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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28th Sunday Ordinary Time

Offertory: 6/10/24 - €1671

Shrines: 6/10/24 - €316

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK - 12th October to the 19th October, 2024

Saturday, 12th Oct. - 6.15pm - (1) Harry O'Brien (2) Philip & Mary Spillane

Sunday, 13th Oct. - 11.00am - (1)Tim Burton (2) Special Intention

Monday, 14th Oct. - 9.30am - Renee & Jim Twohig

Tuesday, 15th Oct. - 9.30am - Kevin Twomey
Thursday, 17th Oct. - 9.30am - Jane O'Higgins
Friday, 18th Oct. - 9.30am - Special Intention

Active Retirement Group:

Our presentation to Dianne from Marymount of €1130 from our recent coffee

Morning.



Letter from Retreat

We arrived, 58 of us priests, in Garryvoe late afternoon on Sunday and will finish early afternoon on Thursday. Our Retreat Master is the Abbot of Bolton Abbey in Moone, Co Kildare, a Cistercian Monastery. He is Canadian, born in Newfoundland and who spent over 20 years as a priest in Canada but became a monk and heads the Abbey here in Ireland. He was asked to give us our Retreat as far back as last Christmas and he has been praying for us without ever seeing us. Now he told us he can put faces to the people he has been praying for. He is a very thoughtful man, telling us to believe we are in the now, the present moment, not to be living or regretting the past, not to be worried about numbers of people at Mass or priests to serve them, but to live and rejoice if we are in the Lord. Our greatest privilege is to offer Mass, to remember the words of the preface "in you we live and move and have our being", and to remind ourselves that our vocation as a priest was not from years ago when we began; it is in every morning that we wake up; it did not happen just once upon a time; it is in every single day.

This Tuesday afternoon, his talk was on Prayer. It's not the first time I have heard talks on this subject. But this gelled with me. I came away from Dennehy's Cross last Sunday aware that many of our parish team were unwell; both in the Sacristy and in our Funeral team. A number of our parishioners are facing serious illness or are recovering slowly. So, I was carrying these in my thoughts. Today's talk was about praying for others. Dom Michael has often from God been asked to pray for people and he says it is not a burden but a privilege to be asked. When you pray for someone, you are carrying that person in the depths of your heart. If you feel the burden is too great, if you are very upset about someone you are praying for, in his case it was about a failed suicide attempt by a girl who was severely burnt, remember you are only touching the pain; the burden is with God; leave it with him. He reminded us of the men carrying their stricken friend in a stretcher to Jesus: it was when he looked into their eyes, not at the man, that he began to cure.

We are reminded in the weekend's Second Reading that we cannot hide from God; he can judge our most secret thoughts; let us ourselves leave our inmost thoughts to him, for healing and mercy and acceptance. See you this weekend.

Fr. Donal

The Quarterly Diocesan collection will take place this weekend, 12th/13th October, 2024. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Annual collection for the Propagation of the Faith will be taken up at all Masses next weekend 19th/20th October.

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

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