

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 27th September 2026,
26th Sunday Ordinary time**

**20th September : Collection: €1891
Shrines: €305**

PARISH NOTICES

Season of Creation 1st Sept—4th Oct.: Our annual Harvest Thanksgiving and Sharing Celebration will take place **today, Sunday, 27th Sept.** Our Thanksgiving Mass will be at 11.00am, followed by the Harvest Sharing in the Crypt. **Faith in Action Group.**

Formation in Faith for Young Adults:

The Diocese of Cork & Ross, in collaboration with UCC Chaplaincy and the Presentation Brothers LEAF Project, is delighted to offer a Formation In Faith programme for young adults (18-35 years). The programme begins on Wednesday, **30th September, 2026** and will run for 9 weeks, from 5.45pm to 8.00pm in Mardyke House, Cork (T12W8RP). Participants can choose between two concurrent pathways:

- Sycamore Formation Series: A video-based programme with guided group discussion on Catholic Formation.
- Foundations in Theology: A lecture based introduction to Catholic theology. Each session begins with food and refreshments, and provide participants with an opportunity to engage in meaningful discussion. To sign-up for more information, email Sheila at youthministry@corkandross.org.

PARISH BULLETIN The Parish Bulletin is available **weekly** on the Parish Website: or can be e-mailed by forwarding your e-mail address to the Parish Office.

Check out our APP and Facebook page for more info about this weeks readings.

Mass Intentions the 26th September, 2026 to the 3rd October , 2026

Sunday, 27th September - 9.00am - Kevin Twomey

11.00am - James Howard

Monday, 28th September - 9.30am - Matt Murphy

Tuesday, 29th September - 9.30am - Clare O'Donoghue

Wednesday, 30th September - 9.30am - Bridget & Jack O'Sullivan & decd.
members of the O'Sullivan family

Thursday, 1st Oct. - 9.30am - Betty & Paul Moore & decd. Members of
Moore family.

Friday, 2nd October - 9.30am - Kevin O'Riordan

Letter from Lourdes

Unbelievably I am writing this at 5.30 in the morning of Wednesday in the lobby of the hotel before we leave for home. By my side is a snack bag to keep us going at this early hour before the airport. My group of 131 people, members of CASA and L'Arche community, arrived here last Friday. We had forgotten Pope Leo is coming here on Saturday night next for an overnight pilgrimage. Lots of places are closed off. There are no Baths, so we had our own Water ceremony. The Prairie is all closed off because that is the venue for the Papal Mass this Sunday. It is a great pity, we miss both of these places. The Prairie was the place we all would gather on our last night here because it was the place Bernadette saw the Lady (as she called her) for the last time. But our real purpose was to be in the company of each other at the Grotto, pray and offer Mass together for ourselves and indeed for all of you here in the parish. We have been coming here since 1980, every year. A handful of us have been coming here ever since.

Many of our group are very sick, their prognosis not good, their encounter with illness has followed many rounds of treatment. You would not know it from talking to them although occasionally you see signs of pain. Over half of us are from Dublin, about a third from Cork, and a smaller group from Longford. We were lucky to get a doctor at the last minute. One man had to be hospitalized for a few days; he returned last night to us just in time to go home. We have eight nurses with us, all of them have been with us before so they know us very well.

We take our own pace, we offer Mass in the hotel conference room, our liturgical team, mostly from Youghal decorate and prepare the sanctuary area each time. The same goes for Penitential Service, part of which takes place outside in the fresh air. Temperatures have been high since we came. Even now, before 6.00am, is quite balmy outside. Our highlight is the Healing Mass which we celebrated yesterday and the Water Ceremony was a lovely moment. In the story of Lourdes, Bernadette was asked by Our Lady to wash her face and hands on what was at first a muddy surface. Many people witnessed her dig in with her hands and laughed at her. But she found a spring, which became the source of Lourdes Water to this day. That is why it is important for us to pour it into our hands, rub it to our face and drink from it.

Greetings and remembrance to you all from here.

Fr. Donal

