

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 26-January-2020

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday within Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

God has given to each of us a potential to be developed.  
There is a promise in us yet to be fulfilled. Jesus came to  
bring this fulfilment to everyone and it will be ours when we  
follow like Peter and the others who lived in Galilee.



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

## Rip van winkle Sleepy hollow Gotham

The American Writer Washington Irving invented the person of Rip Van Winkle and he gave to New York City the nickname 'Gotham'. He wrote the 'Legend of Sleepy hollow'.

Washington Irving also wrote the following:

There is a Sacredness in tears.  
They are not the mark of weakness, but of power.  
They speak more eloquently than ten thousand tongues.  
They are the messengers of overwhelming grief,  
Of deep contrition,  
And of unspeakable love'

Fr. Cian O'Sullivan

## Diocesan / Parish Announcement

Bishop Fintan Gavin has announced the appointment of Fr. Cian O'Sullivan CC Ballincollig as Diocesan Director of Vocations in addition to his parish work. It is his hope that this appointment will bring new focus, energy and life to a vital area of Diocesan life. He believes that it is our own life witness as priests that best promotes vocations. Fr. Cian will continue to be a curate in Ballincollig.

In order to facilitate Fr. Cian to undertake this vocations work and to support the needs of the growing faith community in Ballincollig Fr. Kamil Bachara has been appointed as an additional curate to the parish. He will also be the co-ordinator of chaplaincy to the Polish Catholic Community in the Diocese.

## Reflection for Parents

There are few people in the world who understand the immediacy of today's Gospel like a parent does! The demands of the day are genuinely important, from the first stirrings of the morning, into the commitment-filled day, to the evening and bedtime routine. A huge part of our day requires an on the spot reaction from us. Many things we do on the spur of the moment are important, but have we thought today how the urgency of our day-to-day decisions compares to the urgency of Jesus calling his disciples? With what urgency do we call our children to discipleship? How do they recognise us as disciples of Jesus?

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

### Priest

Grateful for the Gospel call to repent, let us turn to God our Father with the confidence of beloved children.

### Reader

For the Church, that in her ministry of preaching and teaching, she may not hesitate to urge people to repentance and conversion of life.

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

That we may come to realise the love of God, whose call to repentance is a call to experience mercy and new life.

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

For those who are imprisoned due to addiction to alcohol, drugs, gambling or pornography; that they may seek and find the help they need.

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

For our parish community; that through our ongoing daily efforts, small though they may be, the light of Christ may shine in our neighbourhoods.

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

That all the dead may, by God's mercy, come to see the great light of God; may their gladness be great and their joy increase.

**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

Bless your people gathered in prayer, O Lord, as we renew our commitment to walk in the light of your Son, Jesus, Who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

*The Lord is my light and my help.*

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Johnny Allen, Belgooly.  
 Michael Lavelle, Westport.  
 Joe Quinn, Model Farm Road.  
 Dr. Meena, India.  
 Noel O’Sullivan, Beech Park.  
 Ellen Patricia Goodwin, Rosewood.  
 Niamh Carty, Ballincollig / Enniscorthy.

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

Michael Carroll, Coolroe Heights.  
 Peg O’Flynn, Fr. Sexton Park.  
 Paul Murray, Westcliffe.  
 Ellen Buckley, Bakers Road.  
 Alison Murphy, Wyndham Downs.  
 Dermot & Nell Cronin, Pouladuff Road.  
 Denis O’Donoghue, West Village.  
 Michael Carroll, Coolroe Heights.  
 Peg O’Flynn, Fr. Sexton Park.  
 Seán Coakley, Muskerry Estate.  
 Jack McCarthy, Ballintemple.  
 Daniel Cronin, Rathmore.  
 Michael O’Reilly, Watergrasshill.  
 Edward & Joan Murphy, Powdermills.  
 Frank Collins, Ballingulley.  
 Betty Connolly, Muskerry Estate.  
 Connie Jack O’Sullivan, Ahilnane.  
 Mary O’Mahony, Castlepark.  
 Dec. Mem’s of the O’Mahony Family, Clash.  
 Dec. Mem’s of the O’Leary Family, Aglish, Farran.  
 Richard Fitton, Ballincollig/Aherla.  
 Christy Lucey, Beech Park.  
 Donal O’Donoghue & John O’Donoghue, Gurranreigh, Kilmichael.  
 Daniel Cronin, Rathmore.  
 Dec. Mem’s of the Reilly & Hanney Families.  
 Mary Sheehan, Crosshaven.  
 May O’Reilly, Model Farm Road.  
 James & Margaret O’Mahony, Skibbereen.  
 Frank Crowley, Greenfields.  
 John & Peggy Duggan, Coachford.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Third Week In Ordinary Time

26 Sunday Is. 8:23-9:3. Ps. 26. 1 Cor. 1:10-13, 17. Mt. 4:12-23. Lect I: 644  
 27 Monday 2 Sam 5:1-7, 10. Ps 88. Mk 3:22-30. Lect II: 484  
 28 Tuesday 2 Sam 6:12-15, 17-19. Ps 23. Mk 3:31-35. Lect II: 486  
 29 Wednesday 2 Sam. 7:4-17. Ps. 88. Mk. 4:1-20. Lect II: 488  
 30 Thursday Sam. 7:18-19,24-29. Ps. 131. Mk. 4:21-25. Lect II: 490  
 31 Friday 2 Sam 11:1-10, 13-17. Ps50. Mk 4:26-34. Lect II: 493  
 01 Saturday Job 31:16-20, 24-25, 31-32 or Eph 3:14-21. Ps 106. Lk 6:32-38.  
 National Proper

**Next Sunday’s Readings 02-February-2020**

Mal. 3: 1-4 or Heb. 2: 14-18. Ps. 23 Lk. 2:22-40. Lect I: 967 or II: 940

**BAPTISMS**

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

Alexandra Rebecca Egan, Dublin.  
 Clara Grace Kenneally, Parknamore.  
 Mia Lily O’Sullivan, Classes Lake.

**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Isaiah 8:23 - 9:3  
 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Those who lived in the land of gloom now have joy, for the yoke that burdened them God has smashed.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17  
 Paul wrote to the people of Corinth: let "there be no divisions among you, ... be united in mind and in the same purpose." I have heard "that there are rivalries among you. . . . Is Christ divided?"

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23  
 The reading today from Matthew's Gospel takes place early in Jesus' ministry. Several ideas are clear. First of all, Matthew strived to connect his Gospel for the early Christians to their Jewish heritage. He made several references in his Gospel like the one today in which prophecies of old are fulfilled in Jesus. The second thing was that Jesus learned of John the Baptist's arrest and resolved to begin his ministry away from Herod. Finally, Jesus called with some urgency, his first four disciples. The common thread to all this was that God's Kingdom was at hand.

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**Catholic Schools Week  
26<sup>th</sup> January to 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

Catholic Schools Week 2020 will take place this year from Sunday 26 January – Sunday 2 February on the theme ‘Catholic Schools: Living in Harmony with God’s Creation’. During Catholic Schools Week families, parishes and schools, North and South, are invited to participate in a week of celebration of Catholic schools and on their contribution to the common good of our society.

This year’s theme ‘Catholic Schools: Living in Harmony with God’s Creation’, encourages us to see that we all have a responsibility to care for the earth, not just for our own future, but for the future of every one of God’s creatures.

**Daily themes for CSW2020:**

- Monday: Living in Harmony with God
- Tuesday: Living in Harmony with our Neighbours
- Wednesday: Living in Harmony with All Generations
- Thursday: in Harmony with the Earth
- Friday: Living in Harmony in our Catholic School

**A Winter Road Safety Message  
Primary Road Safety Winter Hazards**

- Reduced visibility
- Glare of sun due being lower in the skyline
- Shorter days/ lower levels of daylight,
- Fallen leaves, rain and ice creating wet and slippery surfaces.

**Pedestrians & Cyclists**

- Be Seen - Light Up
- Wear Bright Reflective Clothing
- Stay on designated cycle and pedestrian pathways where possible
- Take extra care crossing at road junctions

**Driver Safety**

- Allow more Time for your Trip
- Reduce Speed / Slow Down
- Check and Switch on Lights (even during day time)
- Check Your Tyre Grip & Air Pressure

**Anam Cara Cork**

The organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on 5th February at 7:20pm in The Clayton Hotel, Cork City . This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents.

*The Bible should fill the memory,  
rule the heart, and guide the feet.*

*The Bible is meant not to inform, but to transform.  
Men do not reject the Bible because it contradicts itself  
but because it contradicts them.*

**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.

**Diocesan (Second) Collection**

The quarterly second collection in aid of the Diocesan Funds which was taken up last weekend 18th & 19th January at all Masses amounted to €2,910.00.

**Offertory Collection Boxes**

The boxes of envelopes for the Offertory Collection are available in both churches. Families are asked to take one box. Please use the envelopes for the Offertory Collection for the Vigil and Sunday Masses during the year. The Offertory Collection is solely for the upkeep, maintenance, insurance, lighting, heating and related expenses of both churches.

**Parishioners** who gave their name and offertory box number for Tax Rebate to the Church will have their boxes delivered to them. Thanks for your generosity and we look forward to your support for the coming year.

**Family Mass**

The next Children’s Mass for children in second class preparing for their first Holy Communion will take place on Sunday 2nd February at 11.00am in Church of Christ Our Light. The Parents of children who are seven and eight are asked to bring them to this Mass. Preparation with these children commences in the main body of the church at 10.45am.

**Fr. George & Fr. Cian**

**Music Morning**

The monthly Music Morning in the Ballincollig Library next Tuesday, 28th at 11.00am will be presented by Joan Kennelly. Everyone is welcome and a cuppa will be served.

**Blood Donor Clinics**

419 Donors attended our Blood Donor Clinics this week in Ballincollig & Ovens. This generosity and commitment to helping others is very much appreciated. The precious gift of Blood brings life and hope to our hospital patients and their communities.

**MABS**

MABS (money advice and budgeting) will visit Ballincollig Library on Wednesday, January 29th, at 10.30am. All are most welcome for advice and information on - “How to Manage Your Money”.

*‘A friend knows the song in my heart and sings it  
to me when my memory fails’*

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Feb-01 & Feb-02-2020

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**

Karen Sheehan  
Darragh Lankford

**8:30 am**

Riain Brennan  
Miriam Healy

**10:00 am**

Marie Bunyan/Amy O'Driscoll  
Daithi O'Floinn

**12:00 Noon**

Katie Tobin  
Shane Tully

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**

Rebecca Feely  
Siobhan Keane

**11:00 am**

Joseph Buckley  
Rory Doherty

**12:30 pm**

Michelle McCarthy

**5:30 pm**

Christine O'Brien

**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**

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Fr. Cian O'Sullivan C.C. 021-4876171

**Funeral Pastoral Team Rota**

27-Jan-2020 to 02-Feb-2020

Laurence Cunningham

Virginia Harrington

**Reflection**

I pray Lord, for the needy of our world: come among us as one who will help, and call us all to help the hungry and sick, the uneducated and homeless, those who are victims of violence and war, the lonely and depressed. May your coming this Christmas be for them a time of peace and love; may we bring to them, in what way we can the joy of your coming.

**A Prayer for those who suffer from Depression**

Dear Jesus, I walk in the valley of darkness for I suffer from depression. I feel unloved, rejected, useless to myself and useless to others. I feel lost in a world I no longer understand. At times, I want to sleep and never wake up again. Lord, I believe that your love is a transforming love. Jesus, Son of David have pity on me.

Out of the depths, I cry to you. Lord, even though I feel nothing, I still praise you for the wonder of my being. You have formed me in my mother's womb and watched over me to this moment. I am precious in your eyes and you love me. On the Cross, you shed your blood for me. You have carved me on the palm of your hand. For all this I give you thanks and praise. May your precious blood give new life to me and to all those who suffer as I do. Take each one of us and hug us to your sacred and loving heart. Through your glorious wounds may we be healed.

Dear Jesus, when you fed the crowd in the desert, you wished to gather up the fragments lest anything be lost. As I wander through a desert and darkness of my own, I ask you to gather up the fragments of this shattered being, lest anything be lost. Through the prophet, Joel, you promise to restore the years that the locusts have eaten. I ask you, lay your hands gently on my weary head and restore me. Let your face shine upon me and give me back the peace, the joy that has been lost.



**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Feb-01 & Feb-02-2020

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6.00 pm** Eileen Murphy  
Ted Nelligan  
Maurice Bunyan  
Sheila Walshe  
Katie Collins  
Aisling Leahy

**8:30 am** Helen Kelly  
Michael Crowley  
Eileen Corkery

**10:00 am** Fionnuala McDonagh  
Mary Buckley  
Fiona Kelly  
Martin O'Leary  
Andrej Janukowicz

**12 Noon** Ann-Marie Cosgrove  
Phil Kennedy  
Ellen O'Sullivan  
Ursula McAuliffe  
Sally Crowley  
Helena Buckley

**7:30 pm** Geraldine Lynch  
Charles Vaughan  
Joan Stephenson  
Bernie Bowen

**11:00 am** Neil Jeffries  
Eileen O'Donoghue  
Padraig Fleming  
Hugh / Catherine Moran  
Imelda Power / Martina Woods

**12:30 pm** Tom Murray  
John O'Regan  
Gerard Dunne  
Brid Dunne

**5:30 pm** Bernard Curran  
John Canty