

Ballineaspig Parish Bulletin

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MASS TIMES

Sunday

9.00, 10.30, 12.15

Saturday Vigil 6.15pm

Weekdays

9.30am

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7.30pm

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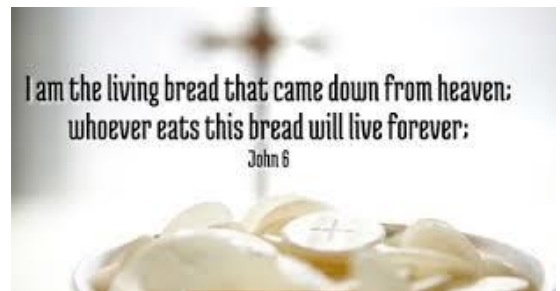
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THE LIFE OF THE WORLD

In this weekend's gospel, Jesus continues to develop the fuller richness of the gift of the Eucharist. The Jewish religious leaders glimpsed the implications of the claim that Jesus was making that He was divine. They were astounded by His promise of offering each of us individually His deep personal friendship which would climax in His coming to live within us through the gift of His Body and Blood in the Eucharist. They counter claimed that they knew His father and mother and all belonging to him. He was only an upstart with dangerous notions of grandeur.

Under the assault, Jesus did not tone down His teaching. Instead, He highlighted another aspect of this promised gift. Through this gift, He intended to give Himself for "the life of the world". This meant that not only would the Eucharist enrich God's love in each one's heart but that it would bring God's love to all people communally and to every aspect of life in the world through our cohesive, generous, outgoing love for one another.



From the beginning, the early disciples strove to do just what He promised and enabled them to do. Their worshipping overflowed into feeding the hungry, caring for the sick, protecting the vulnerable, speaking for the voiceless, inspiring generosity, respecting the environment and building peace.

In our pandemic time, even though deprived of the communal Eucharist, many friends of Jesus have continued to reach out to those in need in a myriad of ways.

Long may they/we continue to do so to ensure that the love of Jesus may always "be the life of the world"

Ad multos annos.



Fr. Tom Clancy

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