

## **Ballineaspig Parish Bulletin**

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### **Mass Times:**

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

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

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**21st Sunday Ordinary Time**

**Offertory:** €2028

**Shrines:** €365 **Holy Day:** €640

### **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK 24th August, to the 31st August, 2024**

**Saturday, 24th August - 6.15pm - Eddie Kenny**

**Sunday, 25th August - 11.00am - (1) Anne Jones Ryan (2) Elizabeth Moloney**

**Monday, 26th August - 9.30am - Dan Horgan**

**Tuesday, 27th August - 9.30am - Donal McCarthy**

**Wednesday, 28th August - 9.30am - Maeve & Matt Murphy**

**Friday, 30th August - 9.30am - Michael Walsh**

### **Mission Awareness Programme: Weekend 31st August/1st September**

Next weekend, 31st August/1st September, Fr. Brendan Carr from The Spiritans, Kimmage Manor, Dublin will visit our Parish and will officiate at the Saturday Vigil Mass at 6.15pm and the Sunday Masses 9.00am and 11.00am.

Envelopes will be available at all Masses if you wish to make a contribution to the Mission programme.

Check the Parish App above for "The Book of Joshua"

## **Letter from America**

Occasionally you will meet people who will so remind you of Christ-like qualities; that there is something in their whole approach to life that will astound you. Such a man I met last Sunday here after one of the Masses. I had encountered him over the years but we had never really spoken. He would give me things that might be in his pocket: a packet of chewing gum, a pair of sunglasses, a Metro line schedule. It was as if he was emptying his pockets and I never took much notice. This Sunday we were sitting outside in the heat drinking coffee and I heard a little of his story. He is a retired neurologist surgeon, who left his native South Korea at 15. He had his ups and downs in life, a failed marriage, health issues that caused him to retire early. Now he lives an austere, simple life, takes the bus or Metro everywhere (although public transport here is not great) and literally gives away what he has. I just think to myself that 'he is not far from the kingdom of God'. It proves to me over and over again that very often it is people who help priests to meet God, rather than priests bringing people. And we priests are fortunate to meet such people who will remind us of Christ, now that we reach the heart of Christ, his body and blood in this weekend's Gospel.

I am writing this on Tuesday, Feast of St Bernard of Clairvaux. It was Cemetery Day for me. Every year I visit three graves in Calvary Cemetery in Los Angeles: Monsignor James Hourihan of Longbridge, Dunmanway (my home town); Monsignor Tobias (Toby) English of Templebraden, Co. Tipperary, and Cardinal Timothy Manning, Archbishop of Los Angeles in the 70's and 80's, a native of Ballingearry. A parishioner from here travels with me. We leave a few flowers and say a few prayers. All three of these are part of the reason I still make the visit here and who inspired me as a priest. Gone are the days here now of priests coming from Ireland; we hardly have any of our own now. But these three brought colour and light to the church of Los Angeles from the 1930s onwards. This afternoon I travelled to Mountain View Cemetery on the anniversary of Rudy Haggins, who died on this day in 1996 and whose funeral I presided at, with his wife, Pearl who visited me twice in Ireland and their grandson Christopher whose birthday I often celebrated when I came here over the 44 years I have been coming here. Because of layout in cemeteries here: there are no kerbs whatsoever and very few headstones; you will often find people picnicking near their family graves with umbrellas for shade, with balloons or flowers especially on birthdays of their dead.

I send greetings to you from here and welcome to Bishop Noel again this weekend, who, together with Father Tom and the help of Father Dan on Wednesdays, continue the Dennehy's Cross ministry. Much thanks to the Home Team who keep the show on the road.

Until next week.

**Fr. Donal**



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