

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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16th Nov. 2025 - Offertory: €2171

Feast of Christ the King

Shrines: €370

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

PARISH NOTICES:

Dennehy's Cross Active Retirement Group: Meet next Thursday, 27th Nov from 10.00am to 12 noon in the Crypt.

Forever Loved, Forever Cherished—Special Remembrance Service: Farranree Parish will host a special Remembrance Service for babies and infants lost during pregnancy or at birth, at 7.00pm on Friday, 28th November, 2025 in the Church of the Resurrection, Farranree (T23NV97). .

#HaveYourSay about your Catholic School: Attention of Parents of children attending Primary Schools or have yet to start. The Department of Education is currently conducting a Primary School survey that will determine the future provision of Primary Schools and crucially could lead to lasting changes in your school. In simple, direct terms, you are being asked if you want your school to stay a Catholic school or if you want that to change. Don't leave it to others, have your say before 16th December, 2025. See—<https://www.gov.ie/en/departments-of-education/campaigns/primary-school-survey/>

Evening of Christmas Carols, Music & Song:

On Friday 28th November at 7.00pm to 9.00pm in Curraheen Church hosted by Bishopstown Lions Club. The participants are Siobhan Oliver (Soprano), Choirs: Ballinora Choir, Clonakilty Le Cheile choir, Real Presence Church Choir. All welcome. No tickets required. The Lions Club would welcome any donations received.

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

King and Criminal

This weekend marks the last Sunday of the Church's year: Jesus Christ, Universal King. St Luke brings us to the foot of the cross on Calvary where over the head of the condemned man was the title of his crime 'Jesus Christ, King of the Jews'.

So, there it was then, he claimed to be King.

This king ate with tax collectors and sinners. This king was anointed by a woman who had a bad reputation in town. This king converted the woman at Samaria who had three husbands and was living with one who was not her husband at all. This king was spat on, mocked and put through a sham trial. This king sought out criminals as guests for the final banquet and now finds himself between two of them, condemned.

It is interesting that St Luke is the only gospel writer who has Jesus between the two criminals and gives us this contrast between the mocking one and the embracing one. Interesting too that the embracing one calls him by name, 'Jesus', not by title, followed by lines frequently quoted 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom'.

It is an extraordinary scene, Luke gives to the embracing criminal an insight that nobody else would have seen or understood, perhaps, not even his disciples, where were they anyway?

Who else would have seen this Jesus as a king at that moment? Who else would have seen beyond the idea of what a king really was?

The monarchies of the world have departed; once upon a time there were so many monarchs and kingdoms; now there are few. New powers have emerged, not all of them for the better. The fate of kings is very much present in the first Reading. David had been a fugitive, a criminal if you like, when he was brought back to become king after Saul's death. He becomes the anointed one after his people reminded him he was of their kin.

Here the 'kin' of Jesus included these criminals; he ends up between them both, the kind of people he had sought out in his ministry.

Thus the King and the Criminal travel to paradise together.

This is the king we celebrate this weekend.



Fr Donal

Mass Intentions : 22nd November, to 29th November, 2025

Saturday, 22nd Nov - 6.15pm - Alan Ridgway

Sunday, 23rd Nov - 9.00am - (1) Jean Healy (2) Tony Canty

11.00am - (1) Jennie Riordan (2) Decd. Members of choir

Monday, 24th Nov. - 9.30am - Tony Canty

Tuesday, 25th Nov - 9.30am - Rosaleen O'Connor

Thursday, 27th Nov. - 9.30am - Sean O'Neill & Alice & Tim Kelliher

Friday, 28th Nov - 9.30am - Maire Mulcahy

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