

## **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 13th April, 2025 Palm Sunday**

**Offertory:** 06/04/25 - €1961 **Shrines:** €395

### **RECONCILIATION SERVICE FOR EASTER**

On **TODAY Palm Sunday 13th April, at 5.00pm** in the SMA Church, Wilton.

### **EASTER SUNDAY COLLECTION**

**All collections this weekend are for the Priests of the Parish**

### **Stations of the Cross - Holy Week**

We will pray the Stations on Mon, Tues & Wed at 9.00am before the Rosary and 9.30am Mass.

### **CHRISM MASS**

Bishop Fintan invites parishioners to join in the celebration of the **Mass of Chrism on Holy Thursday (April 17th) at 10am at the Cathedral of St. Mary & St. Anne, Cork.** At this Mass, with priests and parishioners from the diocese, the Oils of Baptism and the Sick will be blessed and Bishop Fintan will consecrate the Oil of Chrism, which will be used in parishes during the year. Bishop Fintan and our priests will also renew their priestly promises. People from throughout the diocese are invited to join us in the Cathedral.

### **Jubilee Pilgrimage of 7 Altars of Repose/Cork City/Holy Thursday Evening**

There will be a special walking Jubilee Year Pilgrimage of 7 Cork City Churches on Holy Thursday Evening led by Bishop Fintan. This will begin after the 7.30pm Mass in the Cathedral with a brief period of adoration at the Altar of Repose. The pilgrim walk will then proceed to St. Mary's, Holy Trinity, the South Parish, St. Augustine's, St. Francis' and finish with Night Prayer at Ss. Peter and Paul's at 10pm. People are also welcome to make their own pilgrimage starting at any of the churches on the pilgrim route. This is a special way to mark the Jubilee Year and as part of this there will be a plenary indulgence granted to those who participate in the Night Prayer in Ss. Peter & Paul's at 10pm, whilst meeting the usual necessary conditions (see [corkandross.org](http://corkandross.org) for more details).

### **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK - 12th April, 2025 to the 16th April, 2025**

**Saturday, 12th April - 6.15pm - Pat Murphy**

**Sunday, 13th April - 9.00am - Sarah Danaher Greene**

**11.00am - (1) Dan Joe O'Driscoll (2) Maureen Whelan (3) James & Mary Spillane**

**Monday, 14th April - 9.30am - Rita Moore**

**Tuesday, 15th April - 9.30am - Bill Kirby**

**Wednesday, 16th April - 9.30am - (1) Pat Doyle (2) Aideen Murphy**

### **Holy Week**

One of our parishioners very kindly gives us access every year to her palm trees; thus our Sacristan, John was able cut enough for us to use this weekend. By tradition, particularly among the Roman conquerors, palms are a sign of victory and are put on the ground ahead of a victory parade. The entry of Jesus into Jerusalem is like a victory parade, and he is greeted like a king. It is also a very nervous entry; many people in the crowd know that it will all end in tears; they would wish Jesus made his way into the crowded city without people noticing. But this Jesus, the Master, plans the whole moment in great detail: sending his followers to a certain place for a colt, what to say when they got there, even speaking in code, and how to prepare the place of their Passover ceremony. It is a very strange feeling: a holy city preparing for its most sacred ceremony, honouring the history of Jewish salvation, greeting this Master as king and later condemning him to a shameful death. Its religious leaders will form a conspiracy with their Roman conquerors to turn truth on its head and create a trial based on falsity and evil intention to succeed in the plan they had been working on for some time. The whole matter plays itself out in the next few days known as Holy Week.

Of all the weeks in the year Holy Week is the one most revered by Christians. It has been made Holy by the events which we commemorate in our liturgy: in celebrating the passion, death and resurrection of Christ, the Church renews itself. It is our whole reason for existing: it is our heart and our soul: priesthood, the Eucharist, love in the midst of evil. We reach the summit of our faith and our reason to believe. During Holy Week the Church follows in the footsteps of the Master. The Passion story comes to life before our eyes. All the events leading up to the betrayal, arrest, trial and execution are recalled and celebrated. Step by step, scene by scene, we follow along the path which Christ trod during the last days of his life on earth.

The early Christians in Jerusalem began all this liturgy; the reason we will all gather together this coming week comes from their love of the places marking the path of Jesus: Gethsemane, the Mount of Olives, the Praetorium, Golgotha, the Holy Sepulchre. Those pilgrims, year after year showed their love of those places, not their fear. Love became the emotion that celebrated this Holy Week: no fear, no hatred, no revenge...only pure love.

May it also be our emotion as we take it step by step, scene by scene, this coming week.

Fr. Donal

