

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

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4th Sunday of Lent

Offertory: 23/03/25 - €1901

Shrines: 23/03/25 - €400

Quarterly Diocesan Needs Collection *this weekend*, 29th/30th March

The diocese supports parishes through all kinds of services such as Education, School Religious Faith Formation support, Mission and Ministry, Safeguarding, Stewardship and Governance and in areas such as Data Protection, finance and Property advisory.

The assistance to parishes is only possible through your ongoing generosity. In January the Diocesan Quarterly Collection amounted to €56,738 for which the Diocese is most grateful. These collections allow us to support the work in Parishes and Families of Parishes. This work is vital to enable our parishes to be renewed and invigorated. As we continue the Year of Prayer, Listening and Discernment in our Diocese and discern how God is calling us to be his Church and Faith Communities into the future, your financial support is vital to allow this to happen.

OUR CREATION MATTERS - LENTEN SERIES 2025

Continues on Tuesday, 1st April, 2025 at 7.30pm in the Crypt with a talk by Janet Twomey (Trocaire) and Sally Simpson (Laudato Si' Community):
"Returning to Nature - what does this mean for us and for our parish?"
All welcome. Faith in Action Group

Check out our APP and Facebook page (above) for more info about this weeks readings.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK - 29th March to the 5th April, 2025

Tuesday, 1st April - 9.30am - Mary Kingston (months mind)

Wednesday, 2nd April - 9.30am - Deceased members of the Active Retirement Group

Thursday, 3rd April - 9.30am - Rita O'Sullivan

Mother's Day

This weekend mothers all over the country will be honoured by their families in different ways. The proper name for the day is actually Mothering Sunday and originally had nothing to do with individual mothers. It is the Fourth Sunday of Lent, Laetare Sunday, by tradition a day of relief from the Lenten Fast, Rejoicing in Holy Jerusalem, our Mother, the consoler of all hearts, as outlined in the prophet Isaiah. The 'mother' is the mother church where we received the Sacrament of Baptism. In a world and a time when not much travelling took place, Christians returned to the church of their Baptism, celebrated that day with their family, and in the spirit of Psalm 121, 'I was glad when they said unto me, let us go to the house of the Lord', went in procession to that church as a family. It became a family occasion especially with those who had travelled away and returned to honour this feast. It also began a newer type of honouring mothering, the qualities of your own mother, particularly in the UK.

Servant girls abounded in nineteenth century Britain and Ireland; there was so much poverty that the Big Houses had many people 'in service'; there could be fifty or more in fairly basic wages and little time off. Mothering Sunday became a tradition of giving the servants that time off. They were encouraged to return to their homes, spend time with their family, visit the church of their Baptism and the girls were given the ingredients to make a Simnel Cake. Many of you may be acquainted with this type of cake: lighter fruit cake than a Christmas cake, more yellow in colour, featuring layers of marzipan, topped by twelve round little orbs, also made of marzipan, representing the apostles, minus Judas Iscariot, and including Jesus.

Gradually the whole occasion became secularised; the Feast became an occasion for cards and flowers and meals out. The date was moved to the nearest Sunday to March 25, Feast of the Annunciation. As it happens it manages to be both this year: Mothering Sunday will also be Laetare Sunday; a time to give thanks for mothers, mothering, and the home of our Baptism.

Fr. Donal

