

## Ballineaspig Parish Bulletin

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### SUNDAY MASS

Sunday Mass is now available on our You Tube Channel - **Holy Spirit Parish Cork.**— and our Parish Website —[www.dennehycrossparish.ie](http://www.dennehycrossparish.ie) at 10.00am every Sunday. PLEASE PASS ON THIS GOOD NEWS.



### PLANT IN THE DARK

The rapid shortening of evening daylight with the drop in temperature and arrival of rain laden storms, all alert us to the coming of the darkness of winter. With a virus leading to lockdown with its loss of employment, its reduction in caring and religious services and of our shared interactions that are so essential to our personal wellbeing, there are challenging weeks ahead. Yet in the middle of all this gloom, gardening enthusiasts are hurrying to plant dormant flower bulbs in dark, wet and unwelcoming soil, confident that they will blossom into beautiful snowdrops, daffodils, bluebells and colourful tulips next spring to light our hearts in the new normal. In these immediate, anxious dark times, the opportunity for each of us is to plant bulbs of love every day in every corner of our lives.

Love is always inventive. No matter what the obstacles, it always finds a way to express itself. Genuine love enables the lover to break out of the shell of fear-filled self-centeredness that always surrounds the one who does not love.

This weekend's Gospel reminds us that we are called to and made capable of such inventive love of one another without exception. It is not that we are simply asked to help the neighbour in need when there is nobody else around to do it. The commandment is much more creative and rewarding. It is an invitation to explore, to seek out and to be sensitive to the myriad of ways in which we can respond to another in love by respect, by presence, by contact, by word as well as by sharing and caring.

Expressed love blossoms quickly. The love bulb can burst into life almost instantly. This foundational commandment is about living joy rather than mere duty to allow oneself to experience it, is a blessing from God. Where will I plant my bulb of love today? If I do not plant it, who will be left impoverished as well as myself? Let this lockdown of love bulb planting create a new normal of hope ablaze with the all-embracing love of Jesus and of each other.

Fr. Tom Clancy.

### Parish notices - 25/10/2020 - 30th Sunday Ordinary Time

#### **Peoples Blessings of the Graves:**

*The month of November is a special time for praying for our relatives and parishioners who have died.*

Because of Covid-19, parishioners and relatives will not be able to attend Masses and prayer services which are celebrated annually in early November for those who have died. The Masses will be celebrated by the priests but without a congregation. The graves will be blessed privately by priests. *People will still be able to visit the burial places of their loved ones and are encouraged to pray there alone or with others from their household.* A prayer leaflet has been made available by the Office for Mission and Ministry of the Diocese which people can use as their prayer. (It can be downloaded and printed or read on one's device.)

#### **Turkwel:**

We have received an invitation from Sr. Pascalina to the opening of the new Maternity Unit in Turkwel on Friday, 30th October, which your donations have built. While we cannot be there in person, we will certainly be there in spirit and in prayer. We invite you to join us at 9.00am on that day to pray together with and for our sisters and brothers in Turkwel on this joyous occasion. **Faith in Action Group.**