

Ballineaspig 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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3rd Sunday of Advent

(Gaudete)

Offertory: 08/12/24 - €2261

Shrines: 08/12/24 - €310

Holyday: 09/12/24 - €350

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK - 14th December to the 21st December.

Saturday, 14th Dec. - 6.15pm - (1) Tony & Sean Herrick (2) Alison Murphy

(3) Siobhan Dunne & Matt and Joan Dunne

Sunday, 15th Dec. - 9.00am - Niall Murphy

- 11.00am— (1) Mary Kenneally (2) Molly Crowley

(3) Michael Costello

Monday, 16th Dec. - 9.30am - Andy Kelleher

Tuesday, 17th Dec - 9.30am - (1) Sheila Barry (2) The Holland Family

Wednesday, 18th Dec - 9.30am - (1) Jane Geary

(2) Organisers of Active Retirement Group

Thursday, 19th Dec - 9.30am - Michael Clifford

Friday, 20th Dec - 9.30am - Rory Doyle & Jerome Crowley

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Happy People

The late Bishop Murphy suffered from cancer for more than a year before he died. In a radio interview, not long before he passed away he was asked what he wished for the people of Cork and Ross, what was his hope for them, a kind of final message. His answer was simply that we would be a happy people, a message echoed all this weekend in the Readings for Laetare (Rejoicing) Sunday. The writer of the Second Reading, Paul says "what I want is your happiness". Now Paul was saying these words in a Letter written while he was in chains in prison in Rome. He radiated happiness even during his own darkness. How many people that we know do the very same? Keeping the bright side out while going through treatment, getting on with it, smiling while hiding a pain of some sort, putting on a brave face. We see smiling faces of starving children playing in mud. For many this is in their nature; they are not putting on anything, not posing; their way of life is one thing; their hearts are something different. And of course we equally see successful people looking miserable; the face and personality betray a different feeling.

This weekend's Gospel brings the face and personality of one whose voice we heard last week. Four voices were encouraging us to change our ways and fill our hearts with hope. The fourth voice was in the wilderness, a man called John, not usually associated with a sunny disposition. This man had an extraordinary effect on people. Word goes around that he might be the Christ himself. In this Gospel he is light hearted and, almost, happy. He answers questions directly; he lifts those listening to him with encouraging and light hearted words. Yet he had fearful enemies, because they were afraid of him; powerful people with evil minds will always be afraid of the truth. Eventually they will kill him; they will kill Paul too. Why do they speak of happiness? Is it a pose just to get people to follow you? But they never wanted people to follow them; they were not the light themselves, only the voice to 'speak for the light'. They believed that God was very near them, they kept repeating that. The joy of God's closeness was a power that carried them through times of horror.

May that joy be with all our people who are enduring any kind of pain or anxiety. Happiness rarely has anything to do with success, except for a short time. It has its true foundation in the hearts of people who know they are loved.

Fr Donal



PENITENTIAL SERVICE - Sunday, 22nd December at 5.00pm.

You are very welcome to next Sunday's Penitential Service in preparation for Christmas. This year it will be held in the Sacred Heart Church, Western road. All the Priests of the four Parishes will be there and we look forward to seeing you.

PARISH NOTICES

Weekly collection Envelopes: PLEASE collect your box, as soon as possible, so that they can be used for the first week in January, 2025. If you no longer wish to partake in the scheme, PLEASE advise the Parish Secretary or Sacristan so that a box will no longer be ordered for you.

Check the Parish App above for "The Prophet Zephaniah"