

Ballineaspaig Parish Bulletin

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**Bulletin 24th
September, 2023
25th 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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Collections:

16th/17th
September
Offertory:

€1886

Shrines:

€290

PARISH BULLETIN

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"Upside down"

Of all the people that could be featured in a story that turns our normal ideas upside down, who do they pick but poor daily labourers. These are usually men who wait in street corners for builders, landowners, fruit and vegetable growers to pick them up, bring them to building sites and big fields for an agreed sum for often back-breaking work with no guarantees and very few rights. So when it looks as if some are treated better than others it's bound to lead to trouble. Those who have nothing being taken for fools. It is very little consolation to hear that 'the master' is being extra generous. He could have been generous in a different way, without leading to unfairness. So, what is this about?

There is no simple answer, it's like solving a riddle. But there is evidence that this parable predates Jesus, it was a familiar story and it was not really about labourers at all, or if it was, it was to turn our ideas of people upside down. Could it mean that the world that favoured eldest sons should not forget the younger, often forgotten ones, that they deserve equal love and generosity? The Prodigal Son story comes to mind. Could it mean that those who may only labour for a short time in this world have an equal right to glory as those who have been here forever? Is that what is meant by 'the last shall be first'? Like all riddles, stories like this will force us to turn normal ideas upside down. You might have your own thoughts.

Fr . Donal



Priesthood Education Fund:

The annual collection for the Priesthood Education Fund in the Diocese will be taken up this weekend, 23rd/24th September. This year two seminarians will begin studies in St. Patrick's College, Maynooth. Both have completed a year of initial formation in Vallodolid last year. Another man is studying for the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese. The Priesthood Education Fund will finance their studies as well as costs for ongoing training and education for priests. In the region of €110,000 will be needed to meet these costs in the coming year. Last year €70,616 was raised in this collection, which was very generous. Appreciating that these are difficult financial times, you are asked to be as generous as you can to this fund this year.

PARISH NOTICES

Dennehy's Cross Active Retirement Group:

We will return after the summer break on next **Thursday, 28th September** from 10am to 12 noon in the Crypt for a cuppa, chat, music and dance. See you there.

Cork Scripture Group: Autumn Module 2023

Exploring Prayer in the Bible. 7.30pm to 9.30pm on Monday nights in the Scala Centre, Blackrock, 25th September & 2nd/9th/16th October. Autumn Workshop: Saturday 7th Oct 10am to 1.00pm in the Sacred Heart Hall, Western Rd. Total cost of Module €50. All welcome. No previous experience of Bible study required! To book email: corks scripturegroup@gmail.com

Gougane Sunday:

Sunday 1st October marking the 1400th anniversary of the death of St. Finbarr. Mass at 3pm preceded by Rosary at 2.30pm. Fr. Bernard Cotter will preach. Bishop Fintan will see you there.

Mass Intentions for Week 23rd September, 2023 to the 30th September, 2023

Saturday, 23rd September	-	6.15pm	-	John, Cathy & Paddy Connolly
Sunday, 24th September	-	9.00am	-	Judy Dillon
	-	11.00am	-	1. Denis Haynes, 2. Tim Horgan
Monday, 25th September	-	9.30am	-	Elizabeth Murray
Tuesday, 26th September,	-	9.30am	-	Andrew O'Donnell
Wednesday, 27th September	-	9.30am	-	Dr. Noel O'Regan
Friday, 29th September	-	9.30am	-	Special Intention.