

Ballineaspaig 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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10th August, 2025

20th Sunday Ordinary Time

Offertory: €1921 Shrines: €525

Family of Parishes - Ballineaspaig, Curraheen Rd., Sacred Heart & Wilton.

Fr. John Fitzgerald has been appointed Co-PP for the Sacred Heart Parish with effect from the 15th August, 2025. We welcome him and send him our best wishes and look forward to working with him.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK -

16th August to the 23rd August, 2025

Saturday, 16th August - 6.15pm - Helen O'Donoghue

Sunday, 17th August - 11.00am - (1) Liam Killeen
(2) Connie & Tom Haughton

Tuesday, 19th August - 9.30am - Patrick Stritch

Wednesday, 20th August - 9.30am - Jim & May Christopher

Thursday, 21st August - 9.30am - Kitty Creedon

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

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Letter from America

I noticed our temperature here yesterday, Tuesday, was the same as home, 26 degrees at 11.00am which is 7.00pm in Ireland. So I hope you are coping with all that heat reasonably well. We have good air conditioning in our offices and bedrooms here; we also tend to get up earlier and go to bed accordingly. I am up every morning at 5.30am ; something unknown to me at home.

This week so far has been a bittersweet time: on Monday morning I joined a sorrowful little group at Resurrection Cemetery about half an hour away to place into a niche the remains of a 25 year old young man who died tragically in February. I knew him slightly; I have known his family for years. The niche was an outrageous price; cemetery plots and openings carry unbelievable costs here. This was just a small niche in a mausoleum to place JJ, his name and a few flowers. He had been baptized in the church here by the present parish priest when he was just a curate. They played music he composed as we gathered. Then today, Wednesday, I visited a lady who reads in the church here and who recently got a new kidney; Tess has been in a lot of pain since, so it was important for her to know she was remembered. She was in a small convalescent hospital in the Hollywood area.

I also had lunch in the oldest Mexican restaurant in the Los Angeles area: Mijares, founded in 1919. Some famous people have eaten there and I have been going there for brunch for the past 40 years. The third generation of the family now run it and in 2019 they commissioned a special limited edition of tequila from Mexico to commemorate their centenary. For that family members must go where the blue agave plant is grown and take part in picking the fruit, and watch the roasting fermenting and distilling process before the production. From it comes the famous margarita cocktail.

On Friday, Feast of the Assumption, I visit the burnt out areas of the January fire. Three addresses of people I send Christmas cards to have disappeared. One of them, Whitney has decided to rebuild and we will tour the site and look at her plans. It will be a modest house but she feels it important for her to begin again. The other two people who lost their homes are unsure what to do: over 800 dwellings disappeared in the inferno.

A fire of a different kind is in this weekend's Gospel; the fire of Pentecost which transformed the lives of the apostles with new vigour and life; just showing the two sides of the force that fire can bring.
Until next week.

Fr. Donal

