



Balbriggan Parish Newsletter

Incorporating Balrothery, Balscadden & Balbriggan

**April 28th/29th
Fifth Sunday of Easter**



Church of SS Peter and Paul

May 9th At 7.30pm



In Concert

As part of our preparation for the
World Meeting of Families, 2018
we are delighted to welcome

Balbriggan Gospel Choir

For a Concert

in SS Peter And Paul's Church

On Wednesday, May 9th @ 7.30pm.

This is free event and all are welcome.

We encourage you to spread the word
and to

**Bring a friend,
bring a family!**

THE DEEP END: Stay connected ...

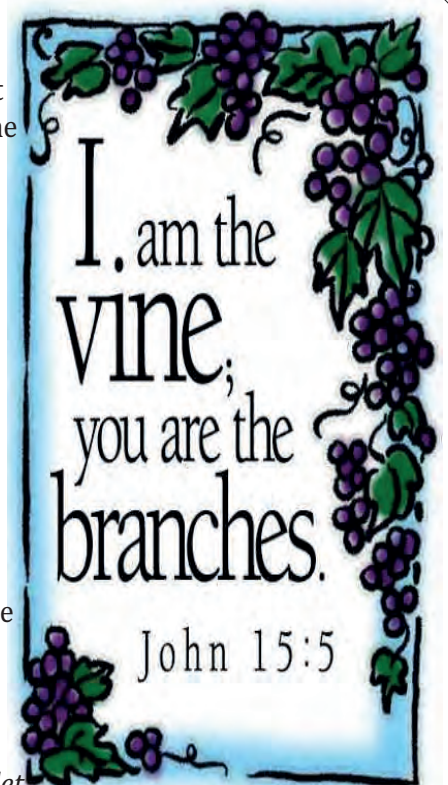
As with all good vine growers, God cares for his crop, nurturing it, pruning it, giving it all it needs so that it can grow and reach its full potential. We are no doubt the branches. What does it mean to be a branch? Branches must be connected to the vine or they bear no fruit. Even those branches that do bear fruit need pruning so that they can grow and bear even more fruit. As we are all too well aware, productivity seems to be the measure of success in the world today, in our education system, in the workplace, in economics; we are measured by what we produce. Is Jesus really adding to the pressure by telling us that he wants to see results or else!?

Perhaps we can read this passage in terms of connectivity. Think of your most intimate friendships and relationships. You don't measure their weight in terms of productivity, do you? But you do want to stay connected right? It is this closeness, this intimacy that Jesus calls us to: 'abide in me'. Are you connected or disconnected? If the connection is strong, then fruit-bearing comes naturally and people will see the gospel in our lives and in the way we respond to the world. If we are connected, all manner of things are possible for us.

'People see the gospel in our lives; let them read our lives.'

Pope Francis

Reflection by Jane Mellet



Mass Intentions

Weekend of April 28th / 29th

Saturday 6.30pm: Christine McBride (Months Mind)
Bertie & Elizabeth Martin: Ruth McAuley
Jimmy Donnelly: Ulick Maypothor
James & Caroline Smyth
Nicky & John Lacey

Sunday

Balscadden 8.30am: —

Balbriggan 10am: Agnes & Joseph Sweetman: Jenny Reid
Flynn family: Patricia Byrne
12 noon David Brangan (Months Mind)
Dominic McGuinness: Des Gough
Ethna Noctor: Patrick Kearns
Raymond, Agnes & Patrick Dowling
Michael & John Cullen

Weekday Mass Intentions

Monday 10am —
Tuesday 10am Molly Abraham
Wednesday 10am —
Thursday 10am: Patrick & Kathleen Hurley
Molly Orange Byrne
Friday 10am: Altar List of the Dead
Saturday 10am: Michael & Mary Skelly: Michael Parsons
Michael & Alice Kennedy
Sean & Marie Farrell

Weekend of May 5th / 6th

Saturday 6.30pm: Michael & Rita Monaghan: Lila Harper
Tommy Hammond: Terri Bellew
Mary Ellen & Nicholas Barnett
Evie & Dickie Carr: Jack Benton

Sunday

Balscadden 8.30am: Andrew (Butch) McGrane
Balbriggan 10am: Bridget, Thomas & Teresa Hoare
Maguire family: Annie Everitt
Anne Purtill
12 noon Maurice Maguire:
Malachy & Marie Dunne
William Richardson

A group of 100 legal professionals including two former High Court judges have signed a letter opposing the repeal of the Eighth Amendment. Here is a copy of the text in full

In Article 40.3.3° of the Constitution of Ireland (“the Eighth Amendment”) the State “*acknowledges the right to life of the unborn and, with due regard to the equal right to life of the mother, guarantees in its laws to respect, and, as far as practicable, by its laws to defend and vindicate that right.*”

The Eighth Amendment respects the right to life of mothers. As its wording makes clear, it protects the right to life of the unborn only to the extent that such protection is consistent with the right to life of the mother.

In the recent case of *M –v- Minister for Justice and Equality*, the Supreme Court has held that the rights of the unborn under the Constitution are limited to those rights which are acknowledged in the Eighth Amendment.

Accordingly, the repeal of the Eighth Amendment would entail the removal from the Constitution of the existing acknowledgment of the right to life of the unborn and the removal of constitutional protection for the unborn boy or girl in the womb.

If the Eighth Amendment is repealed, the Government has signalled its intention to place legislation before the Oireachtas. The proposed legislation would allow the life of the unborn to be ended for any reason up until twelve weeks, and far beyond that on grounds which have led to abortion on demand in other jurisdictions. In addition, such limitations on abortion as may be set in the legislation could be removed at any time without the consent of the People.

It is clear, therefore, that what is being proposed is not simply abortion in exceptional cases but a wide-ranging right to abortion.

Each person was, by definition, once unborn. As we mature, our capacity to assert and enjoy rights may increase over time. Likewise, our capacity may decrease due to serious illness, old age or other reason. At all stages, however, born and unborn, we remain the same human being with the same inherent dignity and equal and inalienable rights. These human rights rest on the foundation-stone of the right to life. Life is the constant which makes the exercise of every other human right possible.

**A person's a person,
no matter how small.
-Dr. Seuss**

*Our sincere sympathies
to the family of*



Richard Slevin

*who's funeral took place in
the past week*

*For your faithful people, Lord,
Life is changed, not ended*



*We welcome to the
Christian Family those who
were baptized
Recently*

*Amelia Grace : Harley Eve
Éabha Elizabeth: Alex
Isabelle Angela
Kayleigh Sarah*



Comhghairdeas do na daltaí ó Gaelscoil Bhaile Brigín a chuaigh faoi lámh an Easpaig le déanaí. Rinne siad an obair ríomh an lá agus tá muid an bhródúil as na ndaltaí seo.

Tá súil againn gur bhain sibh sult as an lá.

Congratulations also to the children from Scoil Chormaic CNS and Balscadden NS who received Holy Communion for the first time this weekend. We hope their parents and families are as proud as we are of how hard they worked in preparation for the Sacrament.

We pray God's blessing on all our young people on these special occasions in their faith lives

Some of our Parishioners with Archbishop Diarmuid Martin at the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock. A great day was had by all. The Pilgrimage was part of our preparation for the World Meeting of Families 2018.

The Second Collection last weekend for Vocation Sunday amounted to **€2048**. Many thanks for your contributions.

Balbriggan Senior Citizens
Social Sunday takes place on Sunday, April 29th at 4pm in the Hall on High Street. All 60+ welcome!
Our AGM takes place on Thursday, May 3rd at 8.30pm In the Hall on High Street

Our Planned Giving Collection for the weekend of April 21/22 amounted to **€1945**. Many thanks for your contributions.

If you would like to contribute to the running costs of the Parish through Planned Giving Envelopes or Standing Order, please contact the Parish Office

We have Lost and Found Box in the Sacristy where items are waiting to be claimed. You are welcome to have a look over the next few weekends and see if St.

Anthony has answered your prayers!! After the May Bank Holiday, any items left will be recycled or given to a local Charity shop

Local woman Anne Reilly is hosting a One Day Only Pop Up Shop MASSIVE BARGAINS! Glebe North Clubhouse (near Lidl), Market Green, Friday, May 4th, 10am – 5pm

To raise funds for her Bolivian Education Project. 40 years the Franciscan Missionary Sisters set up a college in one of the poorest areas of Latin America that gives young Bolivians the education to address the most pressing concerns of rural communities – health, education, agriculture, veterinary science, and the environment. Anne is volunteering to teach English and give pastoral support within this unique University in rural Bolivia.



Ministers of the Word and Altar Servers ... your rosters are ready for collection after Mass

O'Dwyers GAA Club: Lotto won. Nos 2, 16, 20. Centenary Knockout White Collar Boxing takes place on Saturday 5th May in City North Hotel. Tickets €20 available from any of the boxers. Fiddle classes on Mondays @ 3.15pm. Contact Niamh on 087 1265650. Adult set dancing class on Monday nights @ 8.15pm. Contact Freda on 086-3249476. Bingo every Wednesday night at 8.45pm. For more information visit our website www.odwyersgaa.com.

CHURCH MASS TIMES

BALBRIGGAN:

Monday-Friday: 10am
Holy Days: 9.30am & 11am
Saturday: Vigil 6.30pm
Sunday: 10am & 12noon

BALSCADDEN:

Sunday and Holy Days: 8.30am

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Individual Confessions:

Saturday at 10am

Reconciliation Service:

First Saturday of the Month
after Mass at 10am

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest: Fr. Eugene Taaffe

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Fr. Donal Toal SMA

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