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**BALLA & BELCARRA**  
**NEWSLETTER**



DEATHS Pray for **PETER (Peadar) DEMPSEY**, Ardboley, Balla  
**URSULA CLARKE**, Ballina niece of Angela O'Connor, Castlebar Rd, Balla.  
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS -ST CRONAN'S BALLA**

**HOLY THURSDAY** 8pm Mass of the Lord's Supper  
**GOOD FRIDAY** 3pm Stations of the Cross  
**GOOD FRIDAY** 8pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion  
**HOLY SATURDAY** 8.30pm Easter Vigil  
**EASTER SUNDAY** 11am Easter Day Mass

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MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> April 10am: ♦ Mary McNicholas (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)  
and her husband Johnny

TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> April 10am ♦ Brose & Kathleen Walsh  
♦ Mary & Johnny McCormack

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THURS. 8<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm Monsignor Gerard Fahey & DFM  
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FRIDAY 9<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm •Eadhmonn Mac Suibhne & DFM  
•Annie Molloy & DFM  
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SAT. 10<sup>th</sup> April 8pm •Tom, Nora & Patrick Garvey & DFM  
•John, Margaret & Mary Duffy  
•Katie, Laurence, Pat & Nora Fitzgerald & DFM  
•Peter & Kathleen Walsh and grandson John Peter  
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SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> April 11am: •Breege & Freddie Blanchfield & DFM  
•Paddy Colgan, his parents Michael & Nora  
& DFM  
Nancy & Bill Reynolds & DFM  
•Rita Staed, Tom Flanagan and deceased of  
Staed & Flanagan families  
•Michael & Mary Killeen  
•Matt, Kathleen & Martina Forde & DFM  
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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](http://ballaandbelcarraparish.org) and press Live Broadcast at the top you will get directly into the live stream. MASS on MWR Radio Sunday and Wednesday 10am RTE News Now television will have Ceremonies from Knock Shrine on Friday and Saturday,

**MASSSES:** can be booked by contacting Fr Denis by phone 094 9365025 or email [stcronansballa@eircom.net](mailto:stcronansballa@eircom.net)

**TROCAIRE:** Contributions can be handed in at any time that suits during the coming weeks.

**PRIESTS EASTER COLLECTION:** takes place this weekend. Fr Denis thanks you for your support in the past. He depends on the four collections annually (Christmas, Easter, Summer and Autumn) for his salary. **If paying by cheque please make it payable to Priests Revenue Account.**

**GOVERNMENT COVID RSTRICTIONS:** Following on from the Government announcement on Tuesday it is great that people who are fully vaccinated can now meet. It is the first step of hope. As regards churches the indications are that public worship will begin after mid May. From April 26<sup>th</sup> 25 people can attend funerals. Of course we all have to do what is asked of us to maintain the progress and protect ourselves and others.

**BALLA ONLINE BINGO:** Thanks to all those who are joining us for our weekly online Bingo, This **Easter Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April will be Extra Special with a prize fund of €5000, the jackpot is €1000 on 42 calls and competition draws on the night.** Bingo books can be purchased at [www.balla.ie](http://www.balla.ie).

**BELCARRA LOTTO:** takes place every Sunday night, draw posted on the Belcarra Ireland Facebook page. Google 'Clubforce Belcarra Lotto' to find link

**EASTER MESSAGE:**

For the second year in a row, we celebrate Easter differently. The church is without a congregation, our homes not open to visitors, there are no playdates or social gatherings. So, we mark Easter in a different way. But Easter is still with us. We celebrate the great event that our Christian faith is built on. The Resurrection is the foundation of our faith. It is also what offers us hope and we have to have hope. We are not alone, we are not an abandoned people. We have God with us. The God who loves us so much that he sent his own Son to save us- to free us from our sins and offer us the gift of eternal life. Let us rejoice in that hope. Let us also look forward in hope to better days ahead when we can meet and mix, when we can party and play, when we can come together and pray. The days when we can return to interaction with one another in the church, the playground, the restaurants, the shops, the barbers and hairdressers and in our own homes are coming. Let us look forward in hope. Let us trust in our medical and political leaders and in the Lord. In the meantime let us act responsibly and care for one another. By so doing we are doing what Jesus asks when he says 'Love one another' May the Risen Lord bless and protect us all. May he fill our hearts and homes with love and hope.

**Fr Denis**

**HAPPY EASTER**