

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

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Collection: 27th/28th April, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Offertory: €1871 Shrines: €360

Annual collection for Mission and Ministry at all Masses next weekend - 11th and 12th May.

Don't forget! If you have not filled a Nomination Form for the Parish council already, please take one and return before the end of the month to the Parish Office, Parochial House or Sacristy. We would be delighted to hear from you.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation 2024

Congratulations to the girls from St. Catherine's Primary School who received the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation last week. May God bless them all and keep them in His care.

Cork Choral Festival

This weekend we extend a warm welcome to the choir from the University of Puerto Rico who will sing at the 11.00am Mass today as part of the Cork Choral Festival.

Annual Plant Sale

Tramore Road Campus (CSN) will hold its Annual Plant Sale on Wednesday 8th and Thursday, 9th May. This plant sale showcases the work of the Horticulture students. Plants available include annuals, perennials, herbs and vegetables.

Rosary

There will be a public rosary on next Saturday, 11th May outside St. Finbarr's cemetery at 4.00pm for the conversion of Ireland in honour of Our Lady of Fatima. All welcome.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK 4th May to the 11th May, 2024

Saturday, 4th May - 6.15pm - (1) Daniel Hayes (2) Kay Higgins

Sunday, 5th May - 11.00am - (1) Eileen & Jeremiah Murray (2) Ptk. & Linda Sweeney

Monday, 6th May - 9.30am - Liam O'Reilly

Tuesday, 7th May - 9.30am - Pat Doyle

Wednesday, 8th May - 9.30am - Leah Kennedy

Thursday, 9th May - 9.30am - Mairead Waldron

In our own way

A good friend of mine told me that his late wife began to teach him some important things to prepare him for life after her death. She knew her time was drawing near so it was necessary for him to be able to cook, clean, and look after himself and the house. He had worked hard all his life and the family was reared; now it was time to get to know these things before she would go. I thought; what a wonderful way to remember her and how it might be able to ease his loss, not only to remember what she taught him, but also in such a practical way. So many spouses suffer when such a loss happens; now the one who survives can flourish with the memory. It is also very biblical.

In the third part of his discourse this weekend, the Gospel writer John is reminding us how Jesus prepared his followers for his own departure from the world. The Good Shepherd and the True Vine he gives them as examples of the unique and deep relationship that he has with them and they with him. This week explores the deep emotion involved....'my own joy in you and your joy complete'. You see the reality of your losses in life is not really in the death. When death occurs we are occupied with arrangements and relatives. The reality is when you realise they are no longer there, in the quiet of an evening, and there is an empty chair. The empty chair of Jesus would be his ascension from the world. Then is the time to remember how to cope without him, what to say, how to motivate themselves. John was the Gospel writer who survived the departure of Jesus the longest, he lived to a great age and kept repeating over and over....'love, love one another'. He carried those words that he heard with him to the end. All you have to do is look at all those first readings from the Acts of the Apostles to see what new life and courage they all had, even unto death. They could flourish with those living words.

In our own way we too can be ready, the late Pope John XXIII used to say 'my bags are packed'. Equally we must also step forward after losses in our lives and get our house in order, our sins forgiven, our duties fulfilled. The rest of the world keeps going, it will not stop for us. In our own way, we too can flourish, even in the face of loss.

Fr. Donal



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