

# 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

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## PARISH BULLETIN

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18th Sunday (B)

1st August, 2021

John 6: 24-35

## The Great Promise

When the people followed Jesus across the lake to Capernaum, what were their expectations? It was the day after the feeding of over 5000 people starting with two barley loaves. Were they hoping for another display of miraculous power, a celebrity event, not to be missed? If so, they were disappointed. Instead they were offered the promise of an awesome gift, a new kind of bread, a bread that would last forever and through which they were being offered the gift of Jesus Himself. Rather than allowing themselves to experience the potential of this amazing promise, the religious leaders attacked Jesus' credentials. They realised that He was claiming to be a greater divine messenger than Moses and so claiming to be Son of God. The consequences of this claim were so enormous, that fear blocked their hearts from responding to His message. Had they crossed the lake in vain?



We have as it were, rowed across the lake of comfortable convenience and counter attractions to look for Jesus in Sunday worship together.

What are our great expectations?

Do we expect:

- Our hearts to be filled with joyful thankfulness for all God's gifts especially the gift of His Son, Jesus?
- To enjoy meeting neighbours and friends today and joining with them in praise and worship of our God?
- To be freed from all guilt through accepting God's merciful love?
- To be nourished in our faith through His message in the Readings?
- To be inspired to a new awareness of our friendship with one another and with God?
- To pray with confidence for our young that they may have the faith to build a better world than the one they are inheriting?
- To be willing to respond to His personal invitation to give service and leadership in today's world?

Great expectations based on God's love, are the road to happiness. Without them, nothing worthwhile is achieved.

Keep joyful hope alive and conquer fear.

Hear again the great promise in today's Gospel less we cross the lake in vain.

Fr. Tom Clancy.



## First Friday:

Next Friday, 6th August, 2021, is the first Friday of the month. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 10.00am to 11.00am and again from 6.30pm to 7.30pm followed by Mass.