

### **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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**28th Dec. Collection: €1966**

**Second Sunday of Christmas**

**Shrines: €875**

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

**Feast of the Epiphany - Tuesday, 6th January -  
Mass times: 9.30am & 11.00am**

**Our thanks:** This Christmas and New Year period gives me an opportunity to express my thanks for your generosity in the Autumn Dues and the Christmas collection. This supports me, Fr. Prasad and others who help us. As I write this, Fr. Tom is still recovering from illness in a nursing facility and we send him our fondest prayers and best wishes. We are also very grateful to Fr. Dan who has been helpful to us. All our team could not possibly function without those who help us in every way throughout the year and we are eternally grateful to you and will remember you at Mass.

#### **Mass Intentions : 3rd January to the 10th January 2026**

Saturday, 3rd Jan, - 6.15pm - (1) Betty Costelloe, (2) Matt & Maeve Murphy, (3) Chris Hayes.

Sunday, 4th Jan. - 9.00am - Betty Daly  
11.00am - (1) Donal McCarthy (2) Dermot Murphy (3) Phyl, Bill and Ted Moriarty Family

Monday, 5th Jan - 9.30am - Special Intention

Tuesday, 6th Jan. - 9.30am - Noreen Sheehan  
11.00am - Killian Lee

Thurs. 8th Jan - 9.30am - The Axson Family

Fri. 9th Jan - 9.30am - Jim Prendergast

### **Some thoughts**

I thought I would share thoughts with you about the year that is to come, bearing in mind the year that is past. As I write to you, this New Year's Day evening, the planning for the nearby garage is on hold. This parish has submitted an observation accompanying the objection of locals indicating that we have a concern that if this building should change its status from a business to residential, then those apartments would have balconies overlooking church grounds. We cannot countenance such a presence and we have made our views clear. You may also know that the diocese is also seeking planning permission right beside this, on gardens adjoining Model Farm Road, for new diocesan offices. Although our parish has not done so, it is believed that there are objections. So we await the outcome of all of this. There has been, furthermore, planning permission sought for a wall adjoining a neighbourhood's property, where there exists a hedge. This also is in the process of consideration. Our parish has no objection to this, and we hope to combine this with new piping for water supply, and possibly new hedging. This coming year will tell a lot. One further work that must take place concerns some eighteen of our windows. These are in immediate need of strengthening; they are letting in water. This immediate work is due to begin before the end of January. We have enough money, as we speak, to cover this cost.

At a pastoral level we are hopeful to ally ourselves with Curraheen Road parish to form an Alpha Course which will provide our people with a greater knowledge and love of our faith. Details of this will be publicised; we have asked for speakers on this to come to our church and thus encourage us to take part in this journey. There is also a Junior Alpha Course, for young people aged between the ages of 16 and 30. There are local people interested in this but we need one more person to help them as a mentor. Please let us know if you might help. We lack one further need in our parish: baptism preparation teams: approximately four persons who will guide those who seek the Sacrament for their children. Our bereavement team needs one more person to join them.

We have been blessed with new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and new Ministers of the Word of God. There will be some preparation work done with these shortly. The Holy Communion Ministers have received this; the Readers will receive theirs shortly. All Ministers of the Word, hopefully, will also receive a powerful talk early in the New Year from Father Sylvester OFM Cap who is a Scripture Scholar.

Enough to go on with for the moment.

Until next week

Fr Donal

