# 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 BULLETIN**

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### PARISH NOTICES

### Annual Padre Pio Mass:

The annual concelebrated Mass commemorating the day of Padre Pio's ordination to the priesthood will take place on <u>Sunday 7th August</u>, <u>2022</u> from 2.30pm in the Church of the Descent of the Holy Spirit, Dennehy's Cross, Cork. Confessions will be available from 1.30pm. There will also be anointing of the sick, benediction and blessing with First Class Padre Pio relics.

## **SMA Pilgrimage to Lourdes:**

From 17th to the 22nd September, 2022 with five nights, full board in the Hotel Roissy. Cost €789 pps. Further information contact Fr. Martin Kavanagh SMA (021)4292871.

17th Sunday - Cycle C

24th July, 2022

Luke 11: 1-13

### EXPERIENCING BEING LOVED

Being aware of loving another person and being loved by that other is the life blood of being human. It is the seed bed of inner contentment and joy. Tuning in to this awareness, absorbing it and letting it seep into our inner being, is what we call prayer. When our God is the focus of this love, our tuning in is what we call Christian prayer. Jesus is the exemplar of this prayer. Constantly aware of the love between Himself and the Father, the human Jesus still needed to tune into that relationship, to enjoy it, to be continuously amazed by it, to be reassured about it.

So it was in this weekend's Gospel scene. At least one disciple glimpsed at what Jesus was about at prayer and asked Jesus to guide him on how to follow him.

Jesus responded by alerting him to the wonderful God whom He addressed as Abba, Father and to whom He gave praise and thanks for everything we are and have, to whom we turn in our every daily need. Even more importantly, Abba, Father is the one who loves each of us unconditionally and who enables us to love Him in return and to imitate His love by how we live as brother and sisters in love with each other. By His own life Jesus shows us the fullness of that love.

A key aspect or strand of that love is the unequivocal forgiveness that God showers upon us and which enables us to bring peace and unity to our families and our communities. Tuning into this gift of loving forgiveness in prayer and in practice each day is a high risk strategy. In modern jargon it may call for cost benefit analysis. For some the cost may be too high. It will change you. To tune in requires daily fidelity and time generosity. It may be alone and lonely at times, but it will be enhanced when shared with others. The benefits of tuning in must be experienced to be appreciated.

The joy of loving and being loved is known only to the risk taker.

You can only forgive those whom you love.

Forgiveness is a free gift. It cannot be earned. We ask for it everyday for ourselves.

It is only when one has forgiven another that one's heart is fully open to receiving God's forgiveness of oneself and the peace that brings. This is how God made us.

Abba; Praise and thanks; Daily Bread; Forgiveness.

Tune in today.

Fr. Tom Clancy.