

## **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**

**Bulletin 19th April, 2026  
3rd Sunday of Easter**

**12th April : Collection: €1926  
Shrines: €460**

Congratulations to the girls from St. Catherine's School who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on last Friday, 17th April. Also, to the girls and boys from Gaelscoil Ui Riada who received the Sacrament on the 25th February, 2026.

### **Free Seeds!**

After the Masses next weekend, 25/26th April, we will be outside the Parish office with free seeds of easy to grow vegetable, herbs and native Irish wildflowers for you to take home.

As a follow up to this, you will be invited to a special Harvest Thanksgiving Mass and to bring some of your home-grown produce to a Bring and Buy event in September. All the proceeds from that will go to our sister parish in Turkwell.

### **Faith in Action Group**

### **Mass Intentions 18th April to the 25th April, 2026**

Saturday, 18th April - 6.15pm - Pat Doyle

Sunday, 19th April - 9.00am - Deceased members of the Kehoe family

11.00am - (1)Charles & Monica Axson (2)Mary & John Moriarty  
(3)Dan Joe O'Driscoll

Monday, 20th April - 9.30am - Johnny Guerin

Tuesday, 21st April - 9.30am - Fr. Colm O'Mahony

Wed. 22nd April - 9.30am - Paddy Coleman

Thurs. 23rd April - 9.30am - Liam O'Driscoll

Fri. 24th April - 9.30am - John & Jennifer Green

### **Easter Thanks**

We are so thankful here in the parish for your prayerful presence here with us in Holy Week and Easter, for your generous response in the Easter Collection and the Spring Dues. I will offer Holy Mass for your intentions shortly. Our parish ministers, choir, volunteers and parish team were wonderful and Holy Mass will also be offered for them. Bless you always!

### **On their Way**

There is a number of ideas and movements inspired by the story in this weekend's Gospel. In Cork city's Paul Street, the Emmaus Cafe has been opened, part of this diocese's outreach to people passing by, offering an opportunity for dropping in for coffee and other refreshments every day. In the 1940s, a movement called the Emmaus Centre was formed in Paris to provide comfort for homeless and displaced people, resulting in more than a hundred centres being formed over the years. There's even a monastery in Prague named after it, again providing hospitality for travelling pilgrims. They all have one idea in common; people travelling along the way.

The precise location of Emmaus of this weekend's wayfarers is not known; many names are similar and the distance from Jerusalem varies according to some of the gospels. The place that was declared most likely is believed to have been a Palestinian Arab village completely destroyed during the 1967 six day war; one of the many conflicts in that country. Either way, it features yet another casual encounter that Jesus has with 'almost' strangers. Each of those encounters is significant for the dialogue that takes place and the 'moving on' that follows. This, however, is different; it is after the resurrection. The two men are 'almost strangers'; they do not recognise him. The dialogue is interesting; the two men pour out their hearts and disappointments to a stranger, they share their hopes. They don't want this stranger to go away from them but press him to remain. This is not the usual behaviour of men with strangers. What follows is a shared meal, a pouring of the mind and heart from Jesus, a moment of recognition, a disappearance, and a sending forth. Like all chance encounters, there is an excited sharing of the news. More interesting is that the moment of recognition comes with the breaking of the bread and even more so that this is accompanied with the sharing of the good news.

Like last week's recognition through the wounds, this marks the way forward for the future; that the Christ will be recognized both by the Eucharistic celebration and proclaiming the Word by the way we live.

**Fr . Donal**



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