

## 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

**Bulletin 5th, October , 2025**

**28th September, 2025**

**27th Sunday Ordinary time**

**Offertory: €1891 Shrines: €490**

### Mass Intentions - Week 4th to the 11th October, 2025

Saturday, 4th October - 6.15pm - (1) Mary Sherwin

(2)Katie, John & Paddy Connolly

Sunday, 5th October - 9.00am - Elsie Harris

11.00am - (1)Rita Lynch (2)Philip & Mary Spillane

(3) Margaret Murphy

Monday, 6th October - 9.30am - Valerie Fitzgerald

Tuesday, 7th October - 9.30am - Mary Frances & Con O'Donovan

Wednesday, 8th October— 9.30am - Joan Burke

The **Quarterly Diocesan collection** will be taken up at all Masses **next** weekend, **11th/12th October**. Your support would be much appreciated.

### Lourdes Pilgrimage - Colaiste an Spioraid Naoimh

Once again the students of Colaiste an Spioraid Naoimh were incredible ambassadors for their school and parish as they accompanied the "assisted pilgrims" in Lourdes. We are incredibly grateful for your support. We remembered you in our prayers at the Grotto.

Very best wishes, Ms. Anne Cleary & Ms. Katie Long - Daragh, Glen, Joel, Mark, Oisin and Robert.

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## A world of uncertainty

I saw recently a short clip of a film of a very touching encounter: a FaceTime phone call of the late Pope Francis with the priest of the little Church of the Holy Family in northern Gaza. He used to make that phone call every night since the siege of Gaza began. The church was bombed twice; snipers hit a number of parishioners and the priest there was injured but they still meet every day for Mass and the sacraments. There were First Communions there the day after the first bombing. Catholics and other Christians there live a precarious life; they are a tiny minority among the Palestinian community in Gaza. But every night without fail Francis made that call. The call I saw began with their usual greeting in Italian, the priest is Italian. Then he waved at the children and all there and asked 'did you eat today?'...they all answer 'we did'....'what did you have?' 'Chicken wings!' comes the reply....'everyone?' he asked....' Yes' they all said. With that he laughed and waved again and said a final greeting in Arabic. Just that short call was enough, no trauma, no tears, no sadness.....just light and reassuring...a shepherd and his flock every night against the background of the uncertain world outside. Francis knew that human power is limited, that only Godly presence can break through in little ways, and this was his little way.

The uncertainty continues; who knows what lies ahead? Does everything depend on people who have such terrible power? Is that the only way the people can live in peace? If that is the case then how can we move such minds? It seems like an impossible task.

In the Gospel this weekend, the disciples ask an impossible task of Jesus: 'Master, increase our faith'. What kind of answer could follow this? He gives them a parable of a simple meal at table with the servant doing only what his duty should be. There was no big miracle...there was just an example of faithfulness.....doing your duty, staying at your task. So many people in our world when they are complimented for their work will say to you, we have only done our duty...we stayed at our post.

Perhaps in this uncertain world to know that all of us do our duty in the best way we can is part of the road best taken; it is true faithfulness to our calling in life and our sure hope. So many people in our world might discover the true power lying in this, just like Francis did, in simple faithful ways.

Fr. Donal



### Funeral Ministry Team Formation

The Office for Mission and Ministry will be offering three formation sessions for new teams and for new members of existing teams in the Parish Centre of Sacred Heart, Western Road, Cork on **Tuesdays, October 14th and 21st and 28th from 7.30pm to 9.00pm**. To register please visit <https://tinyurl.com/mission-ministry> or by contacting the Office directly at (021)7355517.

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