

## Ballineaspig Parish Bulletin

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### Mass Times:

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

**Holydays:** As Announced

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**28th Sunday Ordinary time**

**5th October, 2025**

**Offertory: €1772 Shrines: €330**

The **Quarterly Diocesan collection** will be taken up at all Masses **this weekend, 11th/12th October**. Thank you for your continued financial assistance.

### Cork Scripture Group - Autumn Bible Workshop 2025

Saturday 18th October, 2025, 10.00am to 1.00pm in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Western Road, Cork. **Emerging Churches of the first 90 years: The example of Mattew—Kieran O'Mahony OSA** (Tarsus Scripture School). Cost: €10. All are welcome but booking is essential—email: [corkscripturegroup@gmail.com](mailto:corkscripturegroup@gmail.com). No previous bible study required.

### ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY - Workshops for Priests, Parents & Adult Volunteers.

As part of renewing the Altar Server Ministry, the Office of Youth Ministry & Mission & Ministry have produced new training videos, designed as a resource where parents and adult volunteers can be trained and empowered to form altar servers within their own parishes. A workshop will be held for priests, parents and adult volunteers, to provide guidance on how you can introduce altar servers, or enhance and develop altar servers already within your parish. This will take place on:

**Tuesday, 21st October, 7.00pm to 8.30pm** in Frankfield & Grange Parish Centre.

For more information contact [youthministry@corkandross.org](mailto:youthministry@corkandross.org)

### Annual Collection for the Propagation of Faith

**Next Sunday 19th Oct. at all Masses**

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

### Mass Intentions - Week 11th to the 18th October, 2025

Saturday, 11th October - 6.15pm - (1)Marie Doherty (2)Eileen, Denis & Tony O'Leary

(3)Joe O'Shea (Pennsylvania)

Sunday, 12th October - 9.00am - Desmond McCarthy

11.00am - Tim Burton

Monday, 13th October - 9.30am - Joan Burke

Wednesday, 15th October - 9.30am - John & Mary Burke

Friday, 17th October - 9.30am - Claire O'Donoghue

### Letter from Retreat

We are here again for the fourth year in Garryvoe for our annual Retreat until tomorrow, Thursday. This time it is the head of the Carmelites who is leading us; the Order has a friary and public church in Kinsale. As a central theme he has taken the story of the Woman at the Well from the fourth chapter of John's Gospel as a recurring source of his talks each day. So one talk is about gift and call: 'if you only knew who is giving you this gift, and who it is that is telling you....' The whole idea of receiving and who it is that is giving it to you. He wonders if Jesus deliberately went through Samaria that day and encounter this woman. He could have travelled a different way but was this his moment to tell this total stranger, and foreigner, the identity of him as Son of God; getting through to this person in a way that he did not get through to the scribes and Pharisees and even to his own disciples? We note how lively a personality she is, well able to hold her own in conversation, and well able to carry her story of the encounter to people later.

From this he moves on to the study of relationships; here is a woman who has had five husbands 'and the man you are with now is not your husband'. He ponders on the state of her life and the dissatisfaction that is emerging. Why else did she come to the well in the heat of the day; who else goes at that time for water? Was it so she could always be on her own, not bothering with anyone else? And then she meets this stranger... it soon becomes clear that a new type of relationship can begin. 'give me some of this water' was not just about the container but about her own self as fulfilled by the well. It's possible she emerges from the whole scene with a new sense of purpose and self worth, and ready to share with other people.

Each day our Masses are led by our own priests who now number fifteen from different parts of the world: India, Africa, Poland. One of our Polish Priests, Bart, gave quite an extraordinary homily on Jonah, one of the finest we have ever heard. Jonah, as you know, is in the first readings at daily Mass this week; the reluctant prophet who persuades a great city, Nineveh, to repent.

Hopefully all of us will emerge renewed like the woman at the well after this week.

**Fr .Donal**

