

Ballineaspaig 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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26th Sunday Ordinary Time

Offertory: 22/9/20 - €1714

Shrines: 22/9/24 - €460

Priesthood Education: €1310

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK - 28th September to the 5th October, 2024

Saturday, 28th Sept. - 6.15pm - Katie, John and Paddy Connolly

Sunday, 29th Sept. - 9.00am - Dermot Mulcahy
11.00am - (1)Edward & Claire Jackson (2) James Howard

Tuesday, 1st Oct. - 9.30am - Special Intention

Wednesday, 2nd Oct. - 9.30am - Valerie Fitzgerald.

Thursday, 3rd Oct. - 9.30am - Kevin O'Riordan

Friday, 4th Oct. - 9.30am - Elsie Harris

St. Vincent de Paul: Monthly collection next weekend - 5th/6th October.

Alpha Experience: come and join fellow seekers to partake in discussion exploring the meaning of life for 10 consecutive Sundays commencing **6th Oct** at 7pm in the Sacred Heart Hall.

Workshop on Liturgy: Saturday 28th Sept. from 9.30am to 12.30pm in the Sacred Heart Hall given by Lorraine Buckley, Faith Development Co-Ordinator.

Cork Scripture Group: In conjunction with the Office for Mission & Ministry are offering two workshops. No previous knowledge or experience required. The workshop will give practical experience of running a session and provide resources that can be used in your Parish. Sacred Heart Hall Oct. 5th - 10am to 1.00pm.

Letter from Lourdes

Early days yet, but so far, so good. Like most pilgrimages, there were delays. Our Dublin colleagues were expecting an 8.00am flight yesterday, Wednesday. They reached Lourdes at 3.30pm, having been at Dublin airport at 5.00am. An electric wheelchair gave the baggage handlers trouble. We ourselves were an hour late boarding in Cork but it takes just under another hour to load our wheelchair pilgrims to be seated. Thankfully our fellow travellers from the Carmelites in Kinsale were patient with us and pleasant company.

Today, Thursday was our first full day; 130 of us members of CASA, the Caring and Sharing Association, dedicated to companionship between disabled and able bodied. We were founded in 1982 and I joined early enough the following year. It is a very special group from various parts of Dublin, Longford, Cork City and Youghal. We hold regular socials and visit Lourdes every year. Our companions this year included members of the L'Arche community, which has a similar message to ours. We find common cause in relating to different disabilities and illnesses.

Our first morning talk from some of our leaders is about the idea of a pilgrimage, the message of Our Lady to come in procession, the tiny figure of the little girl Bernadette inviting us here, the spring of water that she was asked to bathe in, and our invitation to bathe and drink from it. "the grotto is my home", the little girl said,. The grotto was the place she heard the sound of the gentle breeze and looked up, thus beginning the first of eighteen apparitions. Mass was offered in the hotel conference room this afternoon; we find it occasionally easier when we have so many in wheelchairs. We led the Torchlight procession in the light rain tonight and completed the day with Night Prayer.

I send warmest wishes and prayers for my parishioners back home, remember especially those who had planned to come here but were advised not to, pray for the O' Leary and Birmingham families in their loss, and invoke Our Lady and St Bernadette to you in all your own thoughts.

So much thanks to Fr Tom, Fr. Dan, and the Home Team.
Home on Monday night, see you all soon.

Fr. Donal



Welcome Back ! **Dennehy's Cross Active Retirement Group** will return next **Thurs. 26th September** from 10.00am to 12 noon in the Crypt. Hope to see you there !!!

Harvest Thanksgiving Celebration and sharing, Sunday 22nd September.

Thanks to all who participated in the Harvest Thanksgiving Mass and the Bring and Buy sharing afterwards. Many of you brought, or bought, home-made, home grown or locally sourced vegetables, fruits, plants, jams, chutneys, cakes and breads and there was a great buzz in the Crypt as everyone chatted over a cup of Fairtrade tea or coffee. Thanks to your amazing generosity, a total of €1,210 was donated. This has been lodged to our Turkwel account. Thank you. **Faith in Action Group.**

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