



BALBRIGGAN PARISH

Inc. Balbriggan,
Balrothery & Balcadden

August 24th/15th 2019
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C



FAREWELL TO FR. BRENDAN

This weekend Fr. Brendan will say his last Masses in the Parish. We wish him well in his new appointment as Parish Priest in Willington.

We welcome Fr. John McNamara as our new Parish Priest next weekend and we keep him in our prayers as he takes up his new appointment here in Balbriggan. Welcome Fr. John.

CROSSCARE COLLECTION

THE ANNUAL CROSSCARE COLLECTION WILL TAKE PLACE NEXT WEEKEND 31ST AUGUST/1ST SEPTEMBER, REPLACING THE SHARE COLLECTION AT ALL MASSES



Today in our modern society of iphones, emails and the internet, a lot celebrities claim to have millions of followers and friends. It is very easy to be an electronic follower or friend of a person you have never met. Following Jesus is not as easy as this. He invites us to be his friend and follower with the words, *if you want to be my disciple, take up your cross and follow me*. At times this is not an easy path to follow. Following Jesus asks of us more than just pressing a button. We all claim to be followers of Jesus; for the most part we are faithful church goers who every Sunday eat and drink in his company. This Sunday's gospel reminds that this isn't enough. What could this possibly means for us today?

In the gospel, Jesus presents us with two images that tell us that if we decide to follow him, it is going to require some effort on our part. We will have through squeeze through the 'narrow gate' and face the 'locked door.' The path that we are called to follow as we become followers of Jesus is demanding, but it is equally rewarding. It will test us, but it will also strengthen and encourage us. When we say yes to follow Jesus, it is never a single yes made once. We are asked to recommit ourselves every day.

Each day, in often seemingly small ways we are asked to take up our cross for the sake of the gospel and others. This is how we pass through the 'narrow gate' and enter through the 'locked door.' When we put our faith into concrete action, our yes to Jesus becomes real not only in our lives but in the lives of others. In short, being a follower and disciple of Jesus today requires some effort and commitment from us; we can't do it on line! It is through the quality of our daily lives with others that we show that we are willing to enter through the 'narrow gate' and pass through the 'locked door.'

MASS TIMES

BALBRIGGAN:
Monday-Friday: 10am
Holy Days: Vigil 7.30pm & 10am
Saturday: Vigil 6.30pm
Sunday: 10am & 12noon
BALSCADDEN:
Sunday and Holy Days: 8.30am

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest: Fr Brendan Madden
Curates: Fr Tony Gill SMA
Fr Donal Toal SMA
Sr Janet

Secretary: Anne McNally

PARISH OFFICE

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PLANNED GIVING

The Planned Giving Collection for the Weekend of August 17th/18th amounted to €1,370. Many thanks for your contributions. — it is this Collection along with Standing Orders that allow us to meet the day to day running costs of the Parish. With the onset of holidays, we appeal to everyone to ensure your envelope is sent in as usual please. The bills still come in regardless of time of year. Thank you for your continued support .

CONGRATULATIONS TO RECENTLY BAPTISED



*Sadhbh Anne; Jacob David
Kai Jaxon; Jack Daniel
Hallie Karen Jacinta; Finn Nathan
Isla Rose*



BACK TO SCHOOL

As schools start to reopen we welcome back all students, teachers and staff. We hope everyone enjoyed the summer break and are ready to face the new school year.

BALROTHERY NATIONAL SCHOOL



Balrothery National School have spaces available in 1st and 2nd classes only. For more information please email: office@balrotheryns.com

BALBRIGGAN SENIOR CITIZENS DAY TRIP

On Sunday 29th September 2019 to Gorey, Co. Wexford.
Itinerary :

Tea & Scones
Visit to Wells House & Gardens
Entertainment & Evening Meal

Cost per person: €35 Senior Citizens, €65 non-senior citizens

Bus will leave car park opposite St. Peter & Paul's Church at 9.30am sharp and will return at approx 10pm. Please contact a committee member before 6th September to secure your place.

AGE ACTION

Computers for the Terrified
1 to 1 Training for over 55s

Are you frustrated by your lack of computer skills? Do you feel that the digital age has passed you by?

LEARN HOW TO:

Search the Internet, Send & receive emails
Shop and book flights

Age Action runs beginner courses in Computers, Ipads and Tablets

Courses run once a week for 5 or 6 weeks.

All courses are free of charge

For more information call 01-4756989

Mass Intentions Weekend of August 24th/25th

Saturday 6.30pm:	Craig Williams; Aidan Brennan Stephen Sweetman
Sunday 8.30am: Balscadden	Peter Cluskey
Balbriggan 10am:	Henry Barnett ; Eileen Finn
12noon:	Mary Guest (1st Ann) James & Annie Kiernan; Lenny Farrell Kathleen & Frank Weldon Jamie Casey; Baby Patrick Farcas
15.30pm	Polish Chaplaincy Mass

Weekday Mass Intentions

Monday 10am:	Kevin Cahill (Months Mind) Mary McCarthy
Tuesday 10am:	Lena Bennett
Wednesday 10am	—
Thursday 10am	—
Friday 10am:	—

Weekend August 31st /1st September

Saturday 6.30pm:	Noel Tolan (Months Mind) Dowling & Scott families; Paddy Guildea; Russell family; Francis Tolan Séimí Brennan; Margaret McLoughlin Ann Byrne
Sunday 8.30pm: Balscadden	Sean Kiernan
Balbriggan 10am:	Francis Dwyer (1st Ann) Anthony Dwyer
12 noon:	Bill O'Sullivan; Leonard Smith Michael Snr & Michael Jnr McLoughlin; Enda White Patrick & Lily Gleeson; Richard, Maureen & John Brown
15.30pm	Polish Mass

Drogheda & North East Samaritans

Would you be interested in becoming a Samaritan Volunteer?

If so, please come along to one of our *Information sessions* to find out what is involved.

Tuesday 27th August at 7.30pm
OR

Saturday 31st August at 11.00am

At No.2 Leland Place, Stockwell St., Drogheda.
Contact Brigid at 041-9843844 (10.00am-1.00pm)
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