

Ballineaspaig Parish Bulletin

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**Bulletin 5th
November, 2023
31st
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:

28th/29th October

Offertory:

€1880

Shrines:

€315

PARISH BULLETIN

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New Beginnings

At our recent first meeting of the Family of Parishes; just the four of us priests on this occasion; we all shared our concern for preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism in our churches. Some of us have some form of preparation, but not all, and we must try and form something for those families with children for the Sacrament, especially those not living here. One of our priests, Father Noel O' Sullivan, of Turners Cross, has written a book called SACRAMENTS IN A SYNODAL CHURCH. He speaks on infant baptism as a moment of grace:

'The key thing is that the reality into which baptism incorporates the infant is something beneficial and indeed wonderful: from now on they are a son or daughter of God. From the moment of baptism, the infant belongs to God in a new way, and is placed in a whole stream of God's providence and loving care as his very own son or daughter.'

What a wonderful insight this is! And how can we, all of us, try to convey it for every baptism here! We must try to form a way of cooperation between parish and each family to ensure some idea of this wonderful moment for them. In fact, it's not a moment at all, but a new beginning, or relationship, which could be called grace. Is it possible to form small teams, perhaps working in twos, who could convey some of that grace to those parents? With some training and reflection, we could build up a team of our parishioners which would meet, if only once, with the families and help them read the Rite of Baptism, reflect and guide them along with their 'child of God'. Most of all it would let them know that this is a serious moment of grace and not just a ritual to celebrate with a day out. There would also be some conversation on choosing godparents, for they should be believing, practising Catholics who will 'represent the believing community to which your child belongs'.

This weekend's Gospel reflects some of the vision of this first stage of the Synod called by the Holy Father held in October and which this book on the Sacraments dedicates itself: if religious leaders are to strive for any title to describe themselves, it should be 'servant', humble work in the service of the gospel and bringing to life the wonderful grace of all our Sacraments; most of all the call we all have received as children of God through baptism.



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.

Holy Souls:

Envelopes with inserts are available at the altar rails to commemorate your departed.

November Blessing of Graves:

St. Oliver's - Saturday, 4th Nov @ 2pm - **St. Finbarr's** — Sunday 5th Nov @ 2.30pm. **St. James'**

Chetwynd — Sunday 5th Nov at 3.00pm

See Cork & Ross Diocesan Website for more Cemetery Mass times.

Ministers of the Eucharist:

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

An evening with Ministers of the Eucharist on **Monday, 6th November, at 7.30pm** in the Sacred Heart Hall, Western Road, Cork. All those, present and past, are welcome.

Marriage Support:

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

Mass Intentions for Week 4th November, 2023 to the 11th November 2023

November Novena from 2nd November to the 10th November.