

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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3rd Sunday of Lent

1st March : Collection: €1991
Shrines: €340

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.

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

Tues: 10th March: Sam Bayley, Conservation Ranger for National Parks and Wildlife Service: "**Where do our Cuckoos go?**" Sam who is based in Cork also runs the Cuckoo Tracking Project in conjunction with British Trust for Ornithology. His talk will cover the ecology of Cuckoos and what has been learnt by the tracking project so far. **Faith in Action Group**

March 24th— The Crypt.

The present Lenten talks conclude this Tuesday, March 10th. However, there will be a further talk, slightly different in theme, in two weeks time. 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 will be given next week.

PARISH NOTICES

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

Circle of Prayer for Vocations: Meeting in the Parish office at **2.00pm on Saturday, 14th March.** All welcome.

Sr. Clare Crockett: A few seats still remaining on our Pilgrimage to Derry on the 28th April. If you would like to join us please contact Sarah Coughlan on (087)9948460 for any questions or queries.

Mass Intentions : 7th March, 2026 to the 14th March, 2026

Sat. 7th March. - 6.15pm - (1)Maureen Whelan (2) Sheila O'Mahony (3)Tom Hanley

Sun. 8th March - 9.00am - In thanksgiving

11.00am - (1)Marian Healy (2)Mary Murphy (3)Patrick & Grace O'Brien
(4)Mary O'Driscoll & decd members of O'Driscoll family

Mon. 9th March - 9.30am - Aine O'Reilly

Tues. 10th March - 9.30am - Deceased members of Sommerfield family

Wed. 11th March - 9.30am - Joan O'Shea

Thurs. 12th March - 9.30am - Eva Kelleher

Fri. 13th March - 9.30am - Sr. Brid Christopher.

Other Lives

I thought I would talk about the people who will benefit from the Trocaire boxes we have this Lent. The lives of a grandmother, her daughter, and her two grandchildren from Ruanda, a country barely out of a horrible civil war and racked by yearly floods, make up our story. The grandmother, Verediana is 68 and has lived through three wars and a lifetime of loss and hunger. Disabled and often in pain, she still sweeps, cooks what little food there is, and helps raise her granddaughters with a quiet strength that has carried her family through so much already. Her home is crumbling but she refuses to give up; she draws on her faith "we believe in God and we are hopeful that the God who created us will make sure we have a good life in the future, because he knows more than we do"

Uwamahora is 28 and searches for work every morning: picking beans, cleaning, for barely 60 cents a day. She uses banana leaves to protect her crumbling home from the constant rain she worries for her children.

Vanessa is 12 and Ineza is 7. Every morning they set out together, climbing the hills to school. They love to learn. But roads get flooded, books are ruined; some mornings they go without food before class.

Our offerings might help them rebuild their lives and restore their hope for the future.

The Woman at the Well this weekend has her hopes restored for the future after a lifetime of unhappiness. Her past does not hinder her from being a messenger of Good News. She has a story to tell. All these women do. Perhaps they will lead us to the Good News with what little have to give.



Fr Donal

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