

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 24-November-2019

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

We belong to the rule of Christ who rules not by being served but by his service of people, a service so radical that it led to his death. The cross is Christ's throne: on the cross he is lifted up and makes peace between God and humankind. Those who follow his rule of service will share in his kingdom of peace.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Visit to Ballincollig by Bishop Fintan.

Bishop Fintan arrived in Ballincollig bright and early on Friday the 15th of November. He celebrated morning Mass with the regular morning mass congregation and the girls from sixth classes in Scoil Mhuire. The girls with their teachers Inion Ui She and Inion Ui Cochlain choose the theme of "Unity and Diversity ". Through well-prepared readings from the Word of God, prayers and intercessions as well as suitable hymns, music and reflections ensured we celebrated a prayerful and uplifting liturgy.

Bishop Fintan continued with a full day visiting all six primary schools, meeting the young people preparing for the sacrament of confirmation, also fifth class pupils as well as the staff of the various schools. This trip around the parish gave Bishop Fintan an introduction to Ballincollig and the living faith of young people, teachers and adults, later, at 8 30 pm, Bishop Fintan joined in Taizé prayer.

Saturday at two o'clock presented an opportunity to welcome Bishop Fintan to Ballincollig and to the diocese of Cork and Ross, more than two hundred turned up to meet and greet our Bishop in the Community centre. The 6pm vigil Mass was celebrated by Bishop Fintan and on Sunday morning he prayed the Mass with us.



The weekend was busy; it was also full of hope and Faith and great that our Bishop spent time with the people of God in Ballincollig. Let us continue to keep Bishop Fintan in our prayers and resolve under his servant leadership and guidance to build up the body of Christ.

Today's feast of Christ the King presents us with Jesus who never used power to his advantage. Whom do we know who has used power to benefit others rather than for self-interest? The power of God is shown in an unexpected way in the crucifixion as Jesus shares our human weakness.

Fr. George O'Mahony

Ballincollig Parish—Advent Retreat 2019

Church of St. Mary & St. John

Monday	2nd December
Tuesday	3rd December
Wednesday	4th December

Morning:	Mass @ 7.00am
Evening:	Prayers; Homily; Liturgy @ 8.00pm
Theme:	Image of God; Advent; Laudate Si
All welcome	Conducted by: The Redemptorists

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

We are people who have the ear of the King, and so we now make our prayers with confidence.

Reader

May the Church's proclamation of Christ the King be made authentic by her example and be greeted with gladness by more and more people.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the kings of the earth – the powerful, the wealthy and the influential. May God touch the hearts of many of them, so that they may seek first the Kingdom of God and its righteousness.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

May the Lord grant political stability and harmony where it is lacking, and may he bless the efforts of peacemakers and diplomats.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

May the Peace Process in our country become more deeply rooted; may God, in his mercy, help people of peace to overcome any threats and obstacles to a lasting peace.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those who have died; May they hear the Lord inviting them to enter into the joy of their Master.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

For a moment, we remember in silence our own particular needs.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

Priest

Father, may we stand firm in the face of all that challenges, and work perseveringly for all that is good. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

I rejoiced when I hear them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'

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† IN SYMPATHY †

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :

Michael McGrath, Tipperary Town.
 Eileen Lordan, Newcestown.
 Tony Whelan, Maglin.
 Maire Bean Uí Chrualaoi, Maglin.
 Mary Horgan, Callan, Co. Kilkenny.
 Ned Stapleton, Tipperary.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS OR OTHERWISE REMEMBERED:

Mary Harrington, Douglas Street.
 John O'Connor, Powdermills.
 Patrick & Mary Dineen, Shandon View.
 Martin Mulhern, Coolroe Heights.
 Kathleen O'Keffee, Aylsbury.
 Con Sheehan, Coachford.
 Frances Murphy, Ballincollig & Douglas.
 May O'Brien, Friars Walk.
 Hannah Buckley, Mallow
 May O'Brien.
 Tim O'Connor.
 Michael & Kay Callaghan.
 Denis & Nora O'Connor.
 Charles O'Leary, Minster's Cross, Carrigrohane.
 Kevin McCarthy, Rosewood.
 Ada O'Leary, Poulavone.
 Philip Bogue, Ballincollig/Ballyhooley.
 Billy & Shelia Green, Station Road/Carriganarra.
 Johanna Morrissey, Doneraile.
 Jack & Beatrice Shanahan, Fr. Sexton Park.
 Phil Coughlan, Tower Street.
 Martin O'Neill, Castlepark.
 Kathleen Murphy, Glounthaune.
 Michael Giltinan, Maglin View.
 Stephen & Mary Murray, Pinecroft, Douglas.
 John & Kitty Hegarty, McCurtain Villas.
 Joe, Mona & Ann Thuiller, Kinsale.
 Myles Ronan, Oaklee.
 Conor Ronan, Oaklee.
 Thomas Farrell, Beech Park.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Thirty Fourth Week In Ordinary Time

24 Sunday 2 Sam. 5:1-3. Ps. 121. Col. 1:12-20. Lk. 23:35-43. Lect I: 936
 25 Monday Dan. 1:1-6,8-20. Ps. Dan. 3:52-56. Lk. 21:1-4. Lect II: 439
 26 Tuesday Dan. 2:31-45. Ps. Dan. 3:57-61. Lk. 21:5-11. Lect II: 442
 27 Wednesday Dan. 5: 1-6, 13-17, 23-28. Ps. Dan. 3. Lk. 21: 12- 19. Lect II: 444
 28 Thursday Dan. 6:12-28. Ps. Dan. 3:68-74. Lk. 21 :20-28. Lect II: 447
 29 Friday Dan. 7:2-14. Ps. Dan. 3. Lk. 21 :29-33. Lect II: 449
 30 Saturday Rom. 10:9-18. Ps. 18. Mt. 4:1 8-22. Lect II:1279

Next Sunday's Readings 01-December-2019

Is. 2:1-5. Ps. 121. Rom. 13:11-14. Mt. 24:37-44. Lect I: 3

BAPTISMS

WE WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY ALL THOSE WHO WERE BAPTISED RECENTLY :

Alannah Amelia O'Brien, Muskerry Estate.
 Cillian Richard Condon, Ovens.
 Jacob David Kotarba, Ovens.
 Darragh John O'Gorman, Macroom.
 Jay Vincent Kavanagh, Mill Range.

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3
 David was anointed King; he was designated as ruler by a solemn act of pouring oil on his head. The word "Messiah" means the "Anointed One." For this reason, David is a figure of Jesus Christ, his descendant.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:12-20
 Paul speaks of the ways in which Christ is our King. In all the aspects of his rule, Christ is spoken of in his human nature, as a man.

Gospel: Luke 23:35-43.
 Associated with Jesus' passion, today's Gospel brings us to the scene of the crucifixion. Jesus, on his own cross, is flanked by thieves on either side. One of the thieves jeers and taunts Jesus calling him a king and wondering why a king cannot save himself and them as well. Jesus responds telling the thief that his royalty is not like that of earthly kingdoms. He has no material wealth or armies. The second thief asks Jesus to remember him when he comes into his kingdom. We know today that he is with Jesus in heaven.

Ballincollig Scout Group

The Annual bazaar will take place on Sunday 1st Dec.
 Time for a clear out before Santa arrives!!
 We would love to receive donations of
 BOOKS, TOYS, GAMES,
 DVDs and BRIC-A-BRAC in good saleable condition.
 Donations may be brought to the SCOUT HALL
 (located behind St Mary & St John's Church)
 at the following times:
 Mondays: 6.30pm - 8.30pm
 Tuesdays: 6.30pm - 8.30pm
 Wednesdays: 6.30pm - 8.30pm.
 Unfortunately we CANNOT accept clothes or electrical items

Many thanks to everyone for your support!!

Mozart's Requiem and Holst's Hymn of Jesus.

Will take place on Sunday December 1st at 8:00pm in St Augustine's Church, Washington Street, Cork City. As part of our 40th Anniversary Celebrations, East Cork Choral Society will perform Mozart's final masterpiece, his Requiem. This will be followed by Holst's very moving and dramatic 'Hymn of Jesus' and the Advent anthem 'Turn back O man' also by Holst. Tickets €20, are available from Pro Music, Oliver Plunkett St, from Society members or phone 021 7432850. www.eastcorkchoralsociety.com

Prayer to Christ The King.

Oh Lord our God you alone are the most Holy King and Ruler of all Nations. I pray to you Lord in the great expectation of receiving from you oh Divine King mercy peace justice and all good things. Protect oh Lord our God our families and the land of our birth. Guard us we pray most faithful One. Protect us from our enemies and from your just judgement. Forgive, oh Sovereign King, our sins against you. Jesus you are a king of mercy we have deserved your just judgement have mercy on us. Lord and forgive us we trust in your great mercy. Oh most awe inspiring King we bow before you and pray may your reign your Kingdom be recognised on earth. Amen.

Charitable Donation Scheme

The Charitable Donation Scheme allows tax relief on qualifying donations made to eligible charities and approved bodies.

If an individual makes a donation of over €250 in the year, the charity or approved body can claim a refund of tax paid on that donation by the donor.

If a company makes a donation of over €250 in the year, the company can claim a tax deduction as if the donation was a trading expense.

There is a four year time limit for making a claim under this scheme.

For those wishing to participate please download the CHY4 form from www.revenue.ie, complete and return it to the Parish Office.

Spanish Mass

A Spanish mass for Catholics is celebrated on the third Sunday of every month in St. Martin's Chapel, Saint Mary's church, Popes Quay, Cork at 3p.m. The next mass is on Sunday 17th November. All welcome.

Bulletin Board

Coeliac Hosts

Low gluten hosts are available that are suitable for Coeliac. Please inform the priest prior to Mass if possible if you require it.

Autumn Dues

The priests of the Parish would like to thank you for returning the Autumn Dues Envelopes. Your continued support is much appreciated.

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place on Saturday November 30th at 12.00 noon in the Library Room, Community Hall, Station Road. The presentation lasts for approximately forty minutes. The following questions are addressed, what is Baptism? What are the symbols used in the Sacrament of Baptism? How can the family become involved in the ceremony? Parents might book the baptism a few weeks in advance to give ample time to take part in the preparation.

Marriage Support Envelope Collection

The annual Marriage Support collection which was taken up at all Masses last weekend 16th & 17th November amounted to €550. We appreciate your continued generosity.

Fr. George & Fr. Cian

Reflection for Parents

Today's children are not considered outcasts, but if you ask most children, they'll tell you they don't think adults really value their opinion. Jesus always reached out to the people that society generally found unimportant and that is a good thing for us to remember as parents. Even while he hung on the cross, Jesus preached the Good News to the criminals hanging with him. Sometimes we find ourselves living, witnessing, and teaching the Gospel message to our children even when the majority view is different. Jesus' words in today's Gospel give us the courage to share our faith with our children even when society doesn't count their input for much and even when the Gospel message is not the majority viewpoint.

Westgate Fundraising Bazaar

The annual Westgate fundraising bazaar will be held in Westgate on today Sunday, 24th November from 1.00pm-5.00pm.

A Prayer for Guidance

Lord show me clearly what you want me to do with the gifts you have given me.
 Grant me the strength that I need to answer your call with courage and love.
 Make me a generous person so that others may experience your love through me. Amen

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Nov-30 & Dec-01-2019

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Viktoria Sarkauy
Patricia O’Riordan
8:30 am
John Healy
Kerry O’Leary
10:00 am
Marie Bunyan
Amy O’Driscoll/Daithi O’Floinn
12:00 Noon
Emer Wiseman

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Fiona Feely
Thalia Greaux
11:00 am
Joseph Buckley
Rory Doherty
12:30 pm
Laura O’Leary
Sarah O’Connell
5:30 pm
Tom Reck

MASS TIMES

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

8:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon	Sunday	11 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm
9:30 am	Monday	8:30 am
9:30 am	Tuesday	8:30 am
9:30 am	Wednesday	8:30 am
9:30 am	Thursday	8:30 am
9:30 am	Friday	8:30 am
10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)	Saturday	7:30 pm (Vigil)

CONFESSIONS

After 10:00 am Mass & before 6:00 pm Mass **Saturday**

BAPTISMS

4:30 pm	Saturday	4:30 pm
Except First Saturday of Month		First Saturday of Month
12:45 pm	Sunday	

PARISH CLERGY

Priest on Duty	087-2479140
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Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

25-Nov-2019 to 01-Dec-2019

Joan Barrett
Margot Twomey

**Christmas Open House,
Bride Park Cottage, Killumney**

D.J. Murphy is holding his Christmas Open House over the last 2 weekends in November. Opening Dates and Times: Thurs, Nov. 21st – Sunday 24th and Thurs, Nov. 28th – Sun, Dec. 1st. Thurs and Fri: 6pm – 10pm, Sat: 2 pm – 9pm & Sun: 12p.m – 8p.m.



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Nov-30 & Dec-01-2019

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Pat Moore
Marie Healy
Margaret Kearney
Nora Barry
Joan Tobin

7:30 pm John O’Donoghue
Mary Dineen
Mairead Keenan
Kay O’Sullivan

8:30 am Triona Collins
Tom Butler

11:00 am Mary Aylward
Pauline Baston
Diarmuid Horgan
Sylvia Manley

10:00 am Mags Bunyan
Mary Murphy
Breda Monaghan
Mary Hennigan

12:30 pm Maura O’Driscoll
Mary Lehane
Dympna Byrne
Suzanne Leech
Mona Bowen

12 Noon Marie Bohan
Breda Lenihan
Jacinta Jeffers
Rena O’Connor
Sean Farrell

5:30 pm Shelia Curran
Elizabeth O’Sullivan

Marymount University Hospital and Hospice is holding its annual Light Up a Life Ceremony on its hospital grounds in Curraheen, on Sunday 1st December from 3pm to 6pm. Special guest this year is Donncha O’Callaghan who will officially light the lights at Marymount campus. The events on the day will be MC-ed by our very own Bibi Baskin with a Christmas market on site and four fantastic choirs - The Light Up a Life Ceremony is a special occasion for the hospital and hospice for people to gather together to watch the Christmas lights being switched on as well as enjoy entertainment from the Army Band of the 1st Brigade, Sonatins Glanmire Choir, Cork City Male Voice Choir and Frankfield Gospel Choir.

The winning ticket from the Marymount Car Draw will also be pulled just before the Light Up a Life ceremony.

Marymount is open to the public on the day with festive stalls and tea and coffee available to all visitors. Children’s activities will also be available. “We would like to encourage people to come to our Light Up a Life Ceremony here at Marymount on Sunday 3rd December from 3pm to 6pm. We are very grateful to Donncha and Bibi who are giving of their time in order to help us make sure the event is a success,” said Sarah McCloskey, CEO of Marymount. “Light Up a Life is a very special and poignant event. Christmas can be a difficult time and our Light Up a Life ceremony is a very symbolic way of us joining together as a community and lighting up our facility here in Marymount.”

People can sponsor lights on the Marymount Christmas tree in person on the day or online at <https://lightupalife.marymount.ie> where they can also write a dedicated message to a loved one.

As well as a significant symbolic event, Marymount’s Light Up a Life appeal is also an important fundraising campaign for the hospice, which needs to raise €3.5 million every year to continue to provide its existing level of services. “We are indebted to the people of Cork for supporting Marymount as much as they do and as often as they do,” explained Dr McCloskey. “It really is due to people’s generosity that we are here in our great facility in Curraheen. I would like to invite the people of Cork to attend our Light Up a Life ceremony so they can see the service and facility for themselves.” Marymount’s Light Up a Life event takes place on Sunday 1st December, 3pm – 5.30pm. To sponsor a dedication and light on its online Light Up a Life tree please go to: <https://lightupalife.marymount.ie>.