

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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PRIESTHOOD EDUCATION

The annual collection for the Education of Priests for the Priesthood will take place at all Masses **this weekend 25th and 26th September, 2021**

DAY FOR LIFE 2021

This year's **Day for Life** will be celebrated in Ireland on Sunday 3rd October on the theme "The Good Samaritan: A Model of compassion". In the context of the recent proposal to introduce assisted suicide, both in Ireland and the UK, this year's **Day for Life** message invites Catholics to consider a more positive and compassionate response to the care of people who are in the final stages of life. See www.councilforlife.ie for more.

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Celebration and Challenge

This is the season of Creation (September 1 to October 4, the feast of St. Francis), and this weekend there will be special prayers at all our Masses for the mitigation of climate change. Our usual Harvest Mass and Bring and Buy celebration will sadly not be held this year for health and safety reasons related to Covid.

Every day now it seems we are being bombarded by more news of environmental disaster – fires, floods, droughts, migrations, biodiversity loss.... We are overwhelmed and we feel helpless. The huge temptation is to turn off. As Pope Francis said "Covid has unmasked a politics of indifference". But we mustn't turn off. We are the stewards, or caretakers, of Creation. We hold the Earth and all it contains in trust. We are called to Learn, Reflect and Act.

The most up to date global information on the state of the Environment is available in the recent Report *United in Science 2021* (https://public.wmo.int/en/resources/united_in_science)

There are two vital international meetings taking place shortly: COP15, 11 – 24 October, when a Global Biodiversity Framework will be negotiated; and COP26 UN Climate Change Conference will be held 1 - 12 November.

We must ask ourselves what we can do, in our own small way.

We can advocate, and support our politicians to take courageous steps to mitigate climate change.

We can sign the Catholic petition "Healthy Planet, Healthy People" (<https://thecatholicpetition.org>) in support of the deliberations of the COP meetings.

Our individual choices may seem insignificant, but when all our actions are combined, they can make a real difference. Ask yourself: Can I reduce my consumption? Do I really need this? Let us set ourselves a challenge to take one positive action each day between now and 4 October.

Faith in Action Group

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