

## 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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**2nd Sunday of Lent**

**22nd : Collection: €1826**

**Shrines: €430**

### SPRING DUES

The Dues envelopes will be available at all the Church doors this week for those who will not receive them by post. Contributions can be handed into the **Parish Office, the Sacristy, Fr. Donal's house** or with the **Sunday collection**. Thanking you in advance for your generosity.

### Creation Matters Lenten Talks 2026 (all talks at 7.30pm in the Crypt)

**Tues. 3rd March: Dr. Michelle McKeown**, Lecturer in Environmental Geography at UCC and a regular contributor to national media: **"Where Have All the Trees Gone and How Can we Bring them Back?"**

**Tues: 10th March: Sam Bayley**, Conservation Ranger for National Parks and Wildlife Service: **"Where do our Cuckoos go?"**

**Faith in Action Group**

### PARISH NOTICES

**First Friday:** Next Friday, 6th March, is the first Friday of the month. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 9.30am Mass until 11.00am. All welcome.

**Irish Bishops Commission:** Annual collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend, 7th/8th March.

**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.

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

### Mass Intentions : 28th February, 2026 to 7th March, 2026

**Saturday, 28th Feb.** - 6.15pm - (1)Eileen O'Mahony (2)Nora O'Sullivan (3)John Kelleher (4)Stephen O'Donoghue (5)Mary Murphy

**Sunday, 1st March** - 9.00am - Anne Cronin

11.00am - (1) Des Wixted (2)Mary Kingston (3)Denis Christopher O'Sullivan (4) Catherine O'Sullivan

**Monday, 2nd March** - 9.30am - Archie Boyd

**Tuesday, 3rd March** - 9.30am - Brid Mulcahy

**Wed. 4th March** - 9.30am - Special Intention

**Thurs. 5th March** - 9.30am - Mattie & Charlie Richmond

**Fri. 6th March** - 9.30am - Special Intention

### An Unknown Land

The First Reading this weekend is a familiar one from the Book of Genesis; we will hear it again on Saint Patrick's Day. It is also read on the occasion of a christening. Something happens to a man called Abram that dramatically changes the course of his life. He is asked to leave his own world for an unknown land. He cannot see either the land or the family he has been promised; he has no map; his wife Sarah and himself have no children; they must live a wandering life on the promise of the voice of God. Their hope is that promise; that their journey will lead to the fulfilment of that call from God. They will have many setbacks but they remain steadfast and thus a man with a new name, Abraham will prevail in the unknown land. One of the reasons that this story resonates with Baptism is the wonderful line: 'I will make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing'. To know that your name may be used as a blessing is a wonderful moment in the calling out of the identity of your child.

This past week, and again later in April, a new name also features; in the Sacrament of Confirmation: the candidate is addressed by that new name on that day and perhaps only on that day and they are asked to set off on a journey by the call of God. That new name will have a lot of meaning for them and we hope it will also be used as a blessing.

**And** on this weekend, we hope to confer the Sacrament of Baptism during our Sunday Mass. Private celebrations have usually taken place here, but this is not the norm in other countries. In Poland, for instance, they are accustomed to the celebration during Sunday Mass. It involves some preparation. The Prayer of Exorcism and anointing with the Oil of Catechumens takes place in advance ; the Greeting of the Couple and child replaces the Penitential Rite; the Profession of Faith follows the Homily instead of the Creed where the whole congregation take part. Then follows the moment of baptism, the Oil of Chrism, the Clothing, the Lighting of the Candle and the Ephatha then follow before the Prayers of the Faithful. Mass continues as normal until the Final Blessing when parents and child and all the congregation are blessed.

**They** are a Polish family that I know and hopefully we will be able to celebrate Baptism again during Mass in the future.

**Fr Donal.**

