

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 11th October 2026,
28th Sunday Ordinary time**

**4th October : Collection: €1826
Shrines: €330**

PARISH NOTICES

Diocesan Needs: The quarterly collection for Diocesan Needs will be taken up at all Masses this weekend, 10th/11th October.

First Friday: Remaining calls will take place this week.

Propagation of Faith: The annual collection will take place at all Masses next weekend, 17th/18th October.

Youth Encounter: I have recently approached a number of our younger people attending Mass, roughly in the 18 onwards age group, to see if we could meet shortly, perhaps just to explore faith and life together, to support each other, and perhaps also to find ways of being involved in our parish life. I have not been able to approach enough people yet, but I am hoping to do so and aim to meet people in late October or early November: nothing heavy, just a chance to build up our lives and our faith. So, I might approach more of you. Let's give it a go !! **Fr. Donal**

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Mass Intentions the 10th October to the 17th October, 2026

Saturday 10th Oct. - 6.15pm - Maree Doherty

Sunday, 11th Oct. - 9.00am - Eithne Casey

11.00am - (1) Rita Lynch (2) Philip & Mary Spillane,

(3) Tim Burton (4) Padraig O'Riordain (5) Mgt. Murphy.

Monday, 12th Oct. - 9.30am - Barry O'Leary

Tues. 13th Oct. - 9.30am - Special Intention

Wed. 14th Oct. - 9.30am - Connie & Tom Haughton

Letter from Retreat

I am writing this on Wednesday, Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, in the company of about sixty of my colleagues in Garryvoe Hotel, our fifth year in succession here. Being by the sea gives us a chance to breathe new life into our lives and our ministry. Fr Richard Hendrick, Provincial Minister of the Irish Capuchins is our guide since Monday evening, and finishing on Friday. There are Confessions this afternoon and tomorrow; as well as two major talks a day on the theme of From Present to Presence: a contemplative path to pastoral and priestly renewal. Fr Richard is a former Chaplain in UCC and has already led many Retreats all over Ireland and beyond.

Today he spoke about a priest colleague whose whole life was about Our Lady and praying the Rosary, who even, when was talking to you was always fingering his beads. As he lay dying and in a deep coma, out of which he never emerged, one of his colleagues put his beads in his hand as they prayed with him. Gradually, they began to see his fingers move through the beads, totally unselfconsciously, one by one. His whole life was prayer, prayer was him; contemplative prayer at its best, without words, without consciousness, without decision: pure inner will. A moment like that defines contemplative prayer, more than anything else. Each day, the Retreat giver brings us into that world. His message is quite simple: if we do not enter into that depth of prayer, we become, as priests empty of the nourishment of priesthood, simply carrying out tasks and worrying about them. If we enter into that world of prayer, we become the prayer itself, from the time we put our feet on the floor in the morning to the night that brings rest. He also spoke about Night Prayer, or Compline as it is known in the monastic world. He reminds us that it is the most ancient form of prayer in the church. It has three necessary elements: thanksgiving, examination of conscience, and commending the night to our sleep and rest. He reminds us that Examination of Conscience is not just about thinking of sins, but an examination of the whole day, the fullness of our activity, of good and blessed things as well; all of which we can bring for thanksgiving.

I carry with me here all your intentions into our prayer and our Mass, in thanksgiving for you and in hope for your good health and fulfilment in life.

See you at the weekend,

Fr . Donal

