

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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Ascension of the Lord

10th May : Collection: €1766

Shrines: €325

PARISH NOTICES

Attention All Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

You are all invited to attend the 11.00am Mass on Pentecost Sunday, 24th May for the commissioning of all new and existing Ministers and afterwards to the Crypt for a cuppa and a chat. Fr. Donal & Sarah Coughlan.

Cork Ecumenical Bible Week - Women in the New Testament:

Sunday, 17th May, 7pm *Women in John's Gospel:* Ms. Gillian Kingston (first Lay Leader of the Methodist Church in Ireland) in Our Lady Crowned Church, Mayfield.

Tuesday, 19th May, 10.45am—*Five Women on Five Women from the Acts of the Apostles* in the Church Hall, Sacred Heart Church, Western Road.

Thursday, 21st May, 7pm—*Women in Luke's Gospel:* Rev Dr William Olhausen in St. Lukes Church, Churchyard Lane, Douglas.

All events are free and all are welcome!

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.

Mass Intentions 16thh May to the 23rd May, 2026

Saturday, 16th May - 6.15pm - (1) Flan & Anne Wiley, (2)Triona O'Regan (3)Mary Kiely

Sunday, 17th May - 9.00am - Flor Crowley

11.00am - (1) Noel Dillon (2)tom Halpin & Cindy Jordan

Monday, 18th May - 9.30am - Special Intention

Tuesday, 19th May - 9.30am - Margaret & Mossie

Wednesday, 20th May - 9.30am - Vincente Jose Fortunato

The Ascension of the Lord (Matt. 28:16 – 20)

A New Mission

On the Mount of the Ascension the apostles were told not to be looking up to the skies but to look out to the world as a field of mission (Acts 1:11). *"Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time"*. The mission extends to our time, and so does the promise of God's support. God is not just up there, but God is with us and in us. As Pope Francis put it, each one of us not only has a mission but each one is a mission to bring God's love and compassion to others. *"I have no hands now but yours"* (St. Teresa of Avila).

Jesus promised, *"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you."* Next week we will celebrate Pentecost. See how the power of the Spirit changed the apostles ... from ignorance to belief, from fear to courage, from despondency to joy.

A New Hope

The Ascension opens up the doors of heaven for us. This is beautifully expressed in the Preface for the Feast. *"He ascended, not to distance himself from our lowly state but that we, his members, might be confident of following him where he, our Head and Founder, has gone."*

The renowned scientist, Stephen Hawkins, described human life as "chemical scum on an average-sized planet, orbiting around a very average-sized star, in the outer suburb of one of a million galaxies." Chemical scum! No, thank you! Give me our beautiful, meaningful and hope-filled Christian religion any day. Planets and galaxies suggest a big story. But religion

Trust in the Holy Spirit

At the time of his Ascension, when Jesus told the apostles, *"You will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but to the ends of the earth"*, they must have felt totally perplexed. They were told to gather together in prayer in Jerusalem. Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and other disciples accompanied them to prepare for the coming of the Holy Spirit. And the rest as we say is history. For all of us, this must be a week of intense prayer inviting the Holy Spirit to come and renew the heart of the Church and thereby renew the face of the earth.

Prayer

With Saint Paul we pray. *"May God enlighten the eyes of our minds so that we can see what hope his call holds for us, what rich graces he has promised the saints will inherit, and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers."* (Eph. 1:18)

Fr. Sylvester O'Flynn OFM Cap