

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

12th Sunday (B)

20th June, 2021

Mark 4: 35-41

The Challenging Reprimand

Often in the Sunday Gospel, we find Jesus challenging us to forgive, to love, to be generous but this weekend, the tables are turned. The disciples are challenging Jesus who has gone to sleep in the stern of the boat in the height of a storm. "We are going down; do you not care?" To facilitate His escape from the crowds, they had set out to row across the lake even though the fishermen among them saw an evening storm brewing. They had ignored the nautical advice to help a friend in need. Now, they were in danger. They turned in pleading hope to the One who could help. They had seen the power of His miracles. They were not disappointed in their hope.



In our troubled world with its privileges and injustices, its violence and fears, how many cry out to you and to me; "We are going down; do you not care?"

The hungry, at home and abroad, see how well fed even obese, we are, how extravagant we can be in our food choices, how wasteful we are and they turn to us in hopeful pleading.

The homeless admire our beautiful comfortable homes and wonder do we really care.

The bereaved, the deserted, the sick, the lonely elderly (even parents) see our busy self-centred lives and wonder do we really care?

In these Covid times, our high risk brothers and sisters long for protection. They look at our unrestricted carefree life styles and wonder do we care about their protection.

Do we care enough, individually or together to have the courageous generosity to reach out to those who feel they are going down this week?

Jesus cared enough to do what He could. I pray that each of us may do the same.

Happy creative reaching out .

Fr. Tom Clancy



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