

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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Church of the Real Presence, 24 Hour Adoration

Thursday 7th April 2022 to Friday 8th April 2022

24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration for World Peace, 11am Thursday 7th April 2022 to 10am Friday 8th April 2022 at the Church of the Real Presence.

A minimum of 3 to 4 people required for every hour. A rota sheet is available at the entrance to the Church of the Real Presence. If you wish to adore, please put down your first name and mobile number. Alternatively, you can contact (087) 6215115 between 6pm and 8pm to have your name recorded on the rota for your hour of choice.

LITURGY GROUP: N.B.

Please note that this month's meeting will take place on **Monday, 4th April, 2022** at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. Please note change of night for this month.

Palm Sunday:

Next Sunday, 10th April, 2022, is Palm Sunday. **Please bring your own palm** for blessing at all Masses that weekend.

5th Sunday of Lent (C)

3rd April, 2022

John 8: 1-11

RIGHTEOUSNESS .V. COMPASSION

The Pharisees had just arrived and made their case. It was a clear cut one - the woman was guilty. They challenged Jesus; they put Him on the spot. He seemed trapped. There was a deadly silence as everybody waits.

The question I ask myself is what would I have done if I were there before the Pharisees arrived, one of those who was enthusiastically listening to His teaching. Would I have remained silent, expecting Jesus to look after Himself? Would I have joined the bandwagon of condemnation?

The main thrust of today's Gospel story is the approach of Jesus to the woman:

His sensitivity to her embarrassment
His recognition of her dignity
His mercy towards her weakness
His gentleness in His advice to her.



It is tempting to stay with the cleverness of Jesus, to enjoy how neatly He sidestepped the trap. We would all be on Jesus' side at the end when He is seen as the winner. But the crucial moment of the chilling waiting silence can awaken some conscience stirrings. Do we ever stand silently when a person, because of their goodness, is ridiculed, sniped at, put down or trapped? Nobody moved to stand by Jesus. History frequently repeats itself in our day, but courageous compassion is our calling and our opportunity.

Fr. Tom Clancy.