

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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Sunday of the Word of God 2022



"He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures" (Luke 24:45)

The Sunday of the Word of God takes place on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. In 2022 it therefore falls today, 23rd January. According to Pope Francis this Sunday is to be devoted to the "celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God".

The Sunday of the Word of God offers us an opportunity to reflect on the place of the Scriptures in our lives as individual believers and as part of the community of faith.

At home there are three simple ways we might mark the occasion.

- (1) Reverently place an open Bible on a mantelpiece, table, shelf, or bookstand. You may like to adorn the space with a candle or flowers.
- (2) Read the passage from the Gospel on which the logo adopted for the Sunday of the Word of God is based: Jesus's encounter with the two disciples on the way to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35).

- (3) Discuss the logo with your family.

It is based on an icon written by Benedictine Sister Marie-Paul Farran. When the logo was unveiled in January 2020 it was explained as follows: it shows the resurrected Christ holding in his left hand a scroll, which is the sacred Scripture that found its fulfilment in his person. By his side are two disciples: Clopas and his wife, Mary. They both fix their gaze on Christ while Clopas holds a stick to indicate a pilgrimage. Mary is holding one hand upward and with her other hand seems to be touching the Lord, reaffirming that he has fulfilled the ancient promises and is the living Word that must be proclaimed to the world.

Holding the stick in one hand, Clopas' free hand is pointing the road ahead, which all disciples are called to take in order to bring the Good News to everyone. There is a star overhead symbolizing the permanent light that guides their journey and shows them the way. The feet of all three are depicted as being in motion, representing that the proclamation of the Risen Christ can be accomplished only by those who are dynamic and ready to find new ways to speak so that sacred Scripture may become the living guide of the life of the church and its people.

In the words of Pope Francis,

"May the Sunday of the Word of God help his people to grow in religious and intimate familiarity with the sacred Scriptures. For as the sacred author taught of old: 'This word is very near to you: it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance' (Deuteronomy 30:14)."

- Faith in Action Group