

# Ballineaspig Parish Bulletin



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## MASS TIMES

### Sunday

9.00, 10.30, 12.15

Saturday Vigil 6.15pm

### Weekdays

9.30am

### Eve of Holydays

7.30pm

### Holydays

9.00, 10.30 &

7.30pm

## Well done, good and faithful servants!



Infant Jesus Sisters

Ireland + England

In 1991 the Sisters of the Infant Jesus, often known as the “Drishane Sisters”, opened St. Joseph’s Convent on Model Farm Road. Over the years the house served as a nursing home and place of rest-care for Infant Jesus Sisters, many of whom had worked in ministry abroad.

Sisters home on leave also found a warm welcome there and a place in which to rest and regain their strength.

On the sad occasion of the closure of the convent at the end of August we wish to pay a warm tribute to the sisters and thank them for their enormous contribution, both to the world-wide Church and to Ballineaspig parish in particular. They were a beacon of prayer in our midst and a model of compassion, care, and discipleship. In addition to their care of the elderly sisters, they were quietly involved in so many aspects of parish life, for example, the choir, coffee mornings for charity, and parish events such as the Lenten Talks and the Christmas gifts for children in direct provision. A particular hallmark of their ministry among us was to do good in such a gentle and almost self-effacing way, but with great insight, energy, and good humour.

In the thirty-year history of St. Joseph’s, the residents included sisters from all corners of Ireland, who had ministered in far-flung missions on several continents, from Australia to England, from Malaysia to Cameroon, from Japan to USA, from Singapore to South America. Many lived well into their 90s and even 100s, having dedicated seventy or eighty years of their lives to God and God’s people. The cumulative years of service given by all those who have lived in St. Joseph’s run into many thousands. A remarkable legacy.

As Sr Mairéad, Sr Gertie and Sr Clare head to pastures new they carry with them the gratitude and prayers of the parish. May the Infant Jesus guide them on their way.

*Faith in Action Group*

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