

## 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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**Presentation of the Lord**

**Offertory**: 26/01/25 - €1746

**Shrines**: 26/01/25 - €250

### PARISH NOTICES

St. Blaise - Monday 3rd February - Blessing of throats before and after the 9.30am Mass.

First Friday - 7th February - Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 10am to 11am.

Drop-in-Centre: Follow up meeting in Sacred Heart Hall on Sunday, 9th Feb at 3pm to explore the setting up of a "Drop-in" Centre for homeless people in Cork City.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes: with the Sacred Heart Missionaries from the 25th to 30th May, 2025. More details phone Mary (021)4546691.

## FAIR BRUARY 2025

This year, Fairtrade Fortnight is changing to a whole month event, to be known as **Fairbruary**. To celebrate Fairbruary 2025, you are invited for free Fairtrade refreshments in the Crypt after 11.00 Mass on Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> February. All welcome!

Meanwhile, check out our Fairtrade display beside the Sacred Heart altar to see examples of locally sourced Fairtrade products. To help us compile a fully comprehensive list of what is available in Cork shops, please let us know what Fairtrade products you buy, and where, by email to [faithinactionballineaspig@gmail.com](mailto:faithinactionballineaspig@gmail.com), or by text to 087 6492554. **Faith in Action**

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK - 1st February to the 8th February, 2025

**Saturday, 1st February** - 6.15pm - (1)Ollie Moloney (2)Mary Kiely

**Sunday, 2nd February** - 9.00am - Judy Dillon

11.00am - (1) Mary Hall, (2)Mary O'Driscoll (3)Owen Buckley

**Monday, 3rd February** - 9.30am - Denis Murphy

**Tuesday, 4th February** - 9.30am - Special Intention

**Thursday, 6th February** - 9.30am - Pat, Christina & Frances Haran

## Candle light

This Sunday, February 2nd marks 40 days since Christmas. The figure 40 represents a time of preparation and transition; 40 years in the Book of Exodus marked the Exile and represents the change from slavery to freedom, Moses spent 40 days on Mount Horeb before emerging with the Ten Commandments, Jesus himself spent 40 days in the wilderness being tempted. These 40 days have passed since the birth of the Child Messiah and now is the time to present him to God in the temple. In many European countries, the cribs or Nativity scenes are only taken down now. If you visit Italy, Germany, Spain or Poland, the churches and individual homes would still display the Saviour's birth until now; even with all the trees and lights already removed. This weekend we celebrate the recognition of the Messiah child as the light of the world by two elderly holy people in the temple who had waited for this day. They can leave the world now; they have seen the light. The candles (originally this day was called Candlemas) represent Jesus as the light of the world and our own baptism as carriers of that light. The candles we bless are for our homes into which this light is now brought. In our own Baptism we are like the child Messiah this weekend, presented to the Lord. One more celebration marks this weekend: Day of Celebration for all who live a Consecrated Life. Thus we acknowledge the Sisters of Mercy and the Poor Clare Sisters in this parish, as well as those who, individually or in community, consecrate their lives to God. Let us light a candle this weekend for all these people, for people in our lives that need help, healing and encouragement, for ourselves as we navigate the road of life for the procession of sorrow and loss in the troubled places of our country and our world.

**Fr. Donal**



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