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**BALLA and
 BELCARRA
 NEWSLETTER**



MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS -ST CRONAN'S BALLA

THURS.	Jan 28 th	7.30pm	Joe Burke ***
FRIDAY	Jan 29 th	7.30pm:	•James Cooney & DFM •Tom Cunnane •Padraig McGreal and deceased of McGreal, Wilkinson and Coady families ***
SAT	Jan 30 th	8pm	•John Ruane •Sheila & Jim Connor •Fiona Conroy •Thomas Moylette •Christopher Gilligan (Month's Mind) ***
SUNDAY	Jan 31 st	11am	•Paddy Joyce & Michael & Mary Bourke •Bridie Maloney & deceased of Maloney & Kelly families •Seamus, Lil and David Wilson and deceased of Wilson, McDaid and Keane families •Catherine & Andrew Heneghan, James Connolly & DFM
MONDAY	1 st Feb.	10am	People of Balla & Mayo Abbey Parishes ***
TUES.	2 nd Feb	10am	Private Intention ***
THURS.	4 th Feb	7.30pm	Bill Routledge Canada (1 st Anniversary) ***
FRIDAY	5 th Feb	7.30pm	•Tony Adams & DFM & Jose Kelly & DFM •Michael & Mary O'Connor, Milltown and baby Fionn McKiernan ***
SAT.	6 th Feb	8pm	•Bridie Tuffy & DFM •Marion & Frank Coleman •Michael McDonnell & grandson Robbie Horan & DFM •Frank and Mary Lavelle & deceased of Lavelle & Brewster families. ***
SUNDAY	7 th Feb	11am	•Anne McDonnell •Anne & Des Pratt •Jimmy Shaughnessy •Breege & Freddie Blanchfield •Pat Durkan, his nephew David Madden & DFM •Ellen & James Fadden & their daughter Nancy ***

All above Masses are in St Cronan's Balla and can be viewed on [church.tv.ie Balla](http://church.tv.ie/Balla). If you go on to the Parish Website, ballaandbelcarraparish.org and press Live Broadcast at the top you will get directly into the live stream. MASS ON MWR Radio this Sunday 10am and on Wednesday 10am Mass on RTE News Now weekdays 10.30am & some Sundays at 2pm

DEATHS: Pray for **CHRISTINA (CHRIS) MURPHY**, Tawanaghmore ,Balla
PAULINE CAHILL-MOTZ, New York, daughter of Teresa Cahill, Prizon Road, Balla.
 MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK:

MONDAY: is the Feast of St. Brigid the secondary patron saint of Ireland. As we face the ongoing challenges of the pandemic perhaps you might like to use today as an opportunity to pray for our country remembering especially all who are sick and all our Frontline and Health care workers.

TUESDAY: is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. It is a day also known as Candlemas Day. It marks the people with candles in their hands going out to meet Christ as a light to reveal God to the nations. Traditionally candles are blessed on this day. If you would like to have candles blessed for your home please leave them into Balla church and Fr Denis will bless them during 10am Mass on Tuesday.. You can also leave them into Belcarra church and he will bless them on Tuesday afternoon. They can then be collected. Candles are not required for either church this year.

WEDNESDAY: is the Feast of St Blaise- the day that throats are blessed . Unfortunately that cannot happen this year.

FRIDAY: is the First Friday of the month. Unfortunately the monthly calls cannot be attended to. It is a day when we can remember in prayer the sick and housebound of the parish. All urgent or emergency calls will of course be attended to by Fr. Denis.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK: draws to a close this Sunday. Unfortunately it could not be celebrated in the usual way and that is a pity. Our schools are at the heart of the community. They are places of learning and that is important, but they are much more. They are places where children learn social skills, they benefit from interaction and they motivate and support each other with the careful guidance, care and encouragement of their teachers. Our Catholic schools are a microcosm of our society where children of all faiths and none are welcomed. Our Catholic schools play a powerful and positive role in the lives of so many young people. It is always lovely to visit a classroom and see how happy the children are in their school environment and to witness a lovely warm atmosphere. We owe a great debt of gratitude to our schools for the enormous contribution that they make in the development of our young people, academically , socially and spiritually. Thanks to teachers, all members of school staff and Boards of Management for the wonderful work that they do and are continuing to do at this difficult time. May God bless them now and always in their work.

BALLA SECONDARY SCHOOL Application Forms for entry into First Year are available to download from the Enrolment 2021 section of the school website www.ballasecondaryschool.com and the Virtual Open Night video will be available to view from 7pm on Tuesday 2 February.