

# Ballineaspig Parish Bulletin



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## MASS TIMES

### Saturday Vigil:

6.15pm

### Sunday

9.00 and 11.00 am

### Weekdays

9.30am

### Holydays

9.30am & 7.00pm

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## "EARLY DAYS"

Monday evening I was in the company of someone giving out about seeing the first Christmas lights in a shop. I shocked him by saying they can't go up fast enough for me. This is not a popular thought, especially when you consider Advent can often be side-lined as a result. But I believe the months of November, December and January are depressing months for many people. It all begins with that awful change in the clocks in late October. What's with those people? Every year they promise not to change and every year we endure this shortening of our day. Children are usually driven to school in the morning, the dark mornings no longer really apply. They are dark anyway. But the darker evenings force people to stay inside more and the vulnerable have little outlet from it. Add to this the need to turn on more heat and to endure nonsense television. Comedy in television has become crude and occasionally even nasty in comparison to what it used to be. The older generation have less activities than they used to have and the younger go a little crazy. I think seeing more lights and hearing Christmas tunes early helps us get through these times better and remind us of warmth and companionship. Whatever the reasons and however silly the tunes, there is an outlet there. We don't feel we are alone.

What I don't like is that these decorations and lights are often down by St. Stephen's Day - that's not right. There are twelve days to Christmas, which do not end until January 6th. In many countries of the continent, the Nativity scenes remain up until February 2nd, 40 days after Christmas.

Jesus said the Sabbath was made for man: not man for the Sabbath. The Sabbath is to be celebrated at every opportunity and whether your Christmas begins in early November or as early as you wish, should make no difference. Christmas marks the birth of our Saviour and the more we think of that and remember that, will surely help us even as we commemorate our beloved dead. They would wish that for us too !

Happy November, Happy Advent and Happy Christmas.

Fr. Donal



## Parish News !!

We have not forgotten our plans for altar servers. We have had a good response from approximately 11 girls. Now we have received news of 5 boys that may join. I will visit the school shortly. Please let me know if you can help a little with organising this: our hope for a new team before Christmas looks promising !!.

Fr. Donal.

## PARISH NOTICES

### Marriage Support:

The annual collection for Marriage Support will be taken up at all Masses **this weekend**, 12th and 13th November, 2022.

### Pastoral Council:

Meeting on Monday, 14th November, 2022 in Parish Centre.

## We are Stewards of Creation

Every day during COP27, from the 6th to the 18th November, we ask you to join us in prayer for our world leaders' vision and courage to do what is right, just and vital for the future of Our Common Home. You can access our daily prayer on the parish website: [www.dennehscrossparish.ie](http://www.dennehscrossparish.ie)