# Ballineaspaig Parish Bulletin

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Saturday Vigil: 6.15pm: Sunday: 9.00am & 11.00am Weekdays: Mon- Fri. 9.30

Saturdays: 10.00am Holydays: As Announced

# Bulletin 10th March, 2024

4th Sunday of Lent

**Creation Matters:** 

**LENTEN SERIES 2024** 

Rosemarie McDonald

" Helping nature in our homes and communities"

Date: Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Venue: The Crypt Time: 7.30pm

Rosemarie McDonald is Biodiversity Officer in the Parks & Recreation Dept. Her role is centred around the Heritage and Biodiversity Action Plan and delivering actions on helping biodiversity in Cork City.

Rosemarie's Talk will be on how individuals and communities can do their part in helping wildlife in their homes and communities.

All welcome!

**Faith in Action Group** 

Collection: 2nd/3rd March, 2024 Offertory: €1966 Shrines: €330

Irish Bishops commissions collection at all Masses this weekend, 9th/10th March.

# **Fairtrade coffee Morning:**

To celebrate Fairtrade fortnight (4th to 17th March) you are invited for free Fairtrade refreshments in the Crypt after the 11.00am Mass on today Sunday 10th March. All welcome.

## Parish App:

Check Parish App above for "Book of Chronicles"

Novena in honour of Matt Talbot:

The Mondays of Lent at 7.30pm in Togher

church.

11th March: Fr. Nicholas Motherway

18th March: Fr. John Walsh

25th March: Olive Foley

#### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK 9th to the 16th March, 2024

Saturday, 9th March - 6.15pm - (1) Michael Studdert (2) William Looney

Sunday, 10th March - 9.00am Ramon Tumanda

-11.00am - (1) Special Intention (2) Noreen Evans

Monday, 11th March - 9.30am - Joan O'Shea

Tuesday, 12th March - 9.30am Michael Studdert Wednesday, 13th March - 9.30am John O'Connell

Thursday, 14th March - 9.30am Brian O'Muirthile.

Friday, 15th March - 9.30am Daisy Patricia Okudu

4th Sunday of Lent (B) 10th March, 2024 Ephesians 2:4-10 John 3:14-21

### GOD'S WORK OF ART (Ephesians 2:10)

In today's Gospel, Nicodemus is a pivotal character. He was a contemporary of Jesus. He was a Pharisee, one who believed that the only way to please God was to live out every rule of the old Law with all it additions over the centuries. Then suddenly Nicodemus saw how Jesus lived and spoke. He glimpsed that Jesus had something more to offer than barren ritual. He was afraid to come out as a disciple but risked coming to Jesus secretly at night to allow Jesus to lead him deeper into the treasures that God was offering.

"God loved the world so much that He have his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life".

In the second reading St. Paul is leading the converts at Ephesis and ourselves to experience a similar enrichment

"You are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus, to live the good life as he has meant us to live"

This Sunday (Joyful Sunday) is midway in our Lenten experience. After a half-time break, many return to the fray with renewed commitment, enthusiasm and hope. So often, we focus on our limitations, even on our failures. God sees us differently. He sees is as the lovingly created work of his hands, precious beyond measure

in his eyes.

With Jesus on our side through daily reflective prayer time, are we ready for the second-half?

Fr. Tom Clancy

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