

Ballineaspag Parish Bulletin

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Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil: 6.15pm : Sunday: 9.00am & 11.00am Weekdays: Mon- Fri. 9.30

Holidays: As Announced

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4th Jan. Collection: €1506

Baptism of the Lord

Shrines: €375

Weekly Envelopes: There are still boxes to be collected for 2026 from the Sacristy after all Masses. **Can you Please collect your box as soon as possible.**

Second collection this weekend for Diocesan Needs

Mass Intentions : 10th January to the 17th January 2026

Saturday, 10th Jan. - 6.15pm - (1) Mary Goold, (2) Ann Gallagher,
(3) Mary Ann McCarthy.

Sunday, 11th Jan. - 9.00am - Des McCarthy
11.00am - (1) Barry Kelleher (2) John & Edith Lyall
(3) Denis Dennehy (4) Jim Prendergast

Monday, 12th Jan - 9.30am - Special Intention

Wednesday, 14th Jan - 9.30am - In Thanksgiving

Friday, 16th Jan - 9.30am - Bridie Stritch

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

Between two worlds

I spoke last week about the proposed development for the old garage near us, indicating that the planning was still on hold. I spoke too soon! On the very day of their announcement I got a letter from the Planning Board, most of which had nothing to do with our parish objection. I will bring it to our Parish Council on Monday next for perusal; but it seems like the die is cast: the proposal is going ahead without a single car space available for 45 units. It seems everyone is arriving by bicycle. Did anyone engage with us here about the implications for car space on our property? Not a word. They seem to be from another world, talking about everything else. Very soon this area which was already unrecognizable from twenty years or so ago, will undergo even more change. If the Diocesan Office building goes ahead beside my house, we will have a whole new world. Sadly this entire area has minimal village type living for our older citizens, eager to leave their larger homes at this hour of their lives into more congenial and smaller surroundings. Every piece of land is being developed for apartments of varying standard. There is a lack of vision and good judgment. In three of my previous parishes, there were small units built in a village-like atmosphere where single people or couples could live within their means, in safety and in community. The St Vincent de Paul Society worked with local authorities to achieve this; no sign of this here; helping people to span the two worlds in which they might live.

This weekend sees the spanning of two worlds for Jesus. When he leaves Galilee and heads south to see the prophet in the wilderness, he is doing more than making a journey. He is leaving his familiar home for the new world. The baptism of Jesus stands between his hidden life with Mary and Joseph and the public life of a travelling ministry. It is to fulfil God's saving plan. In the words of the first Reading it is 'that he bring true justice to the nations'. The heavens are opened; the spirit of the Lord descends and the Father acknowledges his Son. The Baptism marks the fulfilment of the prophecy that everyone waited for.

Perhaps we might also get some fulfilment for the many people in our parish and probably throughout this city for sensible planning for those who need to live smaller, safer and friendly lives after years of waiting, not for charity, but for a new world that appreciates how people are living and how they long to have their needs fulfilled. It's little enough to ask.

Fr Donal

