

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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5th Sunday of Easter

26th April : Collection: €1731

Shrines: €450

PARISH NOTICES

Cork Choral Festival - Choir Interchange - This weekend we extend a warm welcome the Kamerkoor Furiant Choir from Belgium who will be singing at the 11.00am Mass.

St. Vincent de Paul: Collection **this** weekend, 2nd/3rd May.

Circle of Prayer for Vocations: On Saturday, 9th May at 2.00pm in the Parish Office. All welcome

Mission & Ministry: Annual collection at all Masses next 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.

First Holy Communion: Next **Saturday, 9th May**, the girls from St. Catherine's Primary School will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion at 11.00am in our church here.

Social Gathering: The social gathering will take place as usual in the Parish Room on **Tues. 5th May** from 7 to 9pm. The Faith in Action meeting takes place on Tuesday, May 12th.

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.

Mass Intentions 2nd May to the 9th May, 2026

Sunday, 3rd May - 9.00am - Des McCarthy

11.00am - (1)Edward & Clare Jackson (2)Eileen & Jeremiah Murray

Monday, 4th May - **10.00am** - Frances O'Sullivan

Tuesday, 5th May - 9.30am - Conor Coleman

Wed. 6th May - 9.30am - Liam O'Reilly

Thurs. 7th May - 9.30am - Daniel & Mt. Sheehan & Triona O'Regan

Friday, 8th May - 9.30am - Leah Kennedy

The Way

I remember a number of years ago on my first visit to the Holy Land the guide saying to us that there is doubt about the exact location of most of the places associated with Jesus because the whole area was put to ruins in 73AD. However he looked at the ground we were standing on and said 'you may be sure he walked on this very ground, he made his way on these very stones'.

Walking the way was a familiar sight with Jesus and his followers; they walked everywhere along hills and valleys, along the Galilee way, down to Jerusalem, into Bethany, onto the mountain tops, into the sheepfold. They stopped and rested along the way. Occasionally he himself would go on solo journeys, such as to Jacob's Well when he encounters the woman, or the blind man. This weekend's gospel encounter is actually from before the crucifixion. He tells his disciples three things: do not be afraid, I am going to prepare a place for you, and I will return to take you with me. So, here we have a new Way. And it is Thomas who asks about it...we don't know where you are going, he says.

A hint comes from the good shepherd story... 'I am the gate to the sheepfold'...he points to himself and says...I am the Way....not I know the way, but, I am the bridge and pathway to the final way, union to God, access to the Father. Only when we are united to him can we reach the Father, because he and the Father are one. Jesus is the face of God, the heart of God, the word of God. God is inseparable from Jesus as the Father is inseparable from the Son. "No one can come to the Father except through me".

The truth is Jesus gave us direction but no ready answers; the one he gave to Thomas was to trust him, and Jesus trusts us In today's generation to face the confusion of our own world with the heart and soul of those entering the sheepfold, knowing his voice, trusting its sound, walking his way.

Fr. Donal

