

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 4th October 2026,
27th Sunday Ordinary time**

**27th September : Collection: €1676
Shrines: €435**

Priests Retreat next week - Monday 5th October to Friday, 9th October.

Most parishes will not have daily Mass next week during the Retreat. However our Family of Parishes will. It will not be possible to cover all the days. There will be Mass on Monday, Tuesday and Friday. **There will be no Mass on Wednesday and Thursday.** Apparently normal Mass times will be fulfilled in the other three parishes. People who normally attend are still encouraged to attend morning prayer and rosary. If there is any change, we will give daily update.

PARISH NOTICES

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

First Friday: Some calls have been fulfilled already this week; the rest will take place the week beginning October 11th.

Circle of Prayer for Vocations: Next meeting in the Parish Office on Saturday, 10th October at 2.00pm.

Mater Dei Academy Open Evening: On Thursday, 8th October at 7.00pm. Prospective parents and students are most welcome. Mater Dei Academy is an independent Catholic secondary school for boys and girls located in Shandon, Cork. Register at www.materdeiacademy.ie or by calling (021)2021229.

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

Mass Intentions the 3rd October to the 10th October, 2026

Saturday 3rd October - 6.15pm - (1)Michael Kennedy (2) Timothy Murphy

Sunday, 4th October - 11.00am - Elsie, Tom & Barbara Harris

Monday, 5th October - 9.30am - Elsie Harris

Tuesday, 6th October - 9.30am - Valerie Fitzgerald

Community of Care

Recently I offered Mass marking the opening of the year with Mount Mercy School. Their theme was Community of Care. This resonated with me because, as a result of my visit to Lourdes and incapacity afterwards, I found a community of care in this parish. I had arranged everything for the pilgrimage but the COVID left me a bit helpless, particularly as it was not clear what was the cause of my illness. A local parishioner brought me to Southdoc and stayed with me for two hours, and a combination of help, both at Southdoc and CUH restored my health. I cannot thank them all enough. When you consider that another community of care ensured that there were priests to offer Mass and baptise children over the next few days, that is a lot to be thankful for. Next week there will be another need for help during the Priests Retreat, I am hopeful of at least partial cover.

The Readings of this weekend are, sadly, about people who are less caring. The reference to 'sour grapes' gives you an idea. The Song of the Vineyard was full of hope and excitement but when those sour grapes appeared, the garden was turned into a wasteland. All seemed lost. The vineyard of the gospel is full of sour people, eager to grab and destroy what they can in pursuit of their own desires. Interestingly, in light of present turmoil, 'the stone which the builders rejected' appears to be the gentile, the outsider, to whom the land should now be turned over. Ultimately it seems there is a 'good' saving force; the patience of God, the ultimate vineyard owner. When his servants are killed he keeps sending more and more, until his own son.

It is that gift of patience that emerges from many of the parables; the idea of waiting and seeing, even you might expect swift action. Too many of our own decisions have often been made in a hurry, in the heat of the moment. Sometimes it takes years of patience to reach a moment of truth and lasting contentment, out of which we can show true community of care.

Next week I hope to give a Message from the Retreat.

Fr Donal



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