

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 16th August, 2026
20th Sunday Ordinary time

9th August : Collection: €1605
Shrines: €365

PARISH NOTICES

Lourdes Pilgrimage Petitions : The annual Cork and Ross Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from the 18th to the 23rd September, with approximately 450 people travelling from the diocese. If you have a prayer intention you would like remembered in Lourdes, please complete a petition sheet, available in the special envelopes in the church. Your petition will be brought to Lourdes and placed at the Grotto on your behalf.

Please return the completed petitions to the designated box or place in your parish before Sunday, 30th August. For any queries in relation to the Lourdes Pilgrimage, email Lourdes@corkandross.org

Mass Intentions 15th August to the 22nd August, 2026

Saturday, 15th August—6.15pm - (1)Maxine O'Callaghan (2)Dan Horgan
(3)John O'Connell (4) Paddy O'Connor

Sunday, 16th August - 9.00am - (1)Cathal Bredin (2)Mary Susan Curran
11.00am - Helen O'Donoghue

Monday, 17th August - 9.30am - Patrick Stritch

Tuesday, 18th August - 9.30am - Michael & Agnes Walsh

Wednesday, 19th August - 9.30am - Tom Hanley

Thursday, 20th August - 9.30am—Cathal Bredin

Feast of St. Clare: Last Tuesday, August 11th, was the Feast Day of St. Clare. We send our warmest wishes to our Poor Clare Monastery here on College Rd. and to each of the community in celebration.

Letter from America

It is early Tuesday afternoon here and a little muggy, 31 degrees; so better off staying inside. I am just back from a house call, a lady I have known for years who had a stroke recently. We sat in her front porch where she was resting on a swing seat, looking at the dry brush all around us, no grass growing. We are quite near the place of the fires of over eighteen months ago; some people are building again on their own plots. This morning I did one other house call but generally life here has been quiet enough. There are more priests here than there used to be. My only advantage is knowing different generations of people over the years. I no longer make big journeys. Gone are the days when I would head off to Palm Springs or Fresno, or even San Francisco to visit people I know. I had greater use of a car back then and I was much more adventurous. I used to visit the high desert which included a place called Death Valley and some of the ghost towns of the gold rush era. I visited in all eight of the famous Missions that make up the Eighteen Missions of California, stretching from San Diego in the south to San Francisco in the north, a distance of over a thousand miles. Once is enough to visit Universal Studios or Disneyland, or Las Vegas for that matter. It is a good time in life to reflect and be thankful for what we have.

I am thankful for the help I received in our parish from the three priests that agreed to offer Mass and share their ministry with us; as well as our home team who are keeping the summer calm with you all. Grateful too for people's good will both at home and here. There was a lovely gathering last night of people, mainly Hispanic, who honoured me and the other visiting priest with a fiesta of food and music, people I have known for years but I have difficulty conversing because my spoken Spanish is so poor. I can offer Mass in Spanish fine but I am tongue tied when it comes to conversation. They smile away at me.

This weekend sees the Holy Day and the Sunday Masses running in to each other and Fr. Dan is coming on board to help. I will visit the graves of some priests here in a cemetery in East Los Angeles tomorrow, priests who first invited me here. On Friday we will have four hours of Confessions: two in the morning and two in the evening. As always, I keep you in my prayers and Masses and will update you again next week.

Fr. Donal

