

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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2nd Sunday of Advent

Offertory: 01/12/24 - €2071

Shrines: 01/12/24 - €455

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK - 7th December to the 14th December.

Saturday, 7th Dec. - 6.15pm - (1) Ann Studdert Gowing (2) Denis & Derek Kiely

Sunday, 8th Dec. - 9.00am - Jim Irwin
- 11.00am— (1) Stephen O'Shaughnessy
(2) Hannah & Dan Jones

Monday, 9th Dec. - 9.30am - Bernadette O'Loughlin
11.00am - Pat Barrett

Tuesday, 10th Dec - 9.30am - Special Intention

Wednesday, 11th Dec - 9.30am - Gerry Newman

Thursday, 12th Dec - 9.30am - Tadhg Sugrue

Friday, 13th Dec - 9.30am - Special Intention

Check the Parish App above for "The Prophet Baruch"

N.B. ALTAR SERVERS GATHERING:

Altar Servers gathering due to take place on today Sunday, 8th December has been re-scheduled to take place on **Saturday, 25th January, 2025**. We will be in touch with further details in due course. Lorraine Buckley, Faith Development Officer.

Changing Times

I was saddened to hear that Mount Melleray, the Cistercian Monastery, has come to the end of its time. Many of us have visited there over the years. I remember they worked a farm, made their own bread and were a welcoming community. Many a hill walker, scout group or searching soul, found hospitality there. It reminds me also of the loss of Ennismore, the Dominican Retreat House here in Cork which closed its doors the last day of 2022. They were a very fine community exploring the Scriptures with us and were very helpful to me in my previous parish. When places like that close we are also witnessing the darkening of the light they shone. Ennismore was very strong on the power of Meditation as a means of being spiritually present in the silence and the stillness, a practice now imitated in the secular world by mindfulness. The new community to be formed out of Mount Melleray will be known as Our Lady of Silence.

For centuries before the birth of Christ the Jewish people lived with silence. No prophet, no message, no encouragement, had emerged for years. The atmosphere in the Holy Land was very clearly described by Father Tom in last week's Bulletin. This weekend, however, the silence is broken, four voices can be heard encouraging people not to give up, to imagine a good future, to throw away sorrow and distress. In particular the Psalm brings out the lovely images of a people returning from exile bringing a harvest of joy. Although they repeat last weeks dreary messages to change our ways, this time it is loving and encouraging, good things will come of it. "I am confident", Paul says, "that the one who began the good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus".

May these words encourage all who must change, including our own diocese indeed, in the circumstances of life.



Fr. Donal

Feast of the Immaculate Conception:

As Sunday 8th December is the Second Sunday of Advent, the Solemnity has been moved to Monday, 9th December. Masses on the Monday are at **9.30am and 11.00am**.

PARISH NOTICES

Autumn Dues: Dues envelopes are available at all the church doors. Contributions can be handed into the Parish Office, the Sacristy, either of the Priests houses or with the Sunday collection.

Weekly collection Envelopes: The 2025 weekly collection envelopes are now available for collection from the Sacristy before and after all the daily and weekend Masses. **PLEASE** collect your box, as soon as possible, so that they can be used for the first week in January, 2025 (knowing your box number would be of great help to the distributors). 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.

Christmas Shopping—You have the power to make a difference, one purchase at a time. Please make a difference this Christmas by choosing sustainable gifts that support local producers or Fairtrade products that support farmers and their families. Click on this link to see a wide range of Fairtrade options: <https://www.fairtrade.ie/fairtrade-products/> **Faith in Action Group**.