

## Ballineaspig 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 17th March, 2024

#### St. Patrick's Day

**Chrism Mass:** Bishop Fintan invites parishioners to join in the celebration of the Mass of Chrism on Holy Thursday (March 28th) at 10am at the Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Anne, Cork. At this Mass with priests and parishioners from the Diocese the Oils of Baptism and the Sick are blessed. Bishop Fintan will also consecrate the Oil of Chrism which will be used in parishes during the year. Bishop Fintan and the Priests of the Diocese will renew their priestly promises during this Mass. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

**Collection:** 9th/10th March, 2024

**Offertory:** €1976 **Shrines:** €290

**Bishops commission:** €960

### BANK HOLIDAY - 18th March - Mass Times

**9.30am and 11.00am**

### Parish App:

Check Parish App above for "The Prophet Jeremiah"

### Sacred Heart Church, Western Road, Cork

Divine Mercy Novena Sunday, 7th April, 2024

Benediction at 2.45pm with Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3.00pm.

Followed by Mass including blessing of the Icon.

Tea & refreshments in Hall afterwards.

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK 16th to the 23rd March, 2024

Saturday, 16th March

- 6.15pm - (1) Tim O'Sullivan (2) Special Intention

Sunday, 17th March

- 9.00am

-11.00am - (1) Ptk., Hanna, Joe, Esther & Danny O'Shea

(2) Mary Jones O'Leary, (3) Babe & Paddy Healy

(4) Stephen O'Donoghue (5) John O'Connell

Monday, 18th March

- 9.30am - Rita & Bert O'Herlihy

- 11.00am - Mary Nolan

Tuesday, 19th March

- 9.30am Betty Richmond

Wednesday, 20th March

- 9.30am Ann Desmond

Friday, 22nd March

- 9.30am (1) Danny O'Brien (2) Dermot Daly

### Some Thoughts

With St. Patrick's Day coming up, I thought I would share some thoughts with you about our parish. The Lenten Talks have just concluded, and although I only managed to be present for two of them, I must say the Faith in Action group can take great pride in their work. Firstly, to have talks at all during Lent is very important. It helps us to reflect, explore, inform and renew ourselves. It also broadens the horizons of faith and how we might play our part, finding new ways of understanding what we believe in and nourish our spirits on life's journey. To find new speakers and inspirations every year is indeed a blessed thing and we will all benefit as we reach the halfway mark of Lent 2024.

One other feature has been the Climate Candle which has accompanied all the parish meetings in the past three weeks. In it we pledge ourselves to act in a responsible and godly way to the world's resources, in our own personal behaviour. It has given me the idea of having a Vocations Candle. Recently the Bishop called a number of us parishes together to begin the process of a Circle of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood. Because the Creation Candle travelled to our schools also, it is possible this may also be a way of promoting awareness of a priestly vocation at a critical time. It would combine prayer with a wider community. We shall see. It would be important not to confuse the two things.

As members of a wider group of the Family of Parishes, we will shortly share the Reconciliation Service for Easter, by all travelling for the Sacrament in Curraheen Road Church on Palm Sunday at 5.00pm. We will offer Mass in each other's churches once a month and hope to have a common preparation for Baptism, something sorely needed here.

The words of the Book of Genesis keep coming back to me this St Patrick's weekend.

*"Go from your country and your people and your father's house to the land I will show you. I will make of you a great nation. I will bless you and make your name so famous, that it will be used as a blessing".*

Fr. Donal



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