

# Ballineaspig Parish Bulletin



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## MASS TIMES

### Sunday

9.00, 10.30, 12.15

Saturday Vigil 6.15pm

### Weekdays

9.30am

### Eve of Holydays

7.30pm

### Holydays

9.00, 10.30 &

7.30pm

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## God's Word

Readings for Sunday

22nd March, 2020

First Reading:

1 Sm 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

Psalm: 22

Second Reading:

1 Eph 5: 8-14

Gospel:

Jn 9: 1-41

## PARISH BULLETIN

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## SPIRIT and LIFE

Among the many very important guidelines given to help stop the advance of COVID-19, is one from the Bishops asking vulnerable people to stay away from Church while the crisis lasts. We sympathise with and pray for those so deprived and suggest that the words Jesus speaks to the Samaritan woman in this Sunday's Gospel may be a help to them and a challenge to all of us:



*"True worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth; that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants".*

Jesus was reassuring this woman that even though she did not worship in the Jewish Temple in Jerusalem, her sincere prayer would always be equally pleasing to God who is Spirit. So, all of us can be united in prayerful worship no matter where we are.

The woman's meeting with Jesus seems almost casual. She came to draw water in the mid-day heat, hoping to avoid meeting anyone. He had been ostracised by the self-righteous neighbours who disdained her lifestyle, seven husbands. But remember that in the culture of the time, it was only men who could divorce their spouses. She was amazed at being spoken to by a man and he a thirsty Jew. She was on the defensive immediately and quibbled at giving him the drink of water that he needed so badly and would cost her so little.

But this brief initial contact with Jesus changed her heart almost immediately. His respectful non-judgemental attitude awakened within her new hope, a new realisation of who she was, a healing moment in her life. Jesus led her to a new awareness of who God really is and to a glimpse of who Jesus himself really is.

He wants to do the same for each of us, not only in the Eucharist but in the circumstances of everyday living.

Fr. Tom

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## PARISH NOTICES - 15/03/2020

### 3rd Sunday of Lent

### Bulletin no: 1434

#### Lenten Talks:

The talks have been cancelled due to the Coronavirus.

#### Active Retirement Group:

Meetings postponed until further notice.

**AS ADVISED THERE  
WILL BE NO SUNDAY  
MASSES FOR THE  
IMMEDIATE FUTURE  
AND THAT INCLUDES  
ST. PATRICK'S DAY.**