

Ballineaspig Parish Bulletin



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4th Sunday of Lent

MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil
6.15pm

Sunday
9.00 and 11.00 am

Weekdays:Mo
9.30am

Holydays
As announced.

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11th/12th March,
Offertory:
€1,782
Shrines:
€435
Bishops Commission
€1,080

PARISH BULLETIN

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Children of Light

This weekend we find ourselves with a similar story from last week: at a Pool there is an encounter with someone normally ignored, there's a bit of back and forth argument, an intervention in the form of healing, more argument, a recognition and a wider audience to it all. The extraordinary part of the story was nobody took much notice of the healing part; even the blind man was not sure what had happened and his friends did not even recognise him as the same person. Instead, it seems there's another type of blindness at work, and the man helps them to see and understand things better. Above all, like with the Woman at the Well, he tells the man who he is, and the man tells the others who refuse to believe, because it does not fit in to their beliefs.....there can be no healing on the Sabbath.

When people first see the blind man, they presume his affliction is the result of sin. But Jesus sees in that man something else: this roadside beggar who has always inhabited a world of darkness will be the one to display the work of God and point to who Jesus really is. The man refuses to deny his own experience, the crowd with their eyes open refuse to see past their prejudice, they drive him away. Now the rejected man of the community is the only one who sees Jesus as the Son of Man.

You were darkness once....says today's Second Reading....be like Children of the Light.

Until next week.



Fr. Donal

Parish Accounts

This week we are putting together the Parish Accounts for 2022 and these will be submitted in April. We will also be sending our Spring Dues envelopes in the coming week and envelopes will also be available in the Church.

Lourdes 2023

Launch & Information Evening

On **Wednesday 22nd March at 7.30pm** in the SMA Community Centre, Wilton.

The information evening will include a presentation about the diocesan pilgrimage including testimonies from young people who have already been to Lourdes with the diocesan pilgrimage and the experience of adults who have travelled as helpers.

Mass Intentions for week commencing 18th March to the 25th March, 2023

Saturday, 18th March - 6.15pm - Mary Jones O'Leary (Anniversary)
Sunday, 19th March - 9.00am - Babe & Paddy Healy (Anniversary)
11.00am - Donal Linehan (Anniversary)
Wednesday, 22nd March - 9.30am - Daisy Patricia Okudu (Anniversary)
Friday, 24th March - 9.30am - Dermot Daly (Anniversary)
Saturday, 25th March - **10.00am** - Jerry Murphy (Anniversary)
6.15pm - Bill & Angela Shanahan (Anniversary)

Creation Matters: LENTEN SERIES 2023

Fr. Peter McVerry

Jesus - a Social Revolutionary?

Most of us were brought up to believe in a God whose passion was the observance of the law. Salvation, we were told, comes to us from observing the laws. But Jesus sometimes, publicly, broke the law! Jesus revealed a God whose passion was compassion and told us that salvation comes to us from being compassionate to others. This revelation of Jesus led to his death.

Date: Tuesday 21st March 2023 Venue: Church of the Descent of the Holy Spirit Time: 7.30pm

While working in the Inner City in Dublin, Fr. Peter McVerry SJ opened a hostel for young homeless people in 1979. The organisation, originally called the Arrupe Society, was subsequently renamed the Peter McVerry Trust. It now has 25 hostels, 5 drug and alcohol treatment centres and 1,800 apartments for homeless people. He has written on many issues relating to homeless people, such as housing, drugs, juvenile justice, the gardai, the prisons and education. His writings include "The Meaning is in the Shadows," "Jesus - Social Revolutionary?" "The God of Mercy, the God of the Gospels," and "A Dose of Reality."

All welcome!

Faith in Action Group