

Ballineaspaig Parish Bulletin

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IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM BISHOP FINTAN

Following the recent Government announcement of new public health measures *The Path Ahead*, public worship will resume from **Monday, 10th May, 2021**. This is a very welcome announcement as we have found the last four months of not being able to gather with people for Eucharist in our parishes since St. Stephen's Day very difficult.

Public Worship:

All parish communities are deeply grateful to volunteer stewards and those who sanitised and maintained churches to a very high standard over the last year. In order for public worship to resume safely from Monday 10th May, we will again be indebted to these volunteers and will need their help so that we will be ready for that date.

As we enter summertime and outside temperatures increase, it will be possible to have much better ventilation in churches which we now understand to be very important in stopping the spread of the virus.

In order for public worship to resume along the same lines as before the 26th December last, the following measures continue to apply:

- 2m social distancing guidelines adhered to (members of the same household can sit/stand close together)
- **Strictly no movement of people between sections before, during or after the service.**
- Wearing of face coverings
- Where possible separate points of entrance and exit, clearly marked
- No gathering of people outside the church before and after Mass.

Funerals:

From the 10th May up to 50 mourners may attend a funeral mass while any related events, either before or after, should not take place.

Weddings:

From the 10th May up to 50 people can attend the celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage in a church.

Baptisms:

Baptisms can be celebrated from the 10th May with those immediate family members present to include parents, siblings of the child to be baptised, sponsors and grandparents. We need to emphasise that caution is needed in relation to gatherings that might take place around baptisms.

Here in Ballineaspaig Church we will continue to use the Webcam facility for all Masses.

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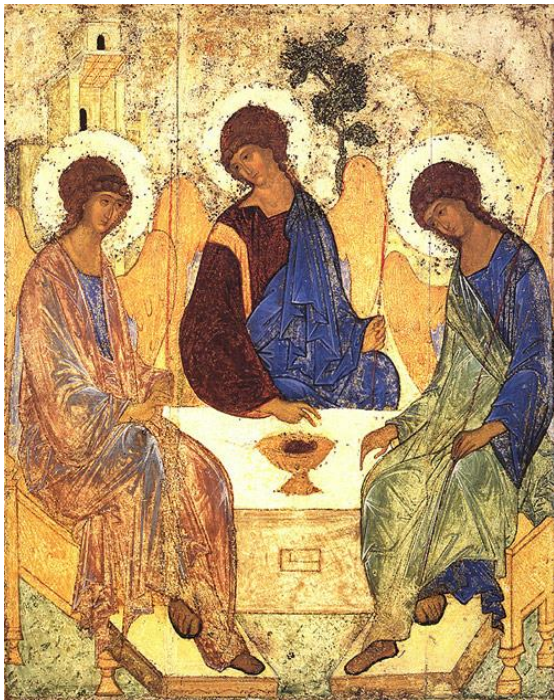
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Trinity of Love

*"From all eternity I am, before even the earth began I was.
I was born when no seas were known,
no springs existed, only an abundance of water.
I was with him as his beloved child,
cradled in his lap.
It was a pleasure, day by day,
to be joyfully with him
all the time playing on the expansive surface of His earth
and I found delight in his people on earth."* Proverbs 8: 23-31



We believe that the Holy Spirit was present with the Father at the very beginning of time. The great Spirit was ever at play in His presence delighting in all His works and in each one of us. Sometimes we experience the Holy Spirit as a powerful force, more often as the still small voice urging us to do good. In Rublev's famous icon he depicts the Holy Spirit as the figure on the right dressed in a garment of the clear blue of the sky, wrapped over with a robe of a fragile green. So the Spirit of creation moves on sky and water, breathes in heaven and earth. All living things owe their freshness to his touch.

Invitation: The Faith in Action group have the pleasure of inviting you to our Pentecost Novena which begins on 15th May and ends on the feast of Pentecost. We hope you will join us.

Prayer: Holy Spirit, breath of life, bond of love between the Father and the Son, we ask you to be with us. Help us to be open to your ongoing creativity, delights and surprises. Amen

Each day's Novena reflection will be available on the parish website:

www.dennehycrossparish.ie If you wish to receive the reflection by email, please send your email address to faithinactionballineaspaig@gmail.com .

