

## Ballineaspig Parish Bulletin



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Bulletin 15th  
October, 2023  
28th 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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**Emergency Number:**  
**087-251 9940**

### Collections:

7th/8th Oct.

### Offertory:

**€2476**

### Shrines:

**€355**

### Diocesan Needs:

**€1125**

### PARISH BULLETIN

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## Letter from Retreat

Greetings from the east coast of Cork in Garryvoe. This time last year our concern was for the people of Creeslough after their terrible gas explosion. This year, we view with horror the Holy Land and what is unfolding before us. There seems to be so much anger in the world and it is not going away. Our theme is '**the Word that is Life**' from the first Letter of John:

What was from the beginning  
What we have heard  
What we have seen with our eyes  
What we looked upon  
And touched with our hands  
Concerns the Word that is life....

Thus we have begun exploring Prayer with Thomas Merton who said 'In prayer we discover what we already have and you realize you are already there...nothing that anyone says will be that important...it is prayer already. We already have everything, but we don't know it and we don't experience it. All we need is to experience what we already have....' So there is no mystery to Prayer, just experiencing it is the part that might be missing. We need to understand that the risen Lord meets people exactly where they are, like encountering the two lost disciples on the road to Emmaus, 'did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road'.

There is a woman watching her son Christopher in the Mercy ICU today, the same Christopher I talked about in last week's Bulletin, and she is encountering the same Christ, the suffering Christ and the loving Christ, there is no love like hers. Her heart burns too this day with love and anxiety for the son she has cared for over 33 years. It is all prayer...if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation, everything old has passed away, see everything has become new...

One further thought emerges from the readings this weekend....prayer is also shared and encourages, so much needed at times like this. St Paul says in the second reading 'there is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs.'

Prayer is probably all we have in the face of the anger of the world.

Fr. Donal



### NOVENA FOR THE HOLY SOULS

Envelopes for the November Novena are now available at the Altar rails

### PARISH NOTICES

#### Cork Simon Community:

The annual Church Gate collection in aid of Cork Simon Community, an organisation which helps homeless people, will take place next weekend, Saturday, 21st and Sunday, 22nd October.

#### Mobile Phone:

Mobile phone left in Church on Wednesday morning. Same can be collected from Sacristy.

#### Mass Intentions for Week 14th October, 2023 to the 21st October, 2023

Saturday, 14th October	-	6.15pm	-	(1) Joe O'Shea (2) Teresa & Bernie Kelly
Sunday, 15th October	-	9.00am	-	Vera Mullen (months mind).
	-	11.00am	-	(1)Rita Lynch, (2) Tim Burton (3) Teresa McAuliffe
Monday, 16th October	-	9.30am	-	Joan Burke
Tuesday, 17th October	-	9.30am	-	Jack & Peggy Fitzgerald
Wednesday, 18th October	-	9.30am	-	John & Mary Burke
Friday, 20th October	-	9.30am	-	Patrick & Helen O'Donoghue
Saturday, 21st October	-	10.00am	-	Joe Nolan