

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

27th Sunday (B)

3rd October, 2021

Mark 10: 2-12

God's Enduring Gifts

To be fully human is to yearn consciously or unconsciously for the ideal of God's plan for us and to always live out this yearning as fully as possible.

For those who choose it, one such ideal is commitment to life long marriage. It is an ideal that is not always reached in our limited human condition and God understands that better than we do ourselves.

The subtle malaise of our time is that the ideal itself is being rubbished as not being worthy of human aspiration. This insidious attack suggests the committed human love of man and woman should be reduced to a temporary contract of convenience, retractable even at the whim of either party.

Such a view is not new as we read in this weekend's Gospel. The Pharisees, all male, claimed that their law gave a man the right to drop his wife whenever he so wished. In their view, the woman had no equivalent right.

When asked for His opinion, Jesus quickly turned the argument back on themselves, pointing out that Moses and the Law had no authority to confer such a privileged power on the male.

Jesus went on to highlight and reiterate God's plan to enrich human love. Even in these times, when long term commitment of every kind is endangered, God's gift remains the same. Followers of Jesus are empowered to strive for the ideal and their commitment is enriched by God's sacramental presence, blossoming into security, peace, love, joy and happiness together into eternity.

God's marriage ideal may not always be achieved, but God's love embraces, enriches and blesses every faithful friendship of loving care, shared kindness and joy.

We give thanks for all His gifts.

Fr. Tom Clancy.



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DAY FOR LIFE 2021

This year's **Day for Life** is celebrated **today, 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. You can download this year's message from www.councilforlife.ie