

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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Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time

15th Feb: Collection: €2041

Shrines: €345

Please note that there will be **no 9.30am Mass on Wednesday, 25th February** as the boys and girls from Gaelscoil Ui Riada will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at 10.30am. We wish them all the very best on this special day in their lives.

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

Tues. 24th Feb: Usna Keating, Biodiversity Office, Cork City Council: *Wildlife in the City.*

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**

Dennehy's Cross Active Retirement Group

Meeting next Thursday, 26th February at the Café in Atkins Garden Centre, Carrigrohane Road from 10.00am to 12 noon for a cuppa and a chat.

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

Mass Intentions : 21st February, 2026 to 28th February, 2026

Saturday, 21st Feb. - 6.15pm - Lamiya Hartley

Sunday, 22nd Feb. - 9.00am - Baby James Moynihan

- 11.00am - (1)Mary Nolan, (2)Michael Jackson,(3)Donal Linehan
(4) Vincent Jones.

Monday, 23rd Feb - 9.30am - Special Intention

Tuesday, 24th Feb - 9.30am - Special Intention

Thursday, 26th Feb - 9.30am - Liam Kerwin

Friday, 27th Feb. - 9.30am - Special Intention

In the beginning

It all began in a garden, where everything went right and everything went wrong. It was a garden in harmony with humans and with nature, where all of creation existed in a good light and a pleasing world existed: no jealousy, greed, desire or corruption.

Everything fitted into place; there was no need to make any claims to goodness or truth, since there was no evidence of the opposite. But the opposite came; a voice, described as coming from the serpent 'the most cunning of all the animals', puts it into the mind of the woman to desire all knowledge by disobedience. Convincing her that nothing bad would happen, only good, the woman gives into temptation and a downward spiral of darkness begins. The garden is all disharmony, the man and the woman become suspicious of one another, everything becomes dislocated. We see the results of the first example of fake news. Sin enters the world.

In the beginning was the Word, so said St John. The Word became flesh. And so the Truth News or Good News began. This Word was life, it was truth, it was free. Harmony was to be restored, but at a great cost. All over the world we see the sacrifice journalists and other observers have had to make to bring forth the truth; many have been killed, many described as terrorists, proper news has been hijacked. The phrase that the truth will set you free has become a source of fear to many forces of evil in the world. The devil has been described by St John as the 'father of lies'. He has many diligent pupils.

But this weekend Jesus is seen to face temptation with the power of the word of God. He does not argue with the voice tempting him but simply states each of the three times the word of scripture; he remains faithful to it; it marks out his whole life and his mission. This is fake news up against the Word and eventually the tempter leaves, maybe to try again another day. Jesus stays by that Word until the end and it will be because he is faithful to it that it accompanies him through trial and temptation to the cross itself.

Fr. Donal

