

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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33rd Sunday Ordinary Time

9th Nov . 2025 - Offertory: €1951

Youth Ministry €1110 Shrines: €495

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**.

Christmas Fair : Join us for an exciting Christmas Market where you'll find unique gifts, a magical atmosphere and festive spirit on **Sunday, 30th November at 2.00pm.**

Department of Education Survey about School Choice:

The current Department of Education survey on the future of patronage in the primary sector is important in that it will shape the discussion on primary school divesting for the years to come throughout the Republic of Ireland. While it is important that those who wish for a change in patronage would have their voice heard. It is equally important that those who wish for a Catholic Education for their children and for those who would wish for sacramental preparation within the school would have their voice heard also. For those reasons and to ensure that an accurate picture emerges, please participate in this survey if you are a parent, prospective parent of a Primary school student. The survey can be accessed at www.gov.ie/primary-school-survey. The IEC message regarding this survey is available on the Cork and Ross Social media platforms.

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

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 : Week 15th to the 22nd November, 2025

Saturday, 15th Nov - 6.15pm - (1)Lily Carey, (2)Bernard Pope, (3) Harry O'Brien (4)John and Mary Murphy (5) Hannah Hanan

Sunday, 16th Nov - 11.00am - (1) Sean Ryan (2) Anna Kelly

Monday, 17th Nov. - 9.30am - Rosaleen O'Connor

Tuesday, 18th Nov - 9.30am - Michael Lehané

Thursday, 20th Nov. - 9.30am - Fr. Kieran Twomey

Friday, 21st Nov - 9.30am - Mgt. O'Connor

Endurance

The mother of missing school boy Philip Cairns died earlier this week. Of all the known missing people of our country, this very sad case has been in my mind a lot and perhaps in yours as well. Possibly because I was a teacher in school in Cork city at the time made it all the more real for me because it could have happened anywhere

Philip was 13 when he went missing on 23 October 1986 while making his way back to Colaiste Eanna in Rathfarnham in Dublin where he was a First Year student. He was after his lunch; it was in broad daylight. He has never been seen since.

His mother, Alice Cairns, died on Tuesday.

Her husband, Philip senior predeceased her and she is survived by their remaining five children.

Six days after he disappeared, Philip's school bag was found dumped in a laneway a short distance from his home.

Some of his books were missing from his bag; they happened to include his Religion books.

In 2016, Mrs Cairns spoke to RTE's Today programme with Sean O Rourke where she said she felt 'robbed of her son' and that he was robbed of a future.

She said she has to have her own peace and for that 'you have to forgive'.

His brother Eoin said

"Philip is always there in the sense he is not there. At Christmas, birthdays, weddings and other family occasions we think of how Philip would be there with us".

'Your endurance will win you your lives', are the last lines of St Luke this weekend.

What this family endured and how they faced it can never be fully explained or appreciated .

All we can hope for is that their fortitude the inner strength that perseveres when the normal sources of courage are exhausted, will win for Alice Cairns and her family that peace they never got in this world.

Fr. Donal

