

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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14th September, 2025

25th Sunday Ordinary time

Offertory: €1800 Shrines: €170

Priesthood Education Fund:

The annual collection for the Priesthood Education Fund will take place across the Diocese **this weekend, 20th/21st September.**

Your continued support in promoting vocations is sincerely appreciated.

Season of Creation - 1st September to 4th October

Our annual Harvest Thanksgiving and Sharing Celebration will take place on Sunday, **28th September.** Our Thanksgiving Mass, with special liturgy and music, will be at 11.00am, followed by the Harvest Sharing in the Crypt. Everyone is invited to **bring** something from their garden or kitchen, or some locally grown produce, and to **buy** something to take home. Fruits, vegetables, flowers, plants, jams, chutneys, cakes and breads will be particularly appreciated. You will also have an opportunity to share a cup of Fairtrade tea or coffee with your neighbours. All proceeds of the sharing will go to our sister parish in Turkwel, Kenya.

Faith in Action Group

Dennehy's Cross Active Retirement Group;

Next meeting : **Thursday, 25th September** from 10.00am to 12 noon in the Crypt. For music, celebration and a cuppa. All welcome.

Foundations in Theology & Sycamore Programmes for Young Adults (18-35yrs)

The Diocese of Cork & Ross in collaboration with UCC chaplaincy and the Presentation Brothers LEAF Project is offering two exciting programmes for young adults (18-35yrs) starting on **Wednesday 24th September** from 5.45pm to 8.00pm in Mardyke House, Cork T12W8RP. Each session begins with food and refreshments and provide participants with an opportunity to engage in meaningful discussion. To sign up or for more information email Sheila at **youthministry@corkandross.org**

Mass Intentions - Week 20th September to the 28th September, 2025

Saturday, 20th Sept - 6.15pm - The Lyons and Murphy families

Sunday, 21st Sept. - 9.00am - Brian Bermingham

11.00am - (1) Patricia O'Leary (2) Deirdre Fox

Monday, 22nd Sept. - 9.30am - Tim and Kathleen Walsh

Tuesday, 23rd Sept. - 9.30am - Special Intention

Wednesday, 24th Sept. - 9.30am - Special Intention

Thursday, 25th Sept - 9.30am - Michael Harte

Looking Forward

Last Sunday there was a diocesan gathering of all the city parishes; we had seven people present representing Ballineaspig. A number of possible initiatives were put before us for consideration in order to generate our faith community. One of these is a Youth Alpha Course, for 11 to 17 year olds, roughly equalling our secondary school students. There is some local interest in this from at least one of our schools and the Bishop has asked me to find three local people here who accompany these young people on their journey. It could be three friends who know each other, or any two or three who feel they might be able to act as mentors, and perhaps by doing so, energise their own faith. It would mean attending the eight or so meetings over the next twelve months and working out together the kind of Catechism that would unfold. Is this the kind of adventure you might sign up for? A faith journey that may help you and another person?

We are also looking for one more member for our Funeral Ministry group, we have already two volunteers. We need two more for our Finance Administration Team: to oversee our finances and meet about five times a year. We need two more for our Parish Council also. Please let me know if you might be interested. I will go through everything with you. We are grateful for the responses we got the last time we asked for volunteers. We are also very grateful to John Cunningham for his extraordinary work with us on the Finance administration; you will be familiar with his name on the Dues letters we send out. The Autumn Appeal will be his last occasion with his name as he has moved to another parish. Similarly, Sarah Coughlan will be on that Appeal for the last time: Sarah has been with us on many parish initiatives, including the Parish Council. Even though she has now stepped away, she continues to be very involved in parish life. We are deeply appreciative of both John and Sarah. So there will be two new names signing the Spring Appeal next year.

One final idea: a Christmas Fair, fun for all the family on the last Sunday of November with Santa, music, fun games, sales of Christmas Craft and many other attraction; in the Crypt and on the grounds. Please consider helping us put this together. We have very few community events in this area for Christmas and we are hoping you will participate. Keara from our Parish Council will be sending out flyers shortly.

I will be in Lourdes from Friday 19th until next Wednesday 24th. I promise to pray for you all and my next Bulletin message will from there.

Fr. Donal

