

Ballineaspig Parish Bulletin



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Bulletin 4th
February, 2024
5th 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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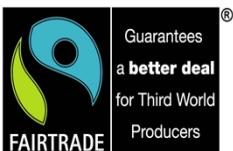
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Collections:
27th/28th
January
Offertory:
€2.402
Shrines:
€310

PARISH BULLETIN

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Everybody is looking for You

The house of Peter's mother in law is today located in northern Israel, by the Galilee lake. A modern church, shaped like an upturned boat, stands over it. As recently as last June I celebrated Mass there, just a few short weeks before the terror that led to the Gaza crisis. It was here that the events of this weekend's gospel take place. Her fever was lifted by Jesus and she began to wait on them. The result is an avalanche of sick and possessed people are brought to this healing Rabbi whose identity is obscure yet one who not only heals but 'has authority behind him'. He seems to be the real thing. Again we notice an important feature, he would not allow the possessed demons to speak because 'they knew who he was'. So he is a puzzle to the crowds. He is a puzzle they want to solve.

But, he disappears, long before dawn, and so everybody is looking for him.

It has often happened that famous people, many of them talented, have disappeared in the past: great writers, performers, geniuses, and some remained obscure forever. This may have been by their own choice, others because fame was too much to handle. Fame is fleeting and has a double edge, and people in the public eye are a target for all sorts of comment, both good and bad.

Jesus did disappear, into the tomb of death, and reappears. But all of that is in the future. The crowds that follow him seem genuine in their search for him. Jesus keeps moving and they follow, a good bit of way.

Here the story is put on hold. Two thousand years later the search continues. Who and what are we looking for? Is God looking for us? Will he find us? Will we find ourselves? Christ is still being crucified, to paraphrase Jim Larkin, in our streets, by thoughts, words and actions. Yet he also reigns, and is uplifted, by those very same things. Shortly we will have a chance again to explore the search for Jesus, and with it, the search for our very selves, in the Lenten journey.



Fr. Donal

URGENT ! Ministers of the Word

We are short of Ministers of the word for some of our weekend Masses : one for the 6.15 Vigil Mass on Saturdays and one for the 9.00am Mass on Sunday mornings. We would be happy to hear from anyone interested.

PARISH NOTICES:

Vincent de Paul:

Monthly collection will take place **this weekend** at the Church doors.

Lourdes Pilgrimage:

The annual collection for the Lourdes Pilgrimage fund will be taken up at all Masses next weekend, **10th/11th February**.

Parish App:

Check out our Parish App for "Book of Job". Link as above.

Mass Intentions for Week 3rd February, 2024 to the 10th February, 2024

Saturday, 3rd February	- 6.15pm - (1) Rita Spillane (2) Timothy Bermingham
Sunday, 4th February	- 9.00am - (1) Judy Dillon (2) Noreen & Bernard Honan
	- 11.00am - (1) Kathleen O'Sullivan (2) Owen Buckley
	(3) Mary O'Driscoll
Monday, 5th February	- 9.30am - Special Intention
Tuesday, 6th February	- 9.30am - Geraldine Griffin
Wednesday, 7th February	- 9.30am - Eileen O'Sullivan
Friday, 9th February	- 9.30am - Jim & May Christopher