

Ballineaspig Parish Bulletin



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The Ascension of
the Lord

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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GRADUATING !

This coming Monday the Final Year Students of Mount Mercy College will celebrate their graduation Mass in our church. It is the end of an era for them, an ending and new beginning, wherever life takes them. They remember and look forward; they carry the past, with all its friendships, adventures and even misadventures; they have taken the early steps to their future. Some may travel and never see each other again; some will continue to stay in touch. All will in some way be independent of their previous shared lives. As a theme for graduation, they have chosen "Carpe Diem"....."Seize the Day". It could well act as a theme for this weekend of the Ascension of the Lord.

The reality of the Ascension is Jesus leaving his companions, physically. He has been raised from the dead but he must go: unless he leaves, the Spirit cannot come. In a very real way, it is like death. What happens for us when there is a death in our family? The death itself is mourned and a ritual follows. But what really brings it home to us is the empty chair, the other voice that we chatted, advised and argued with, is gone. The companionship we took as normal is gone into memory. Jesus knows all this is happening for his followers. What must he do?

God has put his image into their hearts and our hearts. Deep within us he has planted his presence. When he leaves us, he stays in our hearts. Deuteronomy tells us that he has written his Law, which ultimately is the Law of Love, deep into our hearts. "I will write it in their hearts", he says. St Augustine said " He withdrew from our eyes that we might return to our own heart to find him". Perhaps that also happens for us in our mourning, returning to our own hearts. But that is not enough. Like the graduation theme, it is not enough to remember. "Go, he said, to the world, proclaim....baptise..... teach".
Seize the day.

Fr. Donal



PARISH NOTICES

City Marathon:

The June Bank Holiday Marathon will affect access to the church on Sunday, 4th June. Further details will be given next weekend.

Family of Parishes:

We will be represented next Sunday, Pentecost Sunday 28th May, at the Symposium on the Family of Parishes in the Silversprings Hotel being held that afternoon. A report will follow and shared with you in the Bulletin.

Rosary for Ireland:

Happy to report that 15 attended the Rosary for Ireland. Location was outside St. Finbarr's cemetery. Hopefully, we will organise a bigger and better one next year! Thanks to all who attended.

Laudato Si' Week 2023:

Theme: Hope for Earth, Hope for Humanity. **Venue:** Garden behind the SMA Church, Wilton. **Date & Time:** Wednesday, 24th May at 7.30pm. Followed by tea/coffee in Parish Centre. All welcome.

DENNEHY'S CROSS ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP

Meeting on **Thursday, 25th May, 2023** in the Crypt. Please join us for light exercise, a cuppa and a chat. See you all there.

Mass Intentions for week commencing 20th May to the 27th May, 2023

Saturday, 20th May	-	6.15pm	-	Mary Kiely (Anniv)
Sunday, 21st May	-	9.00am	-	Daniel & Mgt. Sheehan (Anniv)
	-	11.00am	-	Noel and Delia Dillon (Anniv)
Monday, 22nd May	-	9.30am	-	Bridie Coughlan (anniv)
Tuesday 23rd May	-	9.30am	-	Gertrude Kelleher (recently deceased)
Thursday, 25th May	-	9.30am	-	Gertrude Kelleher (recently deceased)
Friday, 26th May	-	9.30am	-	Ted O'Donnell (recently deceased)
Saturday, 27th May	-	10.00am	-	Judy Dillon (anniv)