

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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Welcome Back !



The recent news of the easing of the Covid restrictions was greeted with a sense of relief and some optimism. We are very grateful to our ushers and Church personnel around the church for keeping everybody safe since the Church re-opened for prayer and public worship in June 2020. Slowly the situation began to improve. From now on separate pods within the Church are no longer required. Physical distancing between households is still required. Capacity is limited to 50% of seating. The Sacraments of First Penance, First Holy Communion and Confirmation are now permitted as well as Baptisms which were already permitted.

In an effort to continue to keep people safe we have closed off every second seat in the Church. **Face covering is required and sanitation is available at each door.** For receiving Holy Communion the Ministers of the Eucharist will be stationed at the openings in the main aisle so that people can approach in single file. We hope to be able to begin our meetings again in the month of October and to have our choir back as soon as it is permitted.

We are glad to be able to celebrate the delayed Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation and we congratulate the girls, their families and teachers on this special occasion. We hope to return to normality in preparing for next years Sacraments as we have done in the past with the wonderful help of teachers and parents.

It was great to see so many people and especially families back at Mass last weekend. People have been through a very difficult time and some people are still not ready to mix. It is estimated that the lockdown has affected one in four adults and so it was good to hear the Word from Isaiah last Sunday: "Courage, do not be afraid", or the words of Jesus in next Sunday's gospel: "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me". So, if you are suffering, you are in good company and we need to continue to pray for one another. That's why I say "Welcome Back" whether that be in person or on the webcam. May the good Lord continue to bless you and yours.

Fr. Bertie.