

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD BALALLY PARISH

8th & 15th September 23rd & 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Office Open Hours:

Monday to Friday

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Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 7th September

No 6.00pm Mass (Pilgrimage to Glenstal)

Sunday 8th September 10.00am Mass

**John Arthur (2nd Anny)/ Christina Diamond (10th Anny)/
Carmel & Oliver Stobie/ Roger Kelly**

Special Intention

(Birthday Remembrance for Liam Doyle)

Monday 9th September 10:00am Mass

Deborah Flack/ Hugh O' Donnell

Special Intention (Fr Lyons)

Wednesday 11th September 10.00am Mass

**Christopher O' Shea (16th Anny) /Mary Jones/
Terry Mullen**

Friday 13th September 10.00am Mass

Dolores Madden & John O' Brien

Special Intention (Get well)

for Anne McGrath & Maureen Cahalan

Saturday 14th September 6.00pm Mass

John Arthur (2nd Anny)/

Peggy Dooley & Mary & James Monaghan

Special Intention (Wedding Anniversary Remembrance)

Sunday 15th September 10.00am Mass

Joan & Diarmuid Brereton (11th Anny)

Rosaline Rice (33rd Anny)/

Monday 16th September 10.00am

Eileen Dunne/ Hugh O' Donnell/

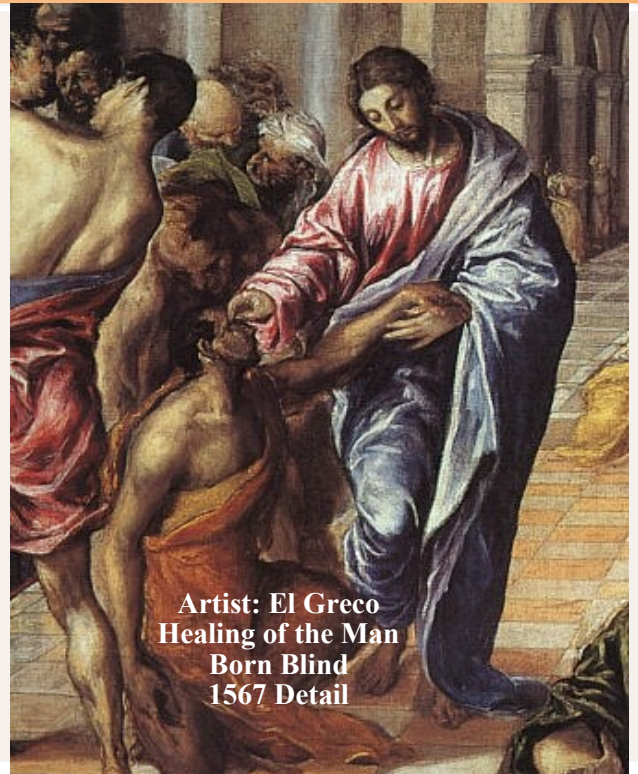
Eleanor Clarke & Stephanie Mahony

Wednesday 18th September 10.00am Mass

Hugh O' Donnell/ Special Intention (Hugh Kearney)

Friday 20th September 10.00am Mass

Hugh O' Donnell



Artist: El Greco
Healing of the Man
Born Blind
1567 Detail



Reflection
Archbishop
Rowan Williams

Reflection by Fr Laurence Freeman

Whoever does not believe, Jesus says, will be condemned. Condemned by who? By what? Not by God. If we do not find this faith and open ourselves to it and do what we can to keep it watered, to keep it alive and to let it grow, then our lives will condemn us. Our lives. And at the end of our lives we will feel that we've missed something, something essential. I don't think the mercy of God stops there, but all that we can speak about or understand actually is this life. So if our own lives condemn us for their lack of meaning, for their lack of joy, for their lack of wisdom, these words of Jesus are life giving and liberating and, yes, challenging, too.

Celebrating the Eucharist not only reminds us that we are invited to be guests, it also reminds us that we are given freedom to invite others to be guests as well. Reverence for the bread and the wine of the Eucharist is the beginning of reverence for the whole world in which the giving of God's glory is pulsating beneath the surface of every moment. One of the most transformingly surprising things about Holy Communion is that it obliges you to see the person next to you as wanted by God. Sometimes after receiving Holy Communion, as I look around a congregation, large or small, I have a sensation I can only sum up as, this is it, this is the moment when people see one another and the world properly: when they are filled with the Holy Spirit and when they are equipped to go and do God's work.

COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your very generous response to last Sundays collections

1st Collection €760 2nd Collection €395



Balally Parish 400 Club

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Naomh Olaf Club Note



Commiserations to Shane Whyte Naomh Olaf and the Dublin over 40's Football team defeated by Tyrone in the Semi-Final of the All-Ireland over 40's Football Championship played in Cavan on the 17th August, 2024. Shane Whyte was captain of the Dublin team.

Well done to the under13 camogie mentors and parents for hosting Sarsfields from Bullaun Loughrea, County Galway recently. Sarsfields has many connections to Naomh Olaf. The Hayes, Maher and Manicle families all have close connections. There was a great display of camogie by both sides. A few weeks ago Naomh Olaf Club hosted Kilkock, County Kildare, under 14 camogie team. It was a beautiful

Sunday and the girls served up a fine sporting challenge match. The travelling party together with their hosts enjoyed refreshments in our Clubhouse afterwards. On Sunday the 18th August, as a result of an invite, two Naomh Olaf under 14 camogie teams travelled to Kilcock where two matches were played. We were blessed with another fine day. The travelling party were well treated in their Clubhouse afterwards. Memories are made of days like these.

This year's collection takes place on the **14th & 15th September** and will replace the share collection. you can also support this appeal online at **www.crosscare.ie**



Ladies Club

St Olaf's Ladies Club Friday 20th September

3.30 pm in St Olaf's School.

"Aerobics"



Thank You

Antoinette, the wife of the late Hugh O Donnell (Balally) has asked me to express the appreciation of all the family for the kindness and support she received from all her neighbours at the time of Hugh's death .She was really touched by the Funeral Mass and the care taken by the Funeral Team, sacristans, singers and musicians. Once again we can see how blessed we all are to live in this wonderful parish. Fr Jim

A Word From Fr Jim

I will give the word this week to Archbishop Rowan Williams. "We need to plant new congregations, places where people are welcome, where strangers are not viewed with suspicion, where new ideas and Initiatives are encouraged. I am not against the present parish system, but we need other Initiatives to work alongside it".

**With My Love & Blessing:
Fr Jim**

Our dear friend Fr Laurence will be having serious treatment in Boston from 24th September for at least a month.

He will be staying with me in advance.

Please remember him and all the sick in your prayers.



Fr. Dermot Lane

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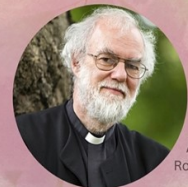
2024

A noisy world in need of Meditation and Service

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Rowan Williams

former Archbishop of Canterbury



Archbishop
Rowan Williams

S E P T E M B E R

Saturday 28
10:30 am-1 pm

Graced by the
Holy Spirit of
God

Saturday 28
2:00-4 pm

The Journey
Inwards:
Contemplation

Sunday 29
3:00-5:30 pm

Working together
for justice and the
care of our
common home

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