

## 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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**Second Sunday Ordinary Time**

**11th Jan. Collection: €2066**

**Shrines: €580 Epiphany €440**

**Diocesan Needs: €1130**

**Weekly Envelopes:** There are still boxes to be collected for 2026 from the Sacristy after all Masses. **If you do not wish to take a box, please advise the Parish Office or the Sacristy.**

### Mass Intentions : 17th January to the 24th January 2026

**Sat. 17th January** - 6.15pm - (1)John Heaney, (2)Paddy & Teresa Langford  
(3)Mary Spillane

**Sun. 18th January** - 9.00am - (1)Olivia Healy Fitzpatrick (2)Noreen Honan  
11.00am - (1) John Joseph McCarthy (2)Terry Burke

**Mon. 19th January** - 9.30am - Angela Murphy

**Tues. 20th January** - 9.30am - Kay O'Shea

**Wed. 21st January** - 9.30am - Jim Keating

**Thurs. 22nd January** - 9.30am - Mary Casey

**Fri. 23rd January** - 9.30am - Ken Newman

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

### Songs of Praise:

Choir directors, choir and music groups members, organists, musicians, singers etc. are warmly invited to Songs of Praise on Sunday, 1st February, 2026 at 2.30pm in the Cathedral of St. Mary & St. Anne. Join us for an afternoon of reflection, prayer, learning new music and lifting our voices together in praise. This is a free event (donations welcome on the day). Light hospitality will be provided. **Please register in advance via :<https://tinyurl.com/songsofpraise2026>.**

### I did not know him myself

Over the Christmas period I was talking to one of our parishioners about all the people she was meeting over the festive season. The previous night she had been out with her co-workers; further lined up were former school mates, people she grew up with ( she grew up in another county), her fellow basketball players, and new friends she had made recently. I imagine that was replicated throughout this period with similar groups of people who have one thing in common: they know us and could describe us in some way. What may not be the case is they might say the same thing. Because they know us, and we know them, from different circumstances and periods in our lives: some from childhood know us a certain way, those who play basketball with us perhaps differently. We are known as characters to different people who crisscross our lives.

I wonder the same about John the Baptist and Jesus: twice he says in John's Gospel this weekend, 'I did not know him myself'. Yet we do know they were some way connected through their mothers, Elizabeth and Mary. We are told that he recognizes Jesus even in the womb of his mother. Did they ever know each other as children? No idea; they were miles apart both in their family and their location: John was close to the Temple in Jerusalem and Jesus up north in Galilee; one the son of a priest, the other of a carpenter. But there would have been many occasions when the Galilee family were in the Temple and celebrated the great feasts of the Jewish faith. It is also generally believed that Jesus was a Rabbi. So, what happened to separate them?

The possibility is they became two very different people travelling along the same road. John founded the equivalent of a sect, far from his family background and knew he had a unique role as 'the last and greatest of the prophets'. It becomes clear today that he begins to recognise this man Jesus not in a human way but as 'the lamb of God'. It seems as if this is the only way for him now, to know him as the Chosen One, and not as the child or cousin he grew up with. All is changed in HOW HE KNOWS HIM.

Fr. Donal

