

Ballineaspaig Parish Bulletin

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17th Sunday
Ordinary time

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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Diaconate Journey

Ours began 10 years ago this month. I needed a nudge to complete my application and forward it to the Director of the Diaconate formation. Ordained 4 years later and now in active ministry, 6 years in September. The journey has enriched my family, spiritual and professional life.

Deacons' priorities are, family first and foremost, career and then ministry. The ministry of the Deacon is as old as the Church. Some high profile Deacons are, St. Stephen, St. Patrick and perhaps the best known of all, St. Francis of Assisi. Deacons have a foot in 2 camps - the secular world and as an ordained minister who comes to serve and not to be served within the faith community. Just like all volunteer ministries within a parish and those who give so freely of their time and talents, Diaconate is a voluntary unpaid ministry.

The past 6 years have been a wonderful experience in seeing up close and personal those involved in so many varied ministries living out their baptism call of service.

Some highlights: being involved with the RCIA (Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults), preparing adults for baptism and confirmation, have all been wonderful grace filled journeys. Involvement in funeral ministry and visiting sick or housebound, are tangible outward signs of the call of Deacons as ministers of charity. Celebrating with families on baptismal days are always joy filled occasions.

Proclaiming the Gospel is a singular privilege. The preparation and delivery of homilies is the most challenging aspect of my ministry. Endeavouring to make the "Good News" relevant in the ordinary every day, as Jesus did, is the challenge being called as each of us are through our baptism, to live our lives through and by the example of Jesus. I am always humbled when someone asks me to pray for them or a loved one. I include all their requests in my evening prayer.

Perhaps you know someone you think would make a good candidate. Just like me that person might need a nudge, a little encouragement to take the first step. Our journey was, and continues to be a period of growth and discovery for all the family and enriches our married life.

The symbol of the Diaconate is the basin and towel, a reminder to the Deacon that ministry is all about service of the faith community. With trust in the Lord and guided by the Spirit, supported by family, friends and my parish community, my hope is that I shall prove worthy.

In today's Gospel, Jesus is asking us to consider what our real treasure is, on our own unique journey of life. Is it money, reputation, locality, status? God sows the seed of the Gospel and it bears fruit in its own way wherever it is sown. The treasure is in our people. So much hidden generosity comes out at difficult times, floods, power cuts, illness and death. We need always to find the hidden treasures in our own people and even in our history. The kingdom of God is close, near, and within you and me.

Let us give thanks to God for what brings deep joy in life.

Deacon Frank.



Mass Intentions for week commencing 29th July to the 5th August, 2023

Sunday, 30th July	-	9.00am	-	Patsy Murphy
	-	11.00am	-	Margaret O'Sullivan
Friday, 4th August	-	9.30am	-	Mary & Eddie van den Hurk
Saturday, 5th August	-	10.00am	-	Sheila Mitchell