

## Ballineaspig Parish Bulletin

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Bulletin 8th  
October, 2023  
27th 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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### *Across the paths of time*

### *Letter 2 from Lourdes*

There are little gold signs on the road here marking the path little Bernadette took every day from home to the grotto where she saw 'the Lady'. It reminds me of how often all of us have trodden those paths over the years here, in my case with this same group, since 1983. A handful of the group who travelled with me, both sick and helpers, are here for the first time. Many of our people are long time disabled and long-time pilgrims to Lourdes. One young man, Christopher, celebrated his first birthday here, now he is 33. He is here with his mother, Rose and we are Facebook friends. He travels every day to the John Birmingham Centre, just a short distance from our parish at home. Our group is a mixture of old and new, people who have never been to Lourdes or who have never been with CASA before. Yet we all travel along the same path together.

Now here we are on our final journey home; our Dublin colleagues have already left. Hopefully their flight is on time, ours too! We made a final visit to the grotto because we had many petitions to leave with Our Lady, 'the grotto is my home', Bernadette often said. Last evening we gathered at the last place that she saw 'the Lady', across the river at a place known as the Prairie, singing hymns, reflections and the Rosary, just over 140 of us. It is a tradition we gather there on our last night. The heat has been very strong and was particularly difficult for our Healing Mass, but the whole experience was lovely and very loving, and we are already looking forward to next year.

The preface of the Mass stays with us....'you lead us across the paths of time to the eternal joy of your kingdom'.

Fr. Donal



### MASS BOOKINGS

Please note that **all** Mass bookings **must be** made through the **Parish Office only**.

### *Clean Up*

A special thanks to the small group who started the grounds clean up. Hopefully this weekend we will make further progress.

**Collections:**  
30th Sept/1st Oct

**Offertory:**  
€1681

**Shrines:**  
€335

### PARISH NOTICES

#### **Diocesan Needs:**

The quarterly collection for Diocesan Needs will be taken up at all Masses **this weekend**. The last Diocesan Needs Quarterly collection in July amounted to €49,098 throughout the Diocese, which is much appreciated. Your support would be greatly appreciated this weekend.

#### **Weekly Envelopes - Enduring Certificate**

Just a reminder to those who have still not returned the up-to-date form if they could kindly do so please for record purposes.

#### **CONNECT 3—Faith Gathering for Young Adults (18-35 Years)**

Cork and Ross diocese are delighted to announce that CONNECT 3 will take place on Sunday, 15th October from 9.30am in Devere Hall, UCC. It promises to be a great day of fun, prayer, food, talks, Mass, fellowship and more. There is no charge for attending. To register visit [corkandross.org](http://corkandross.org)

### PARISH BULLETIN

The Parish Bulletin is available **weekly** on the Parish Website; or can be e-mailed by forwarding your e-mail address to the Parish Office.



### Mass Intentions for Week 7th October, 2023 to the 14th October, 2023

Saturday, 7th October	-	6.15pm	-	Philip & Mary Spillane.
Sunday, 8th October	-	9.00am	-	Joan & Jennifer Green.
	-	11.00am	-	Felicia Keating
Monday, 9th October	-	9.30am	-	Michael Kelleher
Wednesday, 11th October	-	9.30am	-	Margaret Murphy
Thursday, 12th October	-	9.30am	-	Roisin O'Regan
Friday, 13th October	-	9.30am	-	Mary O'Donovan