

## Ballineaspig Parish Bulletin

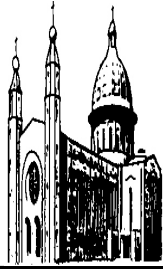
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### Mass Times:

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

**Saturdays:** 10.00am **Holydays:** As Announced

**Bulletin 3rd March, 2024**

**3rd Sunday of Lent**

**Collection:** 24th/25th February, 2024

**Offertory:** €1826 **Shrines:** €265

### Creation Matters:

**LENTEN SERIES 2024**

**Peter Medway**

*"Climate Change and Cork City"*

**Date:** Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**Venue:** The Crypt

**Time:** 7.30pm

Peter Medway is the Climate Action Coordinator at Cork City Council. His role focuses on the development and delivery of the city's climate action plan and its ambition to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions to net zero as soon as possible.

Peter's presentation will summarise where we are at today, what risks do we face in future, what must be done to ensure we have a sustainable, thriving and fair city long into the future.

**All welcome!**  
**Faith in Action Group**

### Thank You !

Many thanks to the T.Y. boys from Colaiste an Spioraid Naoimh who hosted a lovely coffee morning last Thursday after Mass in the Crypt. Well done!

### Ministers of the Eucharist:

Ministers of the Eucharist at the weekend Masses will now attend to their stations first and thereafter to those who need Holy Communion brought to them in their seats.

### 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 Sunday 10th March**. All welcome.

### Parish App:

Check Parish App above for "Book of Genesis" Part 2

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

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK 2nd to the 9th March, 2024

**Saturday, 2nd March** - 6.15pm - Valentyna Brykaliuk

**Sunday, 3rd March** - 9.00am - Eileen Farrell

-11.00am - (1)Marian Healy (2) Stephen Buckley

**Monday, 4th March** - 9.30am - Nelligan family

**Tuesday, 5th March** - 9.30am Kathleen Shaughnessy

**Wednesday, 6th March** - 9.30am Pat Walsh & Jack Kelleher

**Thursday, 7th March** - 9.30am Sean O'Murchu.

**Friday, 8th March** - 9.30am Matty & Charlie Richmond

### My Father's House

In the North, in the bad old days of the 1970s, 80s and early 90s during which bombings, raids, shootings and protest marches dominated life, a strange phrase began to be used... 'an acceptable level of violence'. It was as if people might be able to live their lives under the shadow of moderate violence, in order to survive. How this 'level' was to be determined or monitored no one really knew. But it was from a fear that violence was going to be part of their lives forever; life had reached such an impasse. Luckily, other forces were at work, and the 'cycle of violence' was somewhat broken, hopefully forever. Since then, occasional outbursts have occurred, worldwide, sometimes with devastating results. There is still a lot of anger around.

There is a 'certain level of violence' present in this weekend's gospel. The focus is on the Temple, 'my father's house'. Jesus himself had been presented there, as a child (celebrated on February 2nd) with a pair turtle doves from those very sellers that are driven out by him, as part of his presentation. The building itself was very ornate, with great artistic taste, built by King Herod, of all people. It is now part of the Great Western, or Wailing Wall in present day Jerusalem, the only remains from that time. All the rest have been destroyed over the years. It was the place where Zechariah, the father of John the Baptist, was the priest, offering the daily sacrifice. Why was Jesus so angry? It's not as if it was the first time he saw all those selling their goods; they were being used as sacrifice every day. The answer may lie with two facts from the gospel: it was near Passover.....Passover was the sacrifice of the lamb.....Jesus was to be the new lamb. The second....'but he was speaking of the temple that was his body'.

The Temple had become like the people, without regard for God or 'my father's house'. It had become a monument to one man, not to God....it could only be saved by the temple that was his body...he was the lamb of sacrifice. The Father's House had become a marketplace; the people were really worshipping themselves. Jesus' aggression was the service of his Father's house, to reclaim it for the worship of God.

Fr. Donal Cotter



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