

# 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

## SUNDAY MASS

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

1st Sunday of Advent

Mark 13: 33-37

## PREPARE TO CELEBRATE .....



From time immemorial, it seems that our ancestors in the Northern Hemisphere grew very anxious each year when daylight shortened, winter darkness deepened and food resources neared exhaustion. The people were afraid that the darkness could continue indefinitely leading to starvation. So, when daylight began to lengthen again each year and new hope was awakened, they celebrated with a winter festival as an expression of relief and hope.

Over the centuries, scientific explanations eased the anxieties about the coming of a new spring, but the winter festival continued to develop into a complex tapestry of many strands that highlights important human needs, values and cultural practices. One of the dominant tapestry strands was the linking of the birth of Jesus with the winter festival. This providential linking has provided a platform for a communal expression of faith, an awakening of hope and the explosion of generous good will that we call Christmas.

Christmas includes a myriad of traditions, rituals, challenges, pains and joys. Some of these aspects may have been inherently contradictory, but all shared some foundational appreciation of family as a safe and loving sanctuary where one belongs and blossoms. It is where relationship endures no matter what the failure; where care for one another is first experienced, generously given and gratefully accepted. It is the basic unit through which God's care for us comes and where we respond accordingly. So, our preparation for Christmas must focus on thankfulness to God our Father and to the families to which we belong. At this time especially such preparation must prioritise protecting the health of others, especially the most vulnerable. This will sometimes call for sacrificing one's own comfort and preferences even our traditional communal religious practices and for creating new ways to worship as families and friends.

So **PREPARE TO CELEBRATE** Christmas 2020 in new creative ways that truly enrich our relationships with one another and with Jesus.

Fr. Tom Clancy

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