# 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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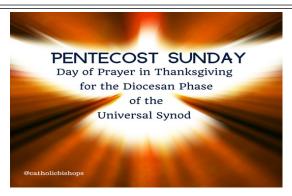
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# **Parish Notices**

#### Scripture Summer School - Thurs. 16th to Sat. 18th June:

"Walking the Synodal Pathway together". Facilitated by Mr. Sean Goan and Fr. Kieran O'Mahony OSA in St. John's Welcome Centre, Knock Shrine (if attending in person) or online. Bookings must be completed online at www.knockshrine.ie/scripture summer school. (Please note you will need to select the option to either attend online or in person at time of booking).



#### **SHARING THE GOOD NEWS**

Today, Pentecost Sunday, has been designated as a Day of Prayer in Thanksgiving for the diocesan phase of the Universal Synod. It offers us all an opportunity to give thanks for the prayerful engagement and listening that has taken place across the country as we journey together synodally.

As local listening processes have been getting underway around the country, here in our parish of Ballineaspaig many parishioners answered the questionnaire individually and 12 people represented our Parish at Diocesan level. Dr. Nicola Brady, chairperson of the Steering Committee of the Irish Synodal Pathway explains that the term "Synod" comes from the Greek for "together on the way". Synodality is a way of being Church. It is a spiritual practice and not just a debate about how the Church is organised. It is intended to facilitate a wide-ranging process of reflection and discernment. Dr. Brady emphasises that all of the faithful are invited to take part in the Synodal Pathway. She states, "We want to convey to people that the invitation is open to everyone to get involved".

Following completion of the listening for the Universal Synod involving discussions at local parish and diocesan level and the subsequent synthesising of the findings at diocesan level, a National Pre-Synodal Assembly will take place in Athlone on the 18th of June, with a closing liturgy in Clonmacnoise before the final submission to the Vatican.

Dr. Brady states "The level of engagement with the local listening to date has been encouraging and it is hoped that it will provide a strong foundation for the planning work for Ireland's national synodal pathway. As diocesan delegates and representatives of the National Steering Committee meet in Athlone, we would appreciate your prayers for a day of courageous listening, meaningful sharing and a renewed commitment to being a missionary church."

### Prayer:

Holy Spirit, Lord of Life, on this great feast of Pentecost, fill your Church throughout the world with the power to transform and change all things, as you renew the face of the earth, renew each one of us too.