

Ballineaspig Parish Bulletin

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Saturday Vigil: 6.15pm : Sunday: 9.00am & 11.00am Weekdays: Mon- Fri. 9.30

Holydays: As Announced

**Bulletin 26th April, 2026
3rd Sunday of Easter**

**19th April : Collection: €1586
Shrines: €355**

PARISH NOTICES

Free Seeds: After the Masses this 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 you will be invited to celebrate a special Harvest Thanksgiving Mass & Festival and to bring some home-grown produce to a Bring and Buy event in September. All proceeds from this will go to pour sister parish in Turkwell. **Faith in Action Group.**

Cork Choral Festival - Choir Interchange - This weekend we welcome the choir from St. Michael's Church, Blackrock at our 11.00am Mass with their conductor, John Fitzpatrick. Our own choir will be in Blackpool Church.

First Friday: - Next Friday, 1st May, is the first Friday of the month. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 10am to 11am.

Dennehy's Cross Active Retirement Group: - Next meeting on next Thursday, 30th April from 10.00am to 12 noon in the Crypt where the Gaelscoil Ui Riada School Band will come and entertain us.

PLEASE NOTE MASS TIME FOR BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 4TH MAY - 10.00 AM

Mass Intentions 25th April to the 2nd May, 2026

Saturday, 25th April - 6.15pm - (1) Niamh & Philip Cronin (2) Ted O'Donnell
(3) Ber & Ann Kelleher

Sunday, 26th April - 11.00am - Special Intention

Monday, 27th April - 9.30am - Robert Kelleher

Tues. 28th April - 9.30am - Pedro David

Wed. 29th April - 9.30am - Special Intention

Thurs. 30th April - 9.30am - Special Intention

Vocation of all Christians

The Fourth Sunday of Easter each year is known as Vocations Sunday. The Gospel each year is about Jesus, the Good Shepherd who called his flock to follow him. We are encouraged to pray for vocations this Sunday. For years we prayed for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Nowadays we recognise the vocation of every Christian to be the light of Christ.

Jesus announced that his mission would promote the kingdom or reign of God in the world. His taskforce would be the assembly of followers, later called the Church. In a vastly changed world, the Church of tomorrow will not be the same as the Church of the past. It will no longer be a Church dominated by clergy.

Jesus once described the kingdom of God as a hidden treasure. The treasure too long hidden is the grace of baptism received by every Christian. It is a vocation, a call to bring the light of Christ to others. According to Pope Francis, Spirit-filled evangelisers are what the Church needs today. *"How I long to find the words to stir up enthusiasm for a new chapter of evangelisation full of fervour, joy, generosity, courage, boundless love and attraction!"*

Pope Francis asked the Church to engage in a worldwide synod, a method going back to the days of the apostles. A synod literally means walking together. It means discussing what needs to be changed, but above all, listening to the Holy Spirit. It was the Spirit who transformed the confused apostles into zealous evangelisers.

For many people today the Church is irrelevant so they have walked away in another direction. But there is an emptiness in the jigsaw of the heart that only God can fill. A renewed Church will be closer to the ideals of the Gospel. People will recognise Jesus as the keystone of life.

The most important player in the synod must be the Holy Spirit who has been poured into our hearts through the sacrament of Baptism. Let us trust in the Holy Spirit who transformed the confused apostles into zealous missionaries.

The Shepherd Psalm

Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd, leading us, feeding us, and protecting us. At the restful waters of prayer, you revive our drooping spirits. You guide us along the right path. At the banquet of the Eucharist, you restore our energy. When we walk through the valley of darkness you are there beside us. Our vocation is to hear you and follow you, Good Shepherd. Then surely, goodness and kindness will surround us all the days of our life.

Come, Holy Spirit, renew the heart of the Church, renew the face of the earth. May many people hear your calling (vocation) and commit their talents to your service.

By: Fr. Sylvester O'Flynn