

Ballineaspig Parish Bulletin



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MASS TIMES

Sunday

9.00, 10.30, 12.15

Saturday Vigil 6.15pm

Weekdays

9.30am

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7.30pm

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9.00, 10.30 &

7.30pm

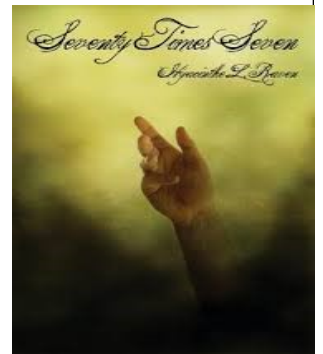


OUR DAILY COMPASS

Over past weeks the swallows gathered along the south coast in preparation for their long flight to warmer climates. The parent birds left first leaving their offspring to find their own way later. These young birds flew high and swooped low to build up their strength for the adventurous journey ahead going through places where they have never been before. On that journey, they are guided unfailingly by an inner instinct which baffles our understanding but which is a gift of God who created them. Without it, they would never reach where their parents have gone before them.

The same God has created us and given us a vibrant compass to guide us through life to the heart of God. God's guaranteed plan for us to reach our fulfilment is that we should love one another as He has loved us. Like the swallows, we can build up our strength, our strength of love by the way we forgive ourselves and forgive others.

In this weekend's Gospel, Peter asks Jesus should he forgive his brother as often as seven times. Jesus points out that there must be no limit to our forgiveness as there are no limits to true love. As well as bringing healing and hope, forgiveness can be difficult, lonely and misunderstood as weakness, but it always brings peace of mind.



Genuine forgiveness is the task of a lifetime. We begin by accepting forgiveness from God, from ourselves and from others for our own failures. Then, building on that foundation, we let go of resentment and reach out again and again in goodwill even in the face of ingratitude and pain. In this way we grow in the likeness of Christ who forgave even those who nailed Him to the cross.

Like the swallows' navigational instinct, forgiveness is sometimes beyond our understanding, but it is God's gift, invitation and compass to each of us whom God loves and forgives.

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Parish Notices 13/9/2020
24th Sunday Ordinary Time
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Coffee Morning:

A sincere "thank you" to all who have so generously supported our "coffee morning" at St. Joseph's over the years. Due to unforeseen circumstances. We regret we are unable to host the coffee morning this year.

