

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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All Souls Day

26th Oct . 2025 - Offertory: €2329

Shrines: €425

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.

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

Mass of Remembrance: - **Next 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.

Youth Ministry Special Collection: November 8th & 9th, 2025

The Youth Ministry Special collection will take place next weekend. It is important for us to encourage our young people in every way we can and encourage them to take part in their local Parish. This collection directly supports the work of Sheila Kelleher, our Diocesan Youth Ministry coordinator, and the many volunteers dedicated to nurturing faith among our youth. Over the past year, new initiatives have taken root including Altar Server Workshops, Alpha Youth (fostering collaboration between schools and parishes), Maranatha (a faith based high energy music event for Post Primary school students), the continuation of the Sycamore & Foundations in Theology programmes, Lourdes pilgrimage, the Jubilee of Youth and Connect (for young adults). Please be as generous as you can as we cannot do this without your support. Investing in our young people is vital for the future of the Church.

PARISH BULLETIN The Parish Bulletin is available **weekly** on the Parish Website: or can be e-mailed by forwarding your e-mail address to the Parish Office.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK - 1st to the 8th November, 2025

NOVENA OF MASSES

NOVEMBER BLESSING OF GRAVES:

St. Oliver's Cemetery - Saturday, 1st November at 2.00pm

St. James' Cemetery Chetwynd - Sunday, 2nd November at 3.00pm

St. Finbarr's Cemetery - Sunday, 9th November at 2.30pm.

Sad Times

A sad little picture I saw on Facebook today; a fifteen year old boy in his school uniform framed in a picture with flowers at his feet. His name is John Gendek, attending a Catholic High School in Philadelphia. Underneath is the message:

Rest in peace: Fifteen year old John Gendek from Philadelphia, whose deep love for his Catholic faith reflected that of Carlo Acutis, attended the saint's canonisation in September while bravely battling cancer, has passed away at the same age and of the same illness as Acutis.

A short little piece from a school that mourns him now, reflected many times over in this country and perhaps in your own experience: mourning the passing of young life. What hidden sorrows people carry: of parents, siblings, classmates; sorrows that remain to this day. I can still remember a classmate from school, Jim Kearns, who died at 11 years, my first time putting flowers that I managed to pick in our back garden on someone's grave. I have also written some years back of being at the bedside of a 14 year old boy shot by gang members; his only relative as he lay dying was his grandmother, not a soul else with him. Even his school did not manage to pay tribute to him; such events were frequent in that part of Los Angeles.

Similar sad little story in the gospel this weekend; the death of a young man 'the only son of his mother, and she was a widow', in a little village called Nain. I visited that village, we had an extra hour before getting to Tel Aviv on the way home from our pilgrimage, almost an afterthought. It is a poor place; with a tiny Catholic Church in poor condition locked up all day, a Moslem woman opens it for money. We are told that Jesus came upon this sad little scene and restored life to the young man, and gave him back to his mother. What little she had was given back. We have also seen children recover from serious illness, bravely facing the world again after heavy medication and treatment.

I remember once a mother asking me after her child was killed in an accident; 'is she safe now?'

What do you say? The promises we receive from faith include 'blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God'. Another is similar, that I leave you with, from Saint John:

"My dear people, we are already the children of God. But what we are about to be has not yet been revealed. All we know is that when it is revealed, we shall be like Him because we shall see Him as He really is.

With such thoughts as these, let us comfort one another".

Fr. Donal



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