

Ballineaspig Parish Bulletin

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Saturday Vigil: 6.15pm : **Sunday:** 9.00am & 11.00am **Weekdays:** Mon- Fri. 9.30

Holydays: As Announced

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7th September, 2025

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Offertory: €2178 Shrines: €220

Priesthood Education Fund:

The annual collection for the Priesthood Education Fund will take place across the Diocese **next weekend, 20th/21st September**. This fund plays a vital role in supporting the formation and ongoing education of those serving in priestly and diaconal ministry. Currently one seminarian returned to his studies for the priesthood in St. Patrick's college, Maynooth last week and another candidate is pursuing formation for the Permanent diaconate. In addition the fund also supports the ongoing training and education of priests in the Diocese. We are deeply aware of the financial challenges many individuals and families face at this time. Nevertheless, we kindly ask you to support this important collection as generously as possible. Your continued support in promoting vocations is sincerely appreciated.

Mass Intentions - Week 13th September to the 20th September, 2025

Saturday, 13th Sept. - 6.15pm - (1)Kathleen Kelleher (2) Special Intention

Sunday, 14th Sept. - 9.00am - Maxine O'Callaghan

11.00am - Breda O'Driscoll

Monday, 15th Sept. - 9.30am - Mary Kealy

Tuesday, 16th Sept. - 9.30am - Eileen Ní Shé

Thursday, 18th Sept. - 9.30am - Special Intention

Friday, 19th Sept - 9.30am - Seamus Murphy

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

New Saints

An unforgettable image I saw over the weekend: the display case of the body of a fifteen year old boy, dressed in a track suit lying in eternity. His face is covered in wax for preservation but there's no mistaking the familiarity of the boy saint, Carlo Acutis, the patron of the computer age. Born in London but raised in Milan: had he lived he would only be 34 years of age now. But leukaemia took him very quickly from this world nineteen years ago. Somehow in that short life he had managed to point the way to his generation, many of whom have lost both the language and knowledge of God towards the deepest of all experiences for people of faith: towards the Blessed Sacrament. He did not belong to a particularly religious family. At his own request he became an altar server and was confirmed. The home movies shows him light hearted and fooling around like any teenager but with an extraordinarily sense of the Real Presence of God. He became a catechist, helping to prepare children for Holy Communion, at the age of 12. He made a website for his parish, he began documenting the lives of saints like Bernadette of Lourdes, appearances of Our Lady, but most of all of the images of the Real Presence, the Blessed Sacrament. He would spend hours contemplating the image on screen or in church. He is not known for any message or any homily, simply for the silence that showed on his face. His death was shockingly quick after diagnosis; he was sick with a throat infection on October 1, 2006; he was dead on October 12. Even in those few days, he never said a word, never complained. His funeral became an extraordinary event, people came from all over the world for his burial in Assisi. Carlo Acutis is surely a puzzle; yet an extraordinary young saint for us to know about in the years ahead. He was declared a Saint last Sunday because two miracles have been ascribed to his name.

Another young man was declared a Saint on the same day: Pier Giorgio Frassati. He was born in 1901 and died in 1924; again a very short life. If Carlo Acutis is associated with the internet, this man is known for his mountain climbing. He belonged to an active, anti fascist family, also in Italy. He was active in Catholic student groups, very much associated with social justice, 'living the Beatitudes' as described by Pope John Paul II. He spoke of his closeness to heaven on the mountains. His death came from polio, which was rampant in the early 1920s. His parents had no idea of his good works until they witnessed his funeral which was attended by thousands of poor people whom he had helped.

Like the workers in the vineyard who had worked for a short time, these two young saints received the reward of an extraordinary life.

Fr. Donal



MOUNT MERCY COLLEGE - OPEN EVENING 1ST Year 2026 - 2027

On Thursday, **2nd October, 2025** from 4.00pm to 6.30pm.

Principal's address at 4.15pm and 5.30pm.

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