

# Ballineaspig Parish Bulletin

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## GOD'S WORD

Readings for Sunday

1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Acts 8: 5-8. 14-17

Psalm

Psalm 65: 1-7. 16-20

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

1Peter 3: 15-18

Gospel

John 14:15-21



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## Re-opening of Churches for Personal Prayer.

Bishop Fintan has contacted us with the following message:

"We all remain very aware of and compliant with Government advice and HSE guidance in regard to Covid-19 - which may change at short notice. With this in mind, from Monday, May 18th, Churches in the Diocese of Cork and Ross will be opened for **personal prayer only**. This forms part of a phased plan towards being able to celebrate the Sacraments with a congregation at a later date."

With this in mind, our Church will be opened every day from **8.00am to 12 noon**.

## When to Unlock?

It is a question that evokes deep emotions of anxiety and hope. The decisions made now about the phased unlocking of our society will have enormous consequences for decades to come. It is reassuring that the scientific community worldwide is being given the necessary resources to develop cures and vaccines to keep us all safe. In the interim, we are fortunate in the integrity and competence of our leadership in the struggle to contain the pandemic. We are truly blessed by the courageous dedication of all involved in our healthcare at this time. Thank you one and all. You reassure us at this traumatic time.

There is another reassurance in this Sunday's gospel. It is the Lord's promise that He will send us an Advocate to guide us, one who will always give us true wisdom. Wisdom is the gift of knowing what is good and what is really best in all our lives.

We live at a time when opinion is king. Each of us has an opinion to which we attach undue importance and authority. Opinion is fickle and is an unreliable guide for the major decisions in life. Jesus' promise of the Spirit of truth is reassuring but we need to be open to allow Him to mould our hearts and our minds in an attitude of respect for God's plan for His Creation. The gift of wisdom is precious beyond measure. We need to recognise it coming to us through loving relationships with one another and with God. It may be undermined by pride and self-righteousness but is nurtured by truth in all little things. It brings peace and joy to our lives. Embrace it. It is God's gift. Pray for it for each other and for our leaders.

Fr Tom Clancy

