

### ***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 31st August, 2025**

**22nd Sunday Ordinary Time**

**24th August, 2025**

**Offertory: €1776 Shrines: €225**

#### **Parish Notices**

**First Friday:** Next Friday, 5th September — Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 10.00am to 11.00am

**Dennehy's Cross Bridge Club:** We will be re-opening on **Monday, 1st September** in the Crypt from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Everyone very welcome.

**Bishopstown Community School's** Evening Courses have returned this autumn with courses added Monday to Wednesday evenings. Knitting, Volleyball, Digital Marketing are just some of the new courses along with the previously scheduled Pilates, Bridge, Photography and Spanish classes. All are welcome to enquire online of phone (085)2829409.

#### **PASTORAL CENTRE— Cork and Ross**

A viewing of the proposed plans for the new Pastoral Centre for the Diocese of Cork and Ross will take place in the Crypt at the Church of the Descent of the Holy Spirit, Dennehy's Cross, Cork on **Wednesday, 3rd September**, from 7.00pm to 8.00pm for anyone who would like to view them.

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

#### **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK - 30th August to the 6th Sept., 2025**

Saturday, 30th August - 6.15pm - Michael Walsh

Sunday, 31st August - 11.00am - Eileen Collins

Tuesday, 2nd Sept. - 9.30am - May Cullinane

Wednesday, 3rd Sept. - 9.30am - Cormac Shinnick

Friday, 5th Sept. - 9.30am - Marian Floyd

#### **Letter from America**

I first came here in 1980, the year after Ordination. I was studying for my teaching diploma so I came on a student visa and USIT air ticket; it was still expensive at 195 sterling but I had open travel throughout USA. In those days the President was Jimmy Carter and I could travel for six weeks or more. Then when I began working in parishes it went down to four weeks. Next year I am limiting it to two weeks; it's getting more difficult to get away. It might seem a strange way to spend your holidays but I find I can relax here while still fulfilling my duties; especially since my recent illness, so I am glad I came from that point of view, but my priority must always be home. I am grateful for all the help we have received while I was away and I thank all our support in the parish. I send best wishes to John our Sacristan as he recovers from a nasty bout of COVID.

I was tested for COVID recently here on a visit to a Convalescent Hospital, staff here in all the facilities I visited have been very welcoming. Even today on one of my rounds, staff ask me for a blessing, irrespective of their religion: medical staff or ancillary workers. The main hospital we visit is bigger than CUH and some one of us here gets called in there almost every day. When I arrived in 1980, it was one third the size it is now and famous for paediatrics. We got to know the Neo Natal unit very much over the years. At the moment the Parish Priest has just gone to attend a Priest Convention (we have those too at home) the priest from Mexico has returned from his holidays and a priest from India has just returned from giving his mission in another state. This evening there is Holy Hour and Confessions for about ninety minutes with three of us hearing.

This last week is always marked by lunch or dinner with familiar people I have known over the years; some I helped prepare for marriage, then baptise their children and then officiate at the marriage of the children; knowing up to three generations. This is unique because at home I would not be able to pursue this with all the moves we make from place to place. The truth is I have not been in Ireland during the month of August since 1980 with the exception of Covid times. I return to Model Farm Road this coming Friday. Welcome back to all our schools. Renewed thanks to our Home Team and our priests. Looking forward to seeing you all this weekend.

**Fr. Donal**



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