

Ballineaspig Parish Bulletin

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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil:

6.15pm

Sunday

9.00 and 11.00 am

Weekdays

9.30am

Holydays

9.30am & 7.00pm

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EARLY DAYS

I thought I would share a few thoughts with you this week, at the beginning of a new year.

Firstly I thought there was a lovely atmosphere in the church at our Christmas Masses. I thought that our people took part in a very prayerful, calm and reflective way. There was no high drama but there seemed to be a good spirit and a happy coming together. May it always be so, and not just at Christmas!

I am aware our Bulletin is not as far-reaching as it used to be; once upon a time it was delivered to every home. The Faith in Action group do their bit in sending it out online and it's possible some people bring copies to the house-bound. I believe setting up a Parish Facebook page would be a step forward. It would act as a kind of Diary of Events and elaborate on the Bulletin message. It would also allow for live filming occasionally. It would be accessible in the same way as our livestream is: by adding an icon to our website. In other words, you would not need to be a Facebook member to access it. I thought I would reach out to some people who might set it up and act as an Editor of the Page. For instance, very shortly, a famous choir will sing in our church, there will be Lenten Talks, there will be a Presentation of an Award as an Eco Parish. We could spread the good word.

This weekend, the early days of Jesus ministry are introduced in the Gospel. His good news was carried in his feet as he walked and in the feet of his followers. Perhaps something like this Page might act as our 'feet' bringing the good news of our parish.



Fr . Donal

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Offertory collection:

8/1/2023

€1812

Holy Day:

€485

Shrines (including Crib)

€623

PARISH BULLETIN

The Parish Bulletin is available **weekly** on the Parish Website: [_or can be e-mailed by forwarding your e-mail address to the Parish Office.](#)



2023 Envelopes for the Offertory Collection:

Envelopes for 2023 have been picked up or delivered recently. We would encourage anyone who is contributing weekly to the offertory collection basket and paying tax to consider taking a box of envelopes, as the Parish would benefit greatly from the tax you have already paid. Under the tax relief scheme, if you donate €250 to the offertory collection which is the minimum requirement by Revenue, the parish can obtain a refund from Revenue after the end of the tax year of .45cent for every euro donated. Since this also includes your Easter and Christmas offerings, the parish benefits greatly from your generosity. If you would like to sign up, Trish at the Parish Office would be delighted to hear from you. A form must be filled in to sign up.

PARISH NOTICES

Diocesan Needs:

The quarterly collection for Diocesan Needs will be taken up at all Masses **this weekend**, 14th/15th January, 2023. The collection contributes to the day-to-day running costs of the Diocese including the cost of personnel, utilities (light & heat, phone, postage & stationery, repairs & maintenance, insurance), professional fees, primary & secondary school religious advisory costs, safeguarding, data protection, mission and ministry and levies paid by the Diocese for national hierarchy costs. People have been very generous to these quarterly collections over the years and your support would be greatly appreciated in the upcoming collection.

Active Retirement Group:

First meeting of the New Year on **Thursday, 26th January, 2023** in the Crypt. Further details next week.

Cork Regional Pioneer Council:

Next meeting on Wednesday, 18th January in the SMA Parish Centre, Wilton at 8pm. Anyone who would like to find out more about the work of the Pioneers is most welcome.