Ballineaspaig 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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4th Sunday of Lent

8th March : Collection: €2031
Shrines: €480 Bishops Comm: €1035

SPRING DUES

The Dues envelopes are available at all the Church doors for those who have not received 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.

St. Patrick's Day - Lá le Pádraig
Mass Times: 9.30am and 11.00am

PARISH NOTICES

March 24th— The Crypt. Fr. Sylvester is a Scripture Scholar and will give a talk on the Scriptures in Lent. Ministers of the Word and many of you might be interested in coming along that evening **at 7.30pm.** Further details to follow.

Come to Lourdes as a Young Adult Helper this September: Are you aged 18-30 and interested in serving others while deepening your faith? The Diocese of Cork & Ross invites young adults to consider travelling to Lourdes as Young Adult Helper from 18th to 23rd September. An information evening will take place in Mardyke House (T12W8RP) on ***Thurs. 19th March at 7.30pm***. For further information email youthministry@corkandross.org

Cork Scripture Group Spring Workshop - *Surprised by Joy: Reflecting on the theme of joy in the Psalms* facilitated by Dr. Jessie Rogers, Maynooth on ***Saturday, 21st March from 10.00am to 1.00pm*** in the Crypt, Dennehy's Cross Church. Cost €10. Booking at corkscripturegroup.com

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 : 14th March, 2026 to the 21st March, 2026

Sat. 14th March - 6.15pm - (1)Pat & Noelle Murphy (2)Brian O'Muirthile & Aedh McGinn (3)James & Mary Spillane (4)Tim O'Sullivan & Decd family members (5)Denis Coleman.

Sun. 15th March - 9.00am - (1) Noirin Moynihan (2)Daisy Patricia Okudu
11.00am - Kathleen McCarthy

Mon. 16th March - 9.30am - Rita & Bert O'Herlihy

Tues. 17th March - 9.30am - Aris Daskalakis
11.00am - Mary Jones O'Leary

Wed. 18th March - 9.30am - Beryl Lennon

Thurs. 19th March - 9.30am - Betty Richmond

Fri. 20th March - 9.30am - Stephen Murphy

Day of Reflection

Earlier today, Wednesday, we diocesan priests spent time in west Cork on spiritual reflection for Lent. It took the form of a Lectio Divina on a passage of scripture, in this case John's Gospel on the Raising of Lazarus. Lectio Divina defines as repeated reading of the same piece so as to lead to some inspiration and study. One of the aspects of Lent is study of scripture and of holy books. After the reading, we go and walk around with those words in our minds, then come back and share. In small groups we bring those thoughts. I shared how hurt the sisters Martha and Mary were when Jesus was not with them when their brother had died. They had always been there for him. A Nigerian colleague shared about grief, his own grief for the loss of his brother recently and his grief at how priests and seminarians in Nigeria are being kidnapped and killed by gangs in his country. His feeling was not only of grief but of helplessness; unable to be with his family at the funeral, unable to travel in danger. We all felt something deep was happening, not just in our study, but how these readings, including last Sunday about the Woman at the Well and next Sunday about the Man born Blind, have a deep effect on us; how these Lenten Readings were not just a story but a moment of complete change; for the woman who carries her good news and for the blind man who gives witness to a light shining on his life. Two unlikely people become disciples. Two unlikely people shine a light of truth for people. We became aware of the power that each of these Lenten stories have on us the more we explore them.

You could say that the whole idea of 'giving up things' might no longer be essential for living through Lent but that reflection and deep thinking might lead to healing of our hearts and minds and reflect a more authentic Lenten experience.

Fr. Donal