

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

Feast of the Assumption

15th August, 2021

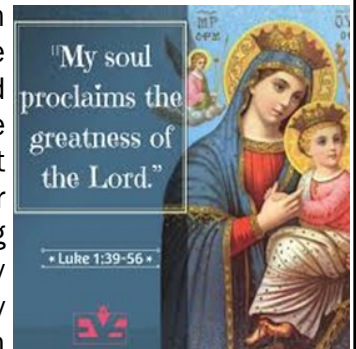
Gospel Luke 1:39-56

Mother and Son

It is a very human gospel story. In contrast to the normal social order of the time, two pregnant women occupy centre stage. Why did Mary travel? Maybe she wanted to escape the local social stigma of a pregnant unmarried teenager. Anyway, she seems to have gone off as quickly as she could to seek the security and comfort of an elderly pregnant cousin who might have appreciated some help in her sixth month.

It is this same Mary's Assumption into heaven that we are celebrating today. A lot happened between gospel Visitation and the Assumption, a life of wonder and happiness, of joy and pain.

Like all Jewish mothers, she must have had her own secret hopes for her Messiah Son. Despite the frugality of Bethlehem and the loneliness of forced emigration in Egypt, the years of Nazareth were bonding and enriching for both of them. She must have enjoyed Cana and taken a hidden pride in her boy. But anxiety quickly followed. A prophet preaching justice, forgiveness and love always evokes not only opposition but persecution. The suffering of Calvary was heart rending. Through it all she was there for him and with him as mothers so often do.



So after the Resurrection and Ascension, the boy she bore and reared, the son for whom she was always there, took her home to be still by his side for all eternity. We call it Assumption. In anticipation of this event almost, Mary had prophetically proclaimed to Elizabeth the greatness of God and the wonder of His choice of her.

"Yes, from this day forward....."

Wonderful Mother. Faithful Son.

Fr. Tom Clancy



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Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

Novena in the Sacred Heart Church, Western Road, Cork from **Tuesday, 31st August, 2021 to Wednesday, 8th September, 2021.** Daily at 10.00am and 7.30pm - Live Streamed.

Theme: Our Lady of the Sacred Heart - Hope of the Hopeless.

Preacher: Fr. Paul Clayton Lea.

