

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD BALALLY PARISH

17th November 2024

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Office Open Hours:

Monday to Friday

9.30am 12.30

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Mass Times & Intentions:

Saturday 16th November 6.00pm Mass

John Kilcoyne (4th Annv)/

Yiannos Efta Mandilos (6th Annv)/

John & Josephine Dowling/ Margaret Malone

Naomh Olaf GAA Mass for Deceased Members

Sunday 17th November 10.00am Mass

Sarah Kelly 25th Annv & Edward Kelly 59th Annv

Monday 18th November 10.00am Mass

Maura Bryant/ Patrick O' Brien/ Tony McInerney/

Frank Dillon/

Special Intention

for Susan Murtagh & Derek Dickson & Family/

Special Intention (Get well)

Wednesday 20th November 10.00am Mass

Angela McDermot (1st Annv)

Hugh Doherty/ Philomena Rosato O Neill/

Margaret Kinsella/ Cecil Maxwell & David Ellis/

Brigid & Michael Hogan

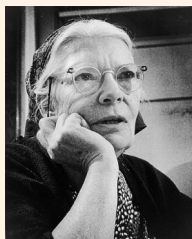
Friday 22nd November 10.00am Mass

Gean Lynch/ Frank Dillon/ Eamon Flynn/

Richard Landy



Learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near. (Gospel)



Quote: Dorothy Day

What we would like to do is change the world--make it a little simpler for people to feed, clothe, and shelter themselves as God intended them to do and, by fighting for better conditions, by crying out unceasingly for the rights of the workers, the poor, the destitute--the rights of the worthy and the unworthy poor, in other words--we can, to a certain extent, change the world; we can work for the oasis, the little cell of joy and peace in a harried world. We can throw our pebble in the pond and be confident that its ever widening circle will reach around the world. We repeat, there is nothing we can do but love, and, dear God, please enlarge our hearts to love each other, to love our neighbour to love our enemy as our friend."

Reflection by Fr Laurence Freeman

We cannot genuinely meditate without facing the perplexing pains of our world and our personal lives: a medical diagnosis, the loss of a loved one, the birth of a child or falling in love or a large-scale atrocity. These are life changing and so, if we fail to integrate them, we resist the unfolding of life's sacred mystery. If we continued meditating but stayed resistant, in denial or rage, meditation would become an individualistic thing, an escape route, a way to "well-being" rather than the more costly "fullness of life". Meditators in the same community will have different political or moral opinions about the dilemmas of our time. ("A community of faith composed of people of different beliefs".) What they share, deeper than differences, comes from their unity. This bestows the contemplative capacity to face life's challenges and to listen to one other squarely and directly. We may disagree on solutions, but we will agree where the hope for healing lies: in the singular point of unity where the ordinary and the transcendent meet.

COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your very generous response to last Sundays collections
1st Collection € 965 2nd Collection €620



During the month of October 2024 the Tap and Go machines in Balally Parish collected **€368.00** from This is split 60% to the Common Fund and 40%

Balally Parish 400 Club
Draw will take place on the 24th
If you would like to Subscribe
Please contact Parish Office 012954296



The monthly outdoor collection for **Society of St Vincent DePaul** will take place this weekend



Notice For St Olaf's Ladies Club
We are having a meeting on Friday 22nd November **instead of 29th, election day !!**
St Olaf's School at 3.30 pm



Naomh Olaf Club Notes



Dublin G.A.A. supporters are delighted to learn that David Byrne Naomh Olaf is home and has rejoined the Dublin Senior Football Panel. David is the holder of ten All-Ireland Football Medals, one for Minor, one for under 21 and eight for Senior Football. David travelled to Australia for the 2024 season. His absence was sorely felt by Naomh Olaf and also by the Dublin Senior Football team. Congratulations to Naomh Olaf second Minor Camogie team on defeating Na Fianna in their Championship Final on Sunday the 3rd November, 2024. Unfortunately our Division One Minor Camogie team was defeated in their Championship Final on the previous Sunday. The biodiversity measures our Club has implemented over the past four years has helped us secure the maximum Sports Grant and in addition £80,000, the full cost of the installation of solar panels on the entire roof of our large sports hall. This in turn saves our Club the huge cost of light and heating of the large Club premises for many years. For this we are very thankful.

Funeral Team Training



Word from Fr Jim

The prolonged standing ovation for Mary Robinson at the end of her talk at the School of Contemplative Leadership said it all. Now as we approach 2025 we need to move from talking to actively calling and preparing new leaders in our parish.

The focus now switches to Advent and Christmas .

This weekend we will have James Murphy to speak about Dorothy Day at 10am Mass and distribute the Advent book.

She is a remarkable woman of Prayer and Service a model and future saint.

We also commemorate the dead for Naomh Olaf's GAA . How blessed we are to have this wonderful club in our parish.



"The People's celebration of the Eucharist "

We are delighted that Fr Fintan from Glenstal Abbey (ex C.C Balally) has written a new book. It will be launched by Fr Dermot here in Balally

On Wednesday 20th November @ 7.00pm

All Fr Fintan's balally friends are very welcome .

With My Love & Blessing: Fr Jim

Anne and Kathleen donate Statue of Our Lady to QOA School in memory of their mother Kitty



Stefan Smart performs "I am Mark"



Cinzia and Fr Jim visit Holy Rosary Sisters with Rev Jane (Taney) and her husband Dermot



Mary Robinson at School of Contemplative Leadership

