

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



25th Sunday (A)

Mt. 20: 1-16

From Anxiety to Joy

As Covid-19 surges again, anxiety reawakens. While most people continue to follow the guidelines to protect each other, some assert their imaginary independence, endangering all of us. This crisis has awakened a vibrant sense of community among us, fellow travellers on life's journey. This spirit facilitates each of us in our caring for each other.

As a crisis leads to heroic generosity, it can also lead to self-centred anxiety and fear. Fear is often the root cause of selfishness. We can be afraid of losing out. We want to have something because we fail to be fully aware of all that God has already given to us. We are precious to Him. To appreciate such a gift is a lifetime task. Each day is an opportunity to grow into such appreciation rather than in wasting energy in enviously searching out what others have been given.

In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus is on the road to Jerusalem, instructing His disciples as they go. In the short time left, He needs to emphasise for them again the essentials, especially the wonder of the Father's every day concern for each one. So, he develops the story of the workers who only arrive at the eleventh hour and are paid a denarius, the same as the twelve hour shift workers. Each man needed a denarius daily to support his family. The Father provided it. The story is not a position paper for wage negotiations. It alerts us to the wonder of God's unflinching care for us which is not dependent on our usefulness or earning ability. It challenges us in our attitude and approach to each other. It reminds us that it is our privilege and our obligation to bring the daily denarius of God's care to our brothers and sisters in need.



We are creatures, recipients of everything we are and have. This is a sobering and reassuring fact that can ease our anxieties, enrich our love, nurture our confidence, strengthen our courage, challenge our complacency and inspire our joy.

Fr. Tom Clancy.

P.S. St. Paul's weekend message :
"Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the Gospel of Christ".

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Parish Notices 20/9/2020 25th Sunday Ordinary Time Bulletin No: 1450

Mater Dei Academy:

Cork's Catholic Classical Secondary School for Boys and Girls. Online Open Evening at 7.30pm on Friday, 25th September, 2020. Register at www.materdeiacademy.ie

Radio Maria:

This is an Irish-run Catholic Talk-Radio Station. Download the free App and streaming on www.radiomaria.ie. Contact: (01) 4373277.

Congratulations to the girls from St. Catherine's Primary School who received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion here in our Church last week. May the Lord bless them and their families.

