

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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30th Sunday Ordinary Time

19th Oct. 2025 - Offertory: €1991

Shrines: €520 - Mission Sunday: €1480

PARISH NOTICES:

Autumn Dues: Dues envelopes are available at all Church doors. Contributions can be handed into the **Parish Office, the Sacristy, Fr. Donal's house** or with the **Sunday collection**.

Holy Souls: Envelopes and inserts available at the altar rails to commemorate your departed.

Saturday, 1st Nov. All Saints Day : Vigil Mass Friday 31st Oct.—6.15pm

Mass on Saturday morning , Holy Day: 10.00am

Novena: November 2nd to the 10th - Mass times: Weekdays: 9.30am
Weekends as normal.

Mass of Remembrance: - **Saturday, 8th Nov. at 6.15pm**

We will remember all those who died in the past year. We will invite all for whom we have contact details. You will be given a candle on the night to remember your loved one. All welcome.

Cork Simon Community: Annual Church Gate collection **this weekend**.

Dennehy's Cross Active Retirement Group: Meeting next Thursday, 30th October from 10.00am to 12 noon in the Crypt with Guest Storyteller, Liam O'hUigin. See you all there.

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Mass Intentions - Week 25th October to the 1st November, 2025

Saturday, 25th October - 6.15pm - Bridie Studdert

Sunday, 26th October - 9.00am - (1)Special Intention (2)Jim Collins & Ronan Spillane

(3)Barry Buttimer

11.00am - (1) James O'Sullivan (2) James McIntosh

Monday, 27th October (**Bank Holiday**) - **10.00am** - Mattie Richmond

Tuesday, 28th October - 9.30am - Special Intention.

Wednesday, 29th October - 9.30am - Joan & Jennifer Green

At rights with God

"This man, I tell you went home at rights with God; the other did not".

Who were these two men?

The first was a tax collector, often in the past referred to as a publican. He was not popular: a tax collector acted on behalf of the occupying Roman authorities, collecting monies to fund their wars and other activities. Once they had collected a certain amount they were free to line their own pockets with extra taxes. They were regarded as the lowest of the low especially by the Pharisees, one of whom is the other man in this weekend's Gospel. They were grouped as 'tax collectors and other sinners', with whom Jesus could occasionally be associated. The result was Jesus often sought their company and singled out one of them, Levi, to join his company of followers. We know him now as Matthew.

The Pharisees were not a separate religion but a movement within the Jewish faith that rose to prominence about 200 years before Christ. At the time the Jews were coming under the influence of the Greeks and the Pharisees wanted to preserve the purity of the Torah; keeping the Law strictly and even adding further detail to it with rules that were condemned by Jesus as being for 'outward show'. Their enemies were the Sadducees who favoured the influence of the Greeks. The Gospel unfolds today with two different prayers offered by these two men; one a prayer of pride in his fulfilment of the law 'not like this tax collector here'; the other a simple 'God be merciful to me a sinner'. The simple prayer came from the back of the synagogue 'not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven'.

What made him at rights with God was that he acknowledged his sinfulness and begged for mercy, a powerful cry from the heart, a cry that is also present in St Paul writing to Timothy in the Second Reading. Interestingly, it is believed Paul himself was a Pharisee until his own conversion. You could say he had also the tax collector's prayer, repenting of previous sin.

The sad thing is Pharisees were often very brave, defending the Jewish faith, believing in the resurrection from the dead, the coming of the Messiah. Their days were numbered with the destruction of the Temple by invading forces in roughly 73AD, not too long after the death and resurrection of Jesus. Now they seem to be associated with hypocrisy. Except for pride, it could have been so much different.

Fr Donal



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