

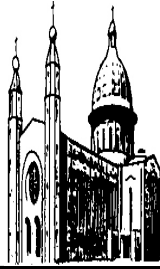
Ballineaspaig Parish Bulletin

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Saturday Vigil: 6.15pm : **Sunday:** 9.00am & 11.00am **Weekdays:** Mon- Fri. 9.30

Saturdays: 10.00am **Holydays:** As Announced

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Collection: €1761

11th Sunday Ordinary Time

Offertory: Shrines: €665

Peter's Pence Collection

Annual collection at all Masses **next weekend, 22nd & 23rd June, 2024**

Weekend of Reflection Sacred Heart Parish, Western Road, Cork

On **Saturday, 22nd June, 2024 from 9.30am to 12.30pm** in the Parish Hall.

Celebrating the Sunday Mass - Workshop hosted by Lorraine Buckley, Faith Development Co-Ordinator.

"Day for Life"

A dedicated day celebrating the beauty and dignity of all human life "Day for Life" Sunday is celebrated annually with a special message by the Catholic Church across Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. It is a day specifically dedicated to raising awareness and reflecting on the deep value and meaning of human life at every stage, and in every condition. On today Sunday 16th June, the Church will mark "Day for Life" 2024 with a message on the theme: The Lord is my shepherd - Compassion and Hope at the End of Life. This year's message reminds us that Jesus did not send the sick away, rather He showed that life always has dignity and that there is no such a thing as a useless life. Catholics are called to defend this gift of life to its natural end and to protect vulnerable citizens from a culture that could pressure them into assisted suicide. In this way, we are encouraged to support people with the companionship of a listening ear, appropriate treatment, and the best of care, so that their last days can be times of grace, intimacy and love.

The Day for Life message is available on <https://councilforlife.ie/day-for-life-2024>.

Check the Parish App above for the Prophet Ezekiel.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK 15th June, 2024 to the 22nd June, 2024

Saturday, 15th June - 6.15pm - (1)Kathleen Gleeson (2)Marie Keane

Monday 17th June - 9.30am - Special Intention

Tuesday, 18th June - 9.30am - Diarmuid Cronin

Wednesday, 19th June - 9.30am - Robert O'Sullivan

Friday, 21st June - 9.30am - Michael & Margaret Waldron

11th Sunday, Year B

16th June, 2024

Mark 4: 26-34

SOWING A SEED

The voting is over. The die is cast. When personal prejudice and party loyalty are left aside, a nagging doubt may remain whether a handful of Irish MEP's can make any real difference in our everyday lives. The cynical and the apathetic think that they cannot and so did not bother to vote. Such an attitude is at variance with this Sunday's Gospel where Jesus teaches that even the smallest seed of goodness has the potential to germinate into a source of shelter for the homeless and of food for the hungry. This growth is often unnoticed and unsuspected, but the harvest always comes, no matter how slowly. So, the contribution of each MEP will influence the thrust of E.U. policy in years ahead.

It is always easy to see another's responsibility. Our responsibility is basically the same. It is to be always creating opportunities to sow seeds of goodness, of forgiveness, of courage, of affirmation, of generosity, of hope and of joy.

This weekend we are invited to focus on nurturing an appreciation of the gift of human life and protecting it from the womb to the tomb. Maybe, the seed to sow could be a word of empathy with the burdened, or a word of concern about lifestyle with a family member. These seeds will bear fruit in time and in eternity. The only failure is to hoard the seeds. Seize the day's opportunities.

May the Holy Spirit guide each of us, fill us with courage and hope.

Fr. Tom Clancy.



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