

Ballineaspaig 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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Diocese of Cork and Ross Priest's Gathering

A gathering of the Priests of the Diocese will take place from *Sunday 14th to Thursday 18th November inclusive*. **There will be no weekday Masses that week.** Weekday Mass will resume again on Friday, 19th November, 2021.

Marriage Support

The annual collection will take place this weekend - 13th/14th November, 2021

St. Vincent de Paul

The monthly collection will take place this weekend - 13th/14th November, 2021

ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP

"Welcome back". Delighted to announce that the Active Retirement Group will meet again on next **Thursday, 18th November, 2021 from 10.00am to 12 noon** in the Crypt for a chat and information session. Spread the word !!! See you then. Maura, Sarah, Helen and Mary.

Ministers of the Eucharist Rota for November 2021 to 2022 can be collected at the Church **next** weekend of the 20th / 21st November.

33rd Sunday (B)

Mark 13: 24-32

ANXIOUS TIMES

We live in anxious times. Some are anxious about past failures and omissions, hurts inflicted or endured, forgiveness refused, even doubting God's forgiveness. Others are anxious about the present and the future; anxious about health care, job opportunities and security, homelessness, bullying, violence and the growth of alienation and extremism. Very many are anxious about viruses and variants, climate change and ageing in a rapidly changing world. Sharing our anxieties with loved ones in family or among trusted friends can help us to cope. But with the changing circumstances of mobile relationships, who can we depend on to throw us a life line when the chips are down?

Jesus lived in anxious times too. The local people of His time had barely enough food to live on. They were oppressed by an increasingly harsh foreign army. These Roman soldiers were preparing to destroy Jerusalem with its beautiful Temple, the focus and symbol of the peoples' hopes in their God. As well as sharing these anxieties, Jesus foresaw His own impending suffering and crucifixion, engineered by the local religious leaders and facilitated by the Roman forces of occupation. All these hope-sapping forebodings are intertwined in the words of Jesus in the complex tapestry of this Sunday's Gospel.

What sustained Jesus through it all? The Father's love was His sustaining life line. His constant awareness of this loving presence, frequently accessed through deep reflective prayer and intimate chat nurtured His fidelity to the task He had been sent to do. This life long task was to spread the Good News of God's merciful friendship and His ongoing loving care of His people. This love was witnessed by Jesus' caring for the sick, by His welcome for the sinners, by His welcoming response to the "outsider", by His patience with the ambitious disciples, by His counter cultural respect for women, by His calling out injustice. Always His life line was His Father's love.

What is our life line in today's anxious world? Procrastination is the seed bed of anxiety. The antidote to anxiety is practical love in action through constructive sensitive kindness to each other. Responding to the daily prompting of the Lord and to the providential circumstances of life around us each day is the road to peace of mind and to building the Kingdom of God together. If you do not hear or see these promptings, chat intimately to the Father as Jesus did.

Seize the day !

Fr. Tom Clancy.