

Ballineaspaig Parish Bulletin



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PARISH BULLETIN

The Parish Bulletin is available weekly on the Parish Website, or can be emailed by forwarding your email address to the Parish Office.

For many people, young and old, a stressful aspect of the lockdown is missing their loved ones, missing the physical interaction and the reassuring visits. This is especially significant if one party is sick. True enough, the phone, skype and facetime all help to fill the void. Now weekly zoom time within family groups is becoming more precious than any entertainment. Across all generations, family members are linking up with each other across the world through chats, storytelling, mini videos, quizzes, as well as praying together and other initiatives.

People are experiencing a new presence, a new way of relating, a new way of being conscious of each other. It is a new way of expressing love, a new experience of presence even when physical presence is no longer possible.

GOD'S WORD

Readings for Sunday

First Reading

Acts 1: 1-11

Psalm

Psalm 46: 2-3, 6-9

Second Reading

Eph 1: 17-23

Gospel

Matt 28: 16-20

For the disciples, the days after Easter through to Ascension Day were to be a time when they were initiated into appreciating the richness of presences other than physical presence. It was not an easy time for them. They were accustomed to having Jesus with the group in times of celebration (Cana, Palm Sunday) and in times of trouble (Storm at sea, Gethsemane). He cured their sick and He had challenged the religious and civil establishment and now He was leaving them. From now on the relationship between them would be more intimate and enriching than any physical presence. This was the reassuring promise to them and to us last Sunday and this Sunday. He promises to live within each one of us.



Being truly present to each other by whatever means is precious beyond measure. Such presence is experienced when one is the focus of another's full attention and respect at a particular time. It is a reciprocal experience, given and received. God's gift to us is His constant presence. It demands our focused response which is what we call prayer. Our distracted fickleness is no barrier to our being moulded by His presence. We are made in His image. We just need to offer Him the blank canvas of our hearts and let the Divine Artist weave His works of art, you and me. Be not afraid.

Fr. Tom Clancy

