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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Shrines: €385

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK - 7th September to the 14th September, 2024

Saturday, 7th September - 6.15pm - Eileen, Denis & Tony O'Leary

Sunday, 8th September - 11.00am - (1) Finbarr Ahern (2) Cormac Shinnick

Monday, 9th September - 9.30am - John & Charlotte Murphy

Tuesday, 10th September - 9.30am - Tom Roche

Wednesday, 11th September - 9.30am - Special Intention

Consoling and Being Consoled: A Journey of Hope & Renewal for Funeral Ministry Teams:

The office for Mission and Ministry is offering an opportunity to gather for new and existing Funeral Ministry Teams on **Wednesday**, **11th September** in the Visitors Centre of the Cathedral of St. Mary & St. Anne (the North Cathedral) from **7.30pm to 9.00pm**. The guest speaker is Rev. Bruce pierce who has written and spoken extensively on caring for the carer and on loss, death, dying and bereavement. Please register your interest if you wish to attend as we will be providing light hospitality: https://corkandross.org/mission-and-ministry/consoling-and-being-consoled.

Check the Parish App above for "The Prophet Isaiah"

Letter from America

Today, Monday September 2nd, is Labour Day here. It is a public holiday, celebrates the sanctifying of work, and marks the official end of Summer. This does not mean the end of high temperatures, they are due to skyrocket this week, but rather the return to school and work after the vacation season.

We had a special Mass this morning which was a little unusual: the Opening Hymn was the National Anthem and Offertory was "My country 'tis of Thee" which is set to the music of the UK National Anthem. It was my first time moving in procession during a national anthem and my first time hearing it in church. I have never heard Amhrán na bhFiann sung in any church; probably not suited for it anyway. It was time to say goodbye for now and maybe see them again next year; we can never be sure. I find myself visiting more and more cemeteries remembering people I used to know here. Yesterday was the turn of Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills to visit the grave of a friend; one of his last pictures on Facebook was of a visit to the church here. I leave early tomorrow (Tuesday) morning.

It has been a good season for figs this year, really delicious, but not so good for oranges and tomato growth which were hit by a disease. I had never seen a fig tree before; Jesus often used the fig tree as a message for penance and patience.

Our own schools in Dennehy's Cross are back and there's a Coffee morning this Saturday for the Colaiste Spioraid Naoimh students who are travelling as helpers with the Cork and Ross pilgrimage to Lourdes later this month. I will be going on the flight they return, with the group CASA, on September 25th. I hope to visit St Catherine's on Monday, 9th to meet the new pupils and speak to the new sixth class. In early October the Mount Mercy students will celebrate their Opening of the Year Mass soon after Mercy Day. So it looks like a busy Autumn.

While I've been away, our Sacristan John has been arranging to have two doors installed in my house: my front door stained glass is falling apart and the yard door is rotting away. We welcome back, today, I think, our Bridge Club in the Crypt, and wish them a happy season. Our Finance committee meets shortly; their term of office is coming to an end and we are so grateful to John and Liam for their expertise and service; they will be difficult to replace. Eamonn will shortly step away from service as our Parish Council Chair, one or two others

will also step away; all have been an outstanding support. We are hopeful of new people to begin a new term.

I am so grateful to our Home Team for their diligence in every way. I look forward to seeing you all this weekend.

Fr. Donal

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