

Ballineaspig Parish Bulletin

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PARISH NOTICES - 13th March, 2022

Irish Bishops Commission:

The annual collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend.

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

St. Patrick's Day - Thursday, 17th March, 2022 - Mass Times:

Wednesday 16th March - Vigil Mass - 7.30pm

Thursday, 17th March - 9.00am, 10.30am and 12.15pm



2nd Sunday of Lent

March 13th, 2022

Luke 9: 28-36

THE JOY OF FRIENDSHIP

Most of the earliest Ukrainian refugees to arrive among us were welcomed by family or friends resident in Ireland who opened not only their hearts, but their homes to them. The genuineness of friendship is often tested in times of crisis. It often deepens or dies.

The scary times ahead will test all friendships in our own human family, the family of the loving Father, our God. None of us can remain an island in our nuclear and climate challenged world even if we wanted to.

Friendship is the deepest longing in every human heart. That is how God made us. Each of us wants to be acknowledged, accepted, recognised and even treasured as a caring friend.

Friendship can only grow where people make space in their lives for each other and use it to share hopes, joys, fears and to trust the other with what is deepest in oneself.

What was deepest in Jesus of Nazareth was His relationship with the Father. He was the Beloved Son. Time and again He went aside from the crowd to be alone with the Father in prayer. But He needed the friendship of the disciples too, especially, Peter, James and John. With them He shared His fears about future sufferings, His hopes of glory, but above all else, His bond with the Father. On one occasion on Mount Tabor, they glimpsed that their friend and leader was the promised Messiah, the fulfilment of all their hopes.

They had left their fishing and everything else behind to be with Him. They had made space in their lives to experience His friendship and trust. He responded by strengthening their faith and by inspiring them with generous joyful inner peace.

He will do the same for us if we make space for Him and appreciate our human friendship too.

May your heart be filled with caring and loving friendship, human and divine.

Fr. Tom Clancy.

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LENTEN TALKS

How Big is your God? Tuesday, 15th March at 7.30pm Brother Brian Johnson OSF

Br. Brian, from Banagher in Offaly, joined the Franciscan Brothers in 1963. He worked his adult life in education in the USA and East Africa in Kenya and Uganda. While in New York he set up an Immigration Help Centre for the Irish Community. He also was very involved with the GAA as a player and in other capacities.

On his return to Ireland Brian lived a semi-contemplative life in a little cottage near his monastery in Clara, Co. Offaly, from which he did his Mission Appeals and Awareness for his Community in Africa.

Brian has facilitated days of reflection and retreats on numerous occasions. If you have not already registered, please email faithinactionballineaspig@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

Faith in Action Group