

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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26th Sunday Ordinary time

21st September, 2025

Offertory: €1814 Shrines: €435

Priesthood Education: €1295

Mass Intentions - Week 27th September to the 4th October, 2025

Saturday, 27th Sept - 6.15pm - Kathleen O'Sullivan

Sunday, 28th Sept. - 9.00am - (1) Kevin Twomey (2) Mary Susan Curran
11.00am - (1) Elsie, Tom & Barbara Harris
(2) James Howard

Monday, 29th Sept. - 9.30am - Mary Ware

Tuesday, 30th Sept.. - 9.30am - Betty & Paul Moore & Bridget & Jack O'Sullivan

Thursday, 2nd October - 9.30am - Kevin O'Riordan

CONNECT 7 - an invitation to young adults (18 to 35 years)

Connect 7 will take place on **Saturday, 18th October** in the **Cathedral of St. Mary & St. Anne**, Cork City. The day begins at **2pm** and includes keynote talks from **Fr. Conor McGrath** (Vocations Director, Diocese of Down & Connor) and **Lorraine Buckley** (Faith Development Coordinator, Cork & Ross Diocese). This year's theme is "*Finding purpose - God's plan for my life*". As well as the talk, we will have Mass, Adoration, pizza, a panel discussion, confessions and much more! Registration is €10 on Eventbrite.ie - search **CONNECT 7**.

Season of Creation - 1st September to 4th October

Our annual Harvest Thanksgiving and Sharing Celebration will take place this Sunday, **28th September**. Our Thanksgiving Mass, with special liturgy and music, will be at 11.00am, followed by the Harvest Sharing in the Crypt. 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

Letter from Lourdes

It is the third day of our pilgrimage and we have just had our photograph taken, all 142 of us members of the CASA group here. It is the first bright and breezy day we have experienced: so much heavy and rainy weather since we came. Our own diocese of Cork and Ross is here with some of our parishioners. They follow their own programme. This morning we took part in the Water Ceremony which has more or less replaced the traditional Baths ever since COVID. It is in three parts: a washing of the hands, a washing of the face and shoulders, a drink of the water, followed by prayer and your intention. It is a deeply spiritual moment for all of us. The Baths (full immersion) were an ordeal for some people, including myself; but I always found the wet emergence out of them to be special, refreshing into the world outside. By tradition we always follow this with a following of the Way of the Cross using the life size sculptures here by a Swedish artist. Tonight we will celebrate our Healing Mass with anointing of all our pilgrims. This will be held in the lounge of the neighbouring hotel: we find this more conducive to our group of more than forty in wheelchairs and it also helps to offer this during rain. It's a very full day.

We have been coming here since the late 70s; before that many of us had travelled with CLM founded by a Dominican priest in Pope's Quay. Gradually we developed our own style and traditions and, with minor adjustments over time, have continued ever since. I first travelled with them in 1983 and I cannot think of another way to be a pilgrim than with our group. Every year we come here is filled with the echoes of pilgrims past: their voices, movements, laughter, tears, music and silences; their stories, their backgrounds and their unique qualities that formed the character of what it is to be a pilgrim in this place. We priests act as part of the Spiritual Team which prepares the area for the sacred events that follow: Holy Mass, Penitential Rite, spiritual preparation. One of our long-time members, Angie, is a potter. Much of her work is visible on our altars and before the Blessed Sacrament. She is especially good at making hands from clay; worn, cracked hands symbolic of struggle and even pain. She has made a chalice and offertory vessels and is a wonderful artist at conveying the spirit of the moment. The night before we came she painted an extraordinary scene of the hands of Jesus holding the hands of Simon Peter as he struggled in the Sea of Galilee.

We have followed the theme of Hope as proclaimed by the late Pope Francis for this Jubilee Year. Like our own pilgrimage, hope is an ongoing virtue, without beginning or end, constantly evolving in those who cry out for it. I carry that hope with me here for myself and for all of you in this parish, 'as we wait in joyful hope' for many years to come. This coming weekend will continue this prayer in St Finbarr's Monastic settlement in Gougane for us and all our people.

Every good wish

Fr. Donal



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