# Ballineaspaig 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 NOTICES

#### **Vocation Sunday:**

The annual collection for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life will be taken up at all Masses next weekend, 7th/8th May, 2022.

# Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Apostles:

We welcome the Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Apostles from Ardfoyle, Cork to our Parish on next weekend, 7th/8th May, to promote Mission Awareness at all Masses. The OLA Sisters thanks the people of the Irish Church for their contributions in so many ways, and they encourage you to continue in that support. Sr. Mary Usifoh will be speaking at the Masses.

# SYNODAL PATHWAY - MAY 2022

Pope Francis took a prophetic step last year when he postponed a meeting of Bishops in Rome. It wasn't because of the pandemic! It was because he wants the voices of more than bishops and cardinals to be heard.

So, this year's meeting was put back to 2023 and he has asked each diocese to put in place a way for people to have a say in how the Catholic Church will fulfil its mission from the Lord in these times. The major change is to be a Church that "walks together and listens to one another". This is what's meant by being "synodal".

During this month of May, our diocese will be opening up ways for people to have a say and to listen and have an input into next year's meeting in Rome. Watch this space!

# CONFIRMATION - MAY 2022

The girls from St. Catherine's Primary School will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on next Friday, 6th May, 2022 at 10.30am.

We wish them every grace and blessing on this special occasion.



John 21: 1-14

3rd Sunday of Easter (C)

1st May, 2022

# "Come Have Breakfast"

Healing damaged relationships is a key strand in enriching our daily lives. Some people are willing and self-confident enough to be first movers in seeking forgiveness and in accepting it. Others settle for leaving the hurt lie and living always impoverished by their grudge or guilt; a risky approach to a malignant wound. Other people nurture a hurt forever, sharing it with others and even passing it on to the next generation. This cancer of unwillingness to recognise and accept human limitations in oneself and in others, blocks us from blossoming fully as a loving people God intends us to be.



Even after the Resurrection, Peter felt that his betrayal of Jesus was the end of their relationship and returned to fishing, his previous way of living, content to muddle along. Jesus had other ideas. He came looking for Peter to reassure him that his triple denial was totally forgiven and to invite him to an even deeper friendship than previously. This feeling was confirmed by an invitation to a shared breakfast.

Forgiveness between us may need to be confirmed over a cup of tea or going for a pint or some other gesture of goodwill. Between us and God, the reassurance can be experienced in the Eucharist and in the Sacrament of Penance.

Not only does Jesus forgive us, but He empowers us to do the same. "Receive the Holy Spirit". Easter is a great time to do it. Now is the day.

Fr. Tom Clancy.