

## Ballineaspig Parish Bulletin

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**Bulletin 10th  
September, 2023  
23rd 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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€1921  
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€220

### PARISH BULLETIN

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### Early Days

Just like many people predicted, September is proving to be an Indian Summer. The sun is really warm and the evenings get very heavy. It is early days at school or new job. A family I know has moved to Hong Kong because of work for two years; one of the three children stays behind in Cork for college, the other two head for new school adventures in a totally different culture. Another family are in Bosnia because the father is in the Irish Defence forces at work there. All need time to adjust. Twelve of my colleagues are doing what I did a year ago: settle into a new parish or assignment and find their way. It can be both daunting and exciting. In these early days they may feel lost and make mistakes; equally they might be able to break new ground and make an impression. It all lies before them.

I wonder was it similar the early days of those disciples with Jesus. Did they feel out of their depth, lost, away from their familiar lives in that Sea of Galilee. Being told they would now be fishers of men was hardly going to help. But there was certainly excitement and a new sense of belonging and a man they were following who was not like other men or prophets but 'who taught them with authority behind it'. And in their excitement they often made mistakes, said the wrong thing, got carried away, just like Simon Peter did. In time they would have to face suffering in every possible way, most of all in this man they followed and loved. How was he going to prepare them for that way?

Matthew was the odd one out, the tax collector who did not belong. He is writing at a time when Jesus is not physically present but 'wherever two or three are gathered in my name'.

Jesus gives advice. The advice is about conflict, division among the brothers, within the community....and taking responsibility. Everything is to be done out of love, but you must face the conflict, 'have it out with him' and very importantly 'win him back', win back your brother. That is a powerful moment, because 'he listened to you'.

There is always the possibility you will be listened to when you approach someone who needs your advice, even if they do not know it, and win them back. Where silence might permit greater division in the community, love must do something, those early days.



**Fr. Donal**

### PARISH NOTICES

#### Colaiste an Spioraid Naomh Coffee Morning:

A sincere thanks to Fr. Donal and all your parishioners for their incredible support on last Saturday morning as you all supported our coffee morning in Colaiste an Spioraid Naomh. We are incredibly grateful for your support and I assure you that we will light a candle and remember you in our prayers as we travel to Lourdes as volunteers. From: Cian, Neil, Etienne, Kieran, Ronan & Anne C.

#### Vocations afternoon

On Saturday, 30th September from 2pm to 4pm for young women considering a vocation at the Poor Clare Monastery, College Rd., Cork. Email: [vocationspoorclarescork@gmail.com](mailto:vocationspoorclarescork@gmail.com)

### Season of Creation—1st September—4th October

#### Special Harvest Thanksgiving & Sharing Celebration

The annual Harvest Thanksgiving and Sharing Celebration will take place on **Sunday, 24th September**. Our Thanksgiving Mass, with special liturgy and music will be at 11.00am, followed by the Harvest Sharing. Everyone is invited to **bring** something from their garden or kitchen, or some locally grown produce and to **buy** something to take home. Fruits, vegetable, flowers, plants, jams, chutneys, cakes and breads will be particularly appreciated. You will also have an opportunity to share a cup of Fairtrade tea or coffee with your neighbours. **All proceeds will go to our sister parish in Turkwel, Kenya.**

**Faith in Action Group.**

#### Mass Intentions for Week 9th September, 2023 to the 16th September, 2023

Saturday, 9th September	-	6.15pm	-	Eileen, Denis & Tony O'Leary
Sunday, 10th September	-	9.00am	-	Eileen O'Sullivan
	-	11.00am	-	Finbarr Ahern
Monday, 11th September	-	9.30am	-	Special Intention
Tuesday, 12th September,	-	9.30am	-	Special Intention
Wednesday, 13th September	-	9.30am	-	Patricia Mary Plowman (nee Travers)
Thursday, 14th September	-	9.30am	-	Mary Kealy
Friday, 15th September	-	9.30am	-	John, Mary, Moss & Bridie Lyons.