberates something in us, a power we did not know we had, a hope, a capacity for life, a resilience, an ability to bounce back when we thought we were completely defeated, a capacity to grow and change, a power of creative transformation.

Reflection by Fr Laurence Freeman

For us today, as disciples, we must have plunged deep and deeper into Jesus presence within us. The church must become more deeply and universally contemplative. It was meditation that brought me to be a monk, not because I was holy and I am not still, not because I was an expert meditator, but actually I became a monk because I love the monastic life and I felt called to it and I wanted to meditate and I wanted to help John Main in building the meditation community, creating a community of love. But I think it was also because I was a slow learner and I was very lazy and I needed quite a lot of discipline. But I assure you that if you want to learn to meditate, you will not have to become a monk. But we do need to become contemplative.

COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your very generous response to last Sundays collections

1st Collection € 1005 2nd Collection €755



Balally Parish 400 Club



Congratulations to our April Winners

1st Prize €1,000: John Stewart

2nd Prize €300: Olive Brooks

3rd Prize €200: Kay Baily

4th Prize €100: Mary Walsh

5th Prize: €100 : Andy Kelly

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

Naomh Olaf Club Notes



Naomh Olaf G.A.A. Club have a record number of 20 players adult and juvenile male and female playing with Dublin teams this year. At senior football David Byrne is currently on a travel break but already has won 8 All-Ireland senior football Championship medals. At senior hurling, well done to Donal Levy and Ciarán Foley on being selected on the Dublin senior hurling panel for the 2024 Championship season. At senior camogie Ciara Murphy, Grace Shanahan and Chloe Kelly McDonald, all of whom have won a National Division 3 League with Dublin recently. Naomh Olaf had two under 15 football teams in the Féile finals last Sunday. Naomh Olaf lost to St.Maurs in Parnell Park by two points and had a good win over St. Judes in Wedgwood.

Alzheimer Café

Wednesday 8th May 7-9pm.

Parish Pastoral Centre.

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

Topic: 'Good Habits to support your Memory'

Speaker: Catherine Daly,
Senior Occupational Therapist, HSE



A Word from Fr Jim

I'm writing this from Bonnevaux Abbey, the home of the World Community for Christian Meditation and the place I regard as my spiritual home. Fr Laurence is living here (near Poitiers in France) with a community of nine people, men and women. It's the new form of monastic/ monastery life.

It encourages me and I hope you to live as a monk in Balally and to help us build a "Monastery without Walls" in the parish. When I'm here the life of the parish goes on with Morning and Evening Prayer in the Icon Chapel daily and lay led Eucharist Services, with Fr Dermot presiding at Eucharist one day.

We had a lovely pilgrimage to knock on Saturday with the diocese. Mr David was outstanding and worked well with Meadowbrook especially Sarah and Miriam.

Thanks to Mrs D for the bus and hotel.

Well done to Pasquale on gathering 14 people to be Friends of Simpsons Hospital in Dundrum. We are working on vetting in advance of beginning this new ministry

Clare has been instituted as our new Parish Catechist and she has plenty of raw material to work on with the great group of parents who this year began the monthly

Maranatha Chorus Mass. Lets continue on this path.

We presented Rev Nigel from Taney with an extra €820 for the hospital in Gaza when he came last Sunday to thank us for the €5750 already given. So that's € 6570 from Balally.

Wonderful generosity from the people of Balally .

Cinzia is continuing to work on the use of the Icon Chapel and it's great to see it used so well.

Praying for you all here in Bonnevaux Pray for me too please

**With my love and blessing
Fr Jim**

FAMILY OF JESUS AND MARY ANNUAL COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 9th May 2024

10.30am - 12.30pm

Our Lady's Grove, Errew House

Wheel of Fortune Prizes

Homemade Baking

Paintings for Sale

Good Company & Good Fun



In aid of JM Missions





St Olaf's Children present Rev Nigel from Taney with €820 for Gaza



Pilgrimage to Knock

