

Ballineaspig Parish Bulletin

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Special Collection for Ukraine: The Irish Bishops have asked for a Special Collection to be taken up at Masses **this weekend of 26/27 March** to support humanitarian efforts in Ukraine and especially the families and children who have had to flee their homeland in advance of the Russian invasion. The proceeds of this Special Collection will be directed to Caritas Internationalis, which is the helping hand of the Church on the ground in the Ukraine and the surrounding region. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you.

PARISH NOTICES:

First Friday:

Next Friday, 1st April, 2022 is the first Friday of the month. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 10am to 11am and from 6.30pm to 7.30pm followed by Mass.

4th Sunday of Lent (C)

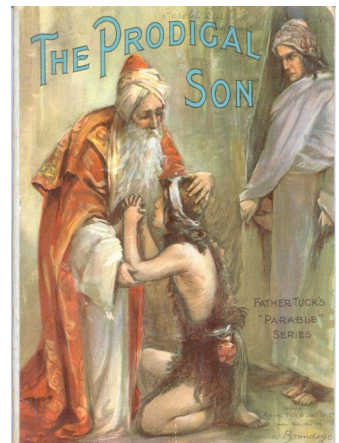
March 27th, 2022

Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

I WILL LEAVE THIS PLACE

One of the great decisive moments in the Gospel today is “I will leave this place and go to my Father”. For the prodigal son, his past mistakes were to become irrelevant. The present took centre stage, opening up a new future. He broke free of chains of humiliation and guilt caused by earlier selfish mistakes. He trusted another whom he knew loved him, to be loving enough to give him a fresh start. He trusted himself enough to accept the welcome home. Often, it is this latter trust ingredient that is missing when we need to turn to our father or to one another for forgiveness and reconciliation. Despite this hesitancy, we must never defer the opportunity to let go of selfishness, guilt or hurts and to be reconciled.

Lent is a key stage in our relationship with God. There is no doubting the offer of the Father’s merciful reconciliation and the opportunity of new beginnings. It is the accepting or not of the offer that is our decision. The prodigal son decided wisely and came home to the one who loved him. We are invited to follow this example with God and between ourselves.



Fr. Tom Clancy.

LENTEN TALKS “Working Together to Care for Creation”

Tuesday, 29th March

7.30pm (sharp) to 20.15pm (approx)

Mr. Dáithí Ó hAodha

Activism & Lifelong Learning: Awareness, Action & Change

In our final Lenten talk, Dáithí Ó hAodha, a development worker and educator, will be engaging with development issues: working on development, taking action in different countries with a variety of organizations to alleviate poverty, promote self-sufficiency and sustainability.

if you have not already registered, please email faithinactionballineaspig@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

Faith in Action Group