

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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Ministry of the Word

In 2019, the Holy Father, Pope Francis began the celebration of the Sunday of the Word of God for this weekend. In his Apostolic Letter *APERUIT ILLIS*, he dedicated this weekend to the celebration, study and spreading of the Word of God. Saint Paul urges the Corinthians to “be united again in your belief and practice “ without any divisions among them. For there is no greater witness to the truth of the Gospel than this unity in charity. In the unity that Simon, Andrew, James and John experience through their friendship with Christ, they become certain that “the kingdom of heaven is close at hand”. In that spirit, we pay tribute to all those who proclaimed the Word of God over the years in this parish.



We have become accustomed to refer to our Ministers as ‘Readers’ for shorthand but they are truly Ministers of the Word. A Minister is one who serves and carries; it is not simply reading out loud but bringing that Word. Our group of Ministers stand in the tradition of the Synagogue where Jesus opened the scroll one day and read the words....’the spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring Good News to the Poor, Liberty to captives, to proclaim the Year of the Lord’s favour..... ‘ When you see those words, you realise that you are not simply reading, but MAKING ALIVE the words of the great prophet Isaiah and their fulfilment by Jesus himself. He proclaimed that Word in the Synagogue at Capernaum that day (the ruins of the building are still there today). So, our Ministers, many of whom have served for over twenty years, are following in that great tradition and their service and ministry are cherished. One of my great privileges was to be offer Mass here the evening one of our Ministers gave that Word for the last time; she laid down her service to God and his Word. I hope she knows how much that service is appreciated.

We continue to welcome anyone who may step in to serve as Ministers in the future; it is a great adventure in the study and carrying of the Eternal Word, a Word that is ‘both alive and active, and will give strength to our souls’.

Let us be thankful to all those who, day after day, Sunday after Sunday, proclaim the Word to us here in Dennehy’s Cross.

Fr. Donal

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Emergency Number:
087-251 9940

Offertory collection:

8/1/2023

€1812

Holy Day:

€485

Shrines (including
Crib)

€623

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY! - Saturday, 28th January

Following the very successful clean-up before Christmas in the Church grounds, we are hoping to repeat the exercise again next Saturday, 28th January after the 9.30am Mass. We are so grateful to the “famous five” who showed up that day and filled 14 bags of leaves alone, as well as the usual rubbish. Next weekend hopefully will be less pressured and we look forward to any help you might give. Gloves and other requirements will be available.

Fleischmann Choir Concert - Sunday 29th January, 2023

The Fleischmann Choir, conducted by Tom Doyle and featuring organist James Taylor, will perform some beautiful choral works on **Sunday, 29th January at 16.30** in the Church of the Descent of the Holy Spirit. Tickets €5 - €15, available through Cork Orchestral Society and at the door (under 18s free). We hope to see you there !

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.

PARISH NOTICES

Autumn Dues: Spring Dues:

To avoid confusion, we will be taking in the Autumn Dues envelopes from display in the Church this coming week: many sincere thanks from Fr. Tom and myself Fr. Donal for your contributions. The Spring Dues envelopes will be sent out and displayed from mid February.

Active Retirement Group:

First meeting of the New Year on **Thursday, 26th January, 2023** from 10,00am to 12 noon in the Crypt. Looking forward to seeing you all again.

