

Ballineaspaig Parish Bulletin

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Bulletin 12th
November, 2023
32nd
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:

4th/5th November

Offertory:

€2641

Shrines:

€380

All Saints Day:

€635

PARISH BULLETIN

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Remembrance

This weekend marks Remembrance Day, November 11, for the dead of two World Wars, the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. Many Irish people took part, perhaps including from here and even from your own family, and I had the privilege of hearing a first-hand account from one of them, who had an extraordinary story to tell.

Thirty years ago I was working in the nearby Lough parish and would visit the housebound wife of this man, originally from Galway. He was 18 years old in Easter 1944 and was attending Easter Sunday Mass in the old Galway Cathedral when he ran into his first cousin. This cousin told him he was joining the British army in Enniskillen that day, would he be interested? Neither had work or prospects, and there and then, without going home, off they went. It was to be a week later that both sets of parents discovered what happened! Within two months both were commandos, an elite force under the command of Lord Lovat, a Scottish gentleman, who also happened to be Catholic. They took part in the D Day landings on Sword Beach, they served Mass on that beach once they had a foothold at the request of Lord Lovat with a young English priest celebrating. Both survived the war. The Galway man came to Cork for work after being demobbed, turned left instead of right at Kent Station, boarded in a house on the Lower Road and married the daughter of the house! A short while before his death some years ago he received a medal of recognition from the French government.

I was so impressed with his story, something you could not make up. Talking to him gave me a new idea of what a war experience was like. There was no agenda in his mind, nothing about King and country, just two young men making sense of their world, and living to tell the tale. War has enough horrors as we all know without dwelling on these. Most of all, he never thought about heroics but was just willing to tell his story. Somehow, as I remember him and his late wife now, it gives a whole new meaning to the second reading this weekend:

"We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope".

Here was a man who had lived his ordinary life, caring for his wife, and carrying his memories, in an extraordinary way. Meeting him gave me a new meaning to remembrance this weekend.



Fr. Donal

PARISH NOTICES:

Autumn Dues:

Dues envelopes are available at all the church doors. Contributions can be handed into the Parish Office, the Sacristy, either of the Priests houses or with the Sunday collection.

Ministers of the Eucharist:

The new **2024 Rota** will be available in the Sacristy from this weekend. Please collect your Rota at your convenience.

Marriage Support:

The annual collection for Marriage Support will be taken up at all Masses **this weekend, 11th/12th November.**

Mass Intentions for Week 11th November, 2023 to the 18th November 2023

Saturday, 11th November - 6.15pm - Henry (Harry) O'Brien

Sunday, 12th November - 9.00am - (1) Mary Ahern (2) Irene Ryan (months mind)

- 11.00am - (1) Derry Murphy (2) Mary & John Burton (3) Deceased

members of the choir

Monday, 13th November - 9.30am - (1) Eileen Lordan (2) Christy Lehane

Tuesday, 14th November - 9.30am - (1) Peg Herrick (2) Clare O'Donoghue

Wednesday, 15th November - 9.30am - John and Mary Murphy

Thursday, 16th November - 9.30am - Mary O'Donoghue

Friday, 17th November - 9.30am - Living Intention.