

# Ballineaspig Parish Bulletin



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**Bulletin 9th  
April, 2023  
Easter Sunday**

## MASS TIMES

**Saturday Vigil**  
6.15pm

**Sunday**  
9.00 and 11.00 am

**Weekdays: Mon-Fri**  
9.30am  
**Saturdays: 10 am**

**Holydays**  
As announced.

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**087-251 9940**

**Church Collection:**  
1st/2nd March,  
**Offertory:**  
**2,022**  
**Shrines:**  
**€245**

## PARISH BULLETIN

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## Running Feet

I can never think of Easter other than with the sound of running feet; and from the Gospel this weekend, the feet of Mary of Magdala. Like the other women, no men showed up, she had gone to the tomb where the body of Jesus had been laid. She was there with spices for his preservation and found a different story, and a different scene...and she began running. She ran, not out of fear but excitement, almost joy. Thus, in a real way, she was the first bringer of the Good News. She was the only person to have anointed Jesus while he lived, this woman with a reputation, now she was the first to proclaim the Gospel. She will meet this resurrected man again in the garden later, but does not recognise him. Like the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, something prevents her from recognising him. She thinks he is a gardener and asks him if he knows anything. As they turn their heads, he just called out... 'Mary' .....and there and then she knows who he is..... '**do not cling to me because I must go to my father and your father, to my God and your God**'. It is an extraordinary moment, unforgettable in its emotion...and how events are fast unfolding.

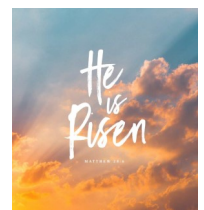


Unlike Christmas, when the whole atmosphere seems to fizzle out after the day itself, this is only the beginning of the excitement of discovery and faith. Everything we believe in, about life and death, is explored here. It's like a new beginning; even the atmosphere seems to mirror it; flowers, crops, bright days. The Gospel writers, Mark, Matthew, Luke and John all wrote with the Resurrection as their starting point...and then worked backwards. Easter time seems to carry us as Christian's on the bumpy ride of faith right into the Summer months.

I have sad, and happy, Easter memories. Last year, a great friend of mine, Ned, died on Spy Wednesday morning. We were able to bring his body to the church quietly on Good Friday evening to lie before the Altar of Repose overnight. It was so fitting...he had always been at the Holy Thursday Holy Hour there. And that very Good Friday evening, my first cousin, Denis, whom I almost grew up with (being an only child) died in Marymount as we sang hymns and prayed the Divine Mercy prayers with him. Although these were very sad events, I also felt happy that they had been loved in this world and that God called them from pain and distress on the week of the running feet.

Gaudium Paschale!  
**Fr. Donal**

**Christ is Risen  
Alleluia !  
Easter Blessings to all,  
Fr. Donal, Fr. Tom and Deacon Frank**



## Mass Intentions for week commencing 8th April to the 15th April, 2023

Monday, 10th April	-	9.30am	-	Noreen O'Donoghue (living intention)
Tuesday, 11th April	-	9.30am	-	Kathleen Eccles (1st anniversary)
Wednesday 12th April	-	9.30am	-	Sommerfield Family (anniversaries)
Thursday 13th April	-	9.30am	-	Cora Redmond (anniv)
Friday 14th April	-	9.30am	-	Timothy Murphy (recently deceased)