

# 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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## PARISH BULLETIN

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Tuesday, 1st February, 2022 - Feast of St. Brigid

Wednesday, 2nd February, 2022 - Candlemas Day - Blessing of candles at the 9.30am Mass.

Thursday, 3rd February, 2022 - Feast of St. Blaise - Blessing of throats before and after the 9.30am Mass.

## Return to Normal

Over recent days, news bulletins report on how well our return to normal is progressing. May it continue caringly and safely. But what does it mean? It must be an opportunity and an invitation to create a better world for all our sisters and brothers, especially the most vulnerable.



Among many things, the pandemic has shown us is how heroic and generous we can be in our care of one another, how sensitive we can be in our protection of each other, how dependent on each other we are. It has also shown us how effective an individual or a small group can be in enriching the life of the community. Such goodwill must not be squandered but rather harvested and nurtured to be a new normal of justice and love. Now is our opportunity. It may not come again.

As many return to work, new openings are needed for the redundant, the unemployed and the less able.

As we are again allowed to visit freely in our warm homes, the crisis of homelessness needs action rather than promises. V de P, Simon, Share and the McVerrys need personal as well as financial support and government leaders need challenging.



In Sunday's second reading, Paul puts a visionary life map before us:

***Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope and to endure whatever comes.***

The difficulties all around are myriad but opportunities abound, too. Each of us is capable of planting a seed of love each day, of healing a hurt with the ointment of kindness, of encouraging one another to fulfill our destiny as God's family, praising Him by prayer and how we live.

As the ocean is made of raindrops, our little drops of creative service will build up a reservoir of goodness in which our new normal can flourish. Our opportunity is today. It must not be squandered. The Lord is with us.

Fr. Tom Clancy