

# 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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21st Sunday (B)

22nd August, 2021

Gospel John 6: 60-69

## WHERE WE BELONG

The crowds were fed. Many had experienced the miracles. They had heard Jesus teach with passion and conviction. But for the majority the promise of Eucharist was a step too far. Some may have glimpsed the treasure but feared the cost. They left Him in droves. Jesus eyeballed those who lingered:

*"What about you, do you want to go away, too?"*

If Jesus were to pose the question today to us gathered here and to the increasing numbers of struggling believers, the answer might, in Kerry tradition, take the form of another question: Why should we stay?

We stay because the Eucharist is where we hear the message of eternal life and receive the Bread of Life. The Eucharist is where we belong, where we are formed into God's people, where we are challenged to make a leap of faith and see ourselves as home hosts to the Risen Jesus truly present to us and within us.

Sometimes, perhaps we receive the treasure without realising its creative power, its transforming spirit. We fail to realise that the Risen Jesus is the one sent to bring good news to the poor. To receive Him is to be singed by the fire of His Spirit. But maybe, we are content in our secure routine of worshipping as His individual sisters and brothers, ignoring the intrinsic purpose of the Eucharist to link us in bonds of love similar to the bonds of love in the Trinity.

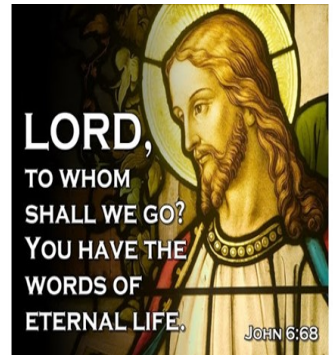
Eucharist is about all the family, feeding the hungry, healing the hurts, consoling the bereaved, building cells of justice, care and peace. This is what Eucharist empowers us to do. The Eucharist is a transmission system of the enabling power of God's love. To receive it is to risk being changed into a disciple.

Will we risk it or will we go away?

Hopefully we will stay where we belong and invite others to return home, too.

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Fr. Tom.



## 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.

