

## ***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 5th April, 2026**  
**Easter Sunday**

**29th March : Collection: €1706**  
**Shrines: €390**

### **EASTER SUNDAY COLLECTION**

**All collections this weekend are for the Priests of the Parish.**

**Circle of Prayer for Vocations: On Saturday 11th April at 2.00pm in the Parish Office Room. All welcome.**

### **Mass Intentions 4th April to the 11th April, 2026**

Sunday, 5th April - 11.00am - Tim and Kathleen Walsh

Monday, 6th April - 10.00am - Special Intention

Tuesday, 7th April - 9.30am - Rita O'Sullivan

Wed. 8th April, - 9.30am - Helen Knox

Thurs. 9th April - 9.30am - Mary Crowley

Fri. 10th April - 9.30am - Dermot Daly.

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## **Easter Joy**

“Rejoice the Lord is risen, indeed He is truly risen”

That is the cry of greeting for all Christians at this time. Whatever obstacles there were in celebrating these events in Jerusalem this year, the cry is still proclaimed. There is nothing like Eastertime in our churches: the spring flowers, the new paschal candle, the sunlight shining in. I often used to visit my aunt in England at this time of the year and even the smallest country churches seemed to breathe new light and new life.

Part of the reason for this is it runs against some of the modern thinking about life and death. More and more people think when you die, that is it. An Irish actor, recently was asked what he thought happened after you die replied “ I suspect, nothing much”. That might sum up many peoples’ thoughts. It makes it easier especially that you would not have to account for actions or character from this life: it won’t matter. Another reason for this is a failure to grasp the idea of eternity or where everyone is going to go. Is heaven just an eternal pub where you can be drinking with old friends for eternity? He is ‘up there enjoying himself’.

Fr Denis Mc Bride, the Scripture scholar has written about this:

Being a long time dead is what God protests against today. When we celebrate Easter as the most important feast of our faith we rejoice in a man who faces death frankly, and who outstares it with the power of his own love. Resurrection is God’s protests against the finality of death. Jesus did suffer a terrible death. He was buried. But God has no intention of letting Jesus rest in peace. The Father in heaven sweeps death aside as he claims his beloved son again. Nothing can come between them.

The big question is do we view our Resurrection only from the memory of that of Jesus? Part of the answer lies in feeling our own wounds. The challenge of Easter today is to understand human suffering in the light of Jesus’ Resurrection. And there is no shortage of human suffering at the moment! A resurrection faith faces the cross and protests against the finality of that violence. It educates us to see as God sees.

We have seen so many signs of resurrection in the face of disaster. God’s work continues. For this we rejoice. It is Easter in our midst; it is the refusal to accept that anyone can be left for dead.



**Gaudium Paschale! Fr Donal, Fr Tom, Fr Prasad Rao**