

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

2nd Sunday of Christmas 2nd Jan, 2022

Eph 1: 3-6, 15-18

A NEW YEAR GIFT

Again and again our religion reminds us of our sinfulness and our unworthiness to be in God's presence let alone to be His children. So often the emphasis seems to be on our moral failures and on the need to improve.

It is not surprising then, that some people seeing no improvement in themselves or in others, lose hope of ever making the grade and losing heart, they go the journey of life alone and opt out of the partnership with God which the pilgrimage of life is meant to be and can be.



Sunday's readings take a very different approach. They open up a new vision of God pitching His tent among us, choosing us to be children sharing in the glory of the Father as children should do.

The core of our faith is that God undertook to live in this fragile human nature to allow us to share in His eternal nature. The Word was made flesh is so stupendous that we can hardly believe it but harder still to accept is that He did it just for you and for me, individually and uniquely.

Everybody needs to be special to somebody but to be special to God is the most reassuring and wonderful fact of life and fact it is.

To enable us to believe it and to accept it, is the role of the church and of all religious practice. Such belief is in itself a gift of God, a New Year present. It is a gift we can reject or accept.

This Sunday and every Sunday is an opportunity to accept it and make it our own. God does not force His gift on anybody but to receive it, we must come with hearts that are not cluttered by selfishness, fear or unforgiveness but which are open to the wondrous light of God that never blinds us because it is filtered for us through a human nature similar to our own.

"May God enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope His call holds for you, what glories He has promised the saints will inherit".

Fr. Tom Clancy.

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FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY - MASS TIMES

Wednesday 5th January, 2022 - Vigil Mass at 7.30pm

Thursday, 6th January, 2022 - 9.00am, 10.30am and 7.30pm

Friday, 7th January, 2022 - First Friday - 9.30am and 7.30pm