

## 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

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**6th Sunday of Easter**

**3rd May : Collection: €2011**

**Shrines: €435**

### PARISH NOTICES

**Mission & Ministry:** Annual collection at all Masses **THIS weekend, 9th/10th May.** This Office plays a vital role in supporting our priests, parishes and Families of Parishes as we work together to help people grow in faith and live as missionary disciples. Thanks to your generosity, this work continues to grow and reach more people across our diocese. Thank you for your continued support and encouragement of this important work.

**Fatima Rosary:** The annual Fatima Rosary for the conversion of Ireland takes place at St. Finbarr's Cemetery on **Saturday, 16th May** at 4.00pm. Come and be part of 600 rosaries taking part at the same time across Ireland.

**Cork & Ross Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** Will take place from the **18th to the 23rd September** this year under the patronage of Bishop Fintan Gavin. Flights are from Cork airport direct to Lourdes airport. Choice of hotels available from €939. Call Joe Walsh Tours on (01)2410800 to book a place. For any general enquiries email or call Mary on Lourdes@corkandross.org or 085 2525040.

**Bishopstown Lions Club:** We will be hosting a family fun evening for children (accompanied by an adult) from local schools on **Friday, 22nd May** from 4pm onwards at Murphy's Farm Playground, Bishopstown. All proceeds raised will go to Field of Dreams, Down Syndrome, Cork. All welcome.

**Tramore Road Campus:** We will hold our Annual Plant Sale on **Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th May.** This plant sale showcases the work of the Horticulture students at Tramore Road Campus. Plants available include annuals, perennials and herbs. Opening times 9am to 4pm. All welcome.

**Cork Diocesan Pioneer Mass:** On **Friday 12th June** at 7.30pm in the Sacred Heart Church, Glounthaune, Cork.

### Mass Intentions 9th May to the 16th May, 2026

Saturday, 9th May - 6.15pm - (1)Tony Foley (2) Mary Buckley (3)Dan Hayes

Sunday, 10th May - 9.00am - Mairead Waldron

11.00am - (1) Ellen & Arthur O'Callaghan (2)Ruth O'Donoghue

Monday, 11th May - 9.30am - Kathleen Higgins

Tuesday, 12th May - 9.30am - Frances O'Sullivan

Wed. 13th May - 9.30am - Lynda Coughlan

Thurs. 14th May - 9.30am - Tom Leahy

Friday, 15th May - 9.30am - Kevin Twomey

### The Saint in the blue tracksuit

He would have been thirty five last Sunday, May 3, but the boy in the blue tracksuit was gone from this world at only the age of fifteen. Gone from this world he may have been, but not from the memory of a growing following ever since. Carlo Acutis was born in London in 1991 to an Italian family and baptized in the Church of the Seven Dolours Church in Chelsea. Soon afterwards his family returned to Italy and settled in Milan. It is believed he was profoundly affected by being present as his grandfather lay dying and observed him receiving Anointing of the Sick. His family were affluent and not particularly religious; his mother would later say it was he who led them to their faith, not the other way around. It became clear he was very special from a young age for his love of Mary, mother of God and the saints. At the same time he became a computer wizard, he taught himself everything, forming an early 'podcast' focusing on the monstrance with the host and devoted to the presence of God. He did not confine himself to devotion on his own; at a very young age, soon after making his First Holy Communion, he began educating those preparing for the Sacraments. He became a Catechist at the age of twelve. He grew up as a normal teenager, he was never 'holier than thou', played football, always smiling and happy, wearing his red polo shirt. He did begin to have visions, mostly to do with love of the Eucharist and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; he began to formulate online programming; in a sense bringing the idea of the image of Christ away from the usual artistic pictures, but now into the new millennium of social media. He showed a great interest in the lives of the saints; he is said to have prayed to his guardian Angel frequently. His parents were always busy; he had a nanny from Poland who answered a lot of his religious questions; he had a tutor who was Hindu and so impressed by his pupil that he converted. His mother would later say that it was her son's questions that forced her own dormant faith to return. At the time of his death, Carlo was an only child; afterwards his mother gave birth to twins. She attributed their birth as an early miracle from her son.

Carlo was diagnosed with leukaemia on October 1st, 2006 and died on October 12th. He predicted his weight at time of death at 70kg. His final words for his mother were spoken to the nurse with him.. 'Mom, don't be afraid, we don't need to flee from death'...

His funeral was full of strangers who gathered with locals at his home where his body lay, in a blue tracksuit. At his canonization ceremony last September, his twin brothers read the Readings.



Fr. Donal