

# 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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## Diocesan Needs:

The quarterly collection will be taken up at all Masses **next weekend**, 16th and 17th July, 2022.

15th Sunday C

10th July, 2022

Luke 10: 25-37

## The Jericho / Cork Story

As a prelude to this weekend's Gospel, the first Reading has Moses highlighting the importance of the Law, but also emphasising that the Lord's message of love of each other, is already written in our hearts. Over time the religious leaders had overloaded the Law with a maze of intricate rules that led to endless arguments about the relative importance of each rule. Hence, the lawyers question; "Who is my neighbour," that led to Jesus telling the story of the man on the road to Jericho.

In Cork 2022, a local story teller might answer the lawyers question with this story:

"Despite being unwell himself, a grandfather set out from Mayfield to visit his grandson in the CUH. In the midday heat, he collapsed near a bus stop in the city centre.

A young professional passing by noticed the old man's plight, but could not delay. His lunch break was very short and his favourite hostelry was already busy, so he passed by on the other side.

A motorist whose parking disc on his car up the street was already overdue, could not risk having his car towed away while he helped. So he hurried on.

Those waiting in the bus queue hesitatingly reassured each other that it was disgraceful to have people lying on the footpath. Nobody should be so drunk, especially so early in the day. Somebody should take him away. Their self-righteousness prevented them from seeing the real need.

But quickly two strong young men dashed across the street and gently lifted the grandfather onto a bench. They sat either side supporting him. They assured him that they would be with him until they got him to a hospital trolley or maybe even a bed. These two men were non-nationals living in direct provision, not allowed to work and so were sitting on the steps of the Courthouse watching the world go by. They saw the need and responded unhesitatingly".

Who do you think was neighbour to somebody's grandfather?"

Did I pass by "**on the other side**" in the last week or did I seize the opportunity with love to be a good Samaritan?

Fr. Tom Clancy.

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