

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 05-February-2023

Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

The negative formulation of God's will In the Law is necessary for those who are morally immature. But Jesus leads us by a more perfect and positive understanding to the maturity which makes us realise our full obligations to God and to our fellow human beings.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

The Sermon on the Mount

"Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law of the Prophets but to complete them.'"

Over the years I have proclaimed God's word, joined in, celebrated, concelebrated Mass and the sacraments in many different types of settings. In a Parish Church; in Diocesan Cathedrals; in places of pilgrimage like Lourdes and Knock; on the island of Whiddy; on an island off Malta has marks the place where St Paul was shipwrecked on his way for trial in Rome. Such settings were indoor and outdoor with large numbers and sometimes with a handful of people and always remembering the piece of scripture that says: "Where two or three are gathered in my name there am I in their midst."

The earliest known words recorded of Christ are those when He set foot in the Temple, and opened the scriptures as He regularly did, and proclaimed from Isaiah, "The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me, He has sent me to proclaim the Good News; to proclaim a year of the Lord's favour." He spoke with authority, unlike the Scribes and Pharisees, and said that those very words were being fulfilled in Himself.

So the first words of He spoke were words of confirmation identifying Himself as one sent and this was amid a setting of a Temple, a place of worship, reflection, institution. Today in the Gospel the setting as recording my St Matthew is on a mountainside with large crowds, the multitude.

His words are taken from what is known as The Sermon on the Mount. Because we celebrated the Feast of the Presentation on February 2nd we missed hearing about that setting and yet the setting is paramount to understanding the proclaiming of the Word made Flesh beyond place (Temple), time (year of favour). We moved into the Sermon last weekend when He told His listeners, disciples, multitude,

"You are the salt of the earth and the light of the world."

Jesus the Teacher and Master proclaims a word for us about another type of Temple, the temple of our spirits, hearts, lives. He speaks now to a multitude as One who is fulfilling the Law and other Traditions of the Jewish people and yet is adamant that the Laws have their weaknesses in that they can be followed only at times at an external level.

Caretaker/Janitor Position

Ballinora National School <https://www.ballinorans.ie>
This is a part time position. It is not a full-time position.
Initially this is a fixed term contract, from 27/02/23 to 14/06/23

This post is for 12 hours a week, generally worked over three days, Monday, Wednesday and Friday. However, flexibility and ability to work overtime when necessary is essential.

This position is subject to satisfactory Garda vetting.

Apply To: Ballinora National School
Waterfall, Cork

Please see full advert at

<https://www.educationposts.ie/post/view/185765>

Application Closing Date: Thu Feb 16 2023

Catechesis

In today's society it is becoming more difficult for people to live out their faith as individuals. We need to form Christian Communities today like The Family of Nazareth that live in Humility, Simplicity and Praise where the other is Christ. Come and Listen at St Mark's Centre, Ballincollig opposite Christ Our Light Church Sundays and Wednesdays beginning Sunday, February 5th at 7.30 pm.

Cork Scripture Group

4 Monday nights (27th Feb, 6th, 13th, 20th March) on "Treasures Old and New: The Bible as the Heart of our faith". Presenters: Sean O'Sullivan, Luke MacNamara OSB, Sr. Mary T. Brien PBVM, Phil Mortell. Saturday workshop (March 11th) on Matthew and Justice facilitated by Sr. Sheila Curran RSM. Cost €50. Please email corks scripturegroup@gmail.com to book a place.

World Youth Day 2023

The Diocese of Cork and Ross is delighted to announce that Bishop Fintan will travel with 20 young people (18 - 30 years) from around the Diocese to World Youth Day 2023 in Lisbon (July 31st to August 7th). Two to four million young people from around the world are expected to attend and to pray with Pope Francis. It will be an experience of faith, fun and friendship. A special "Information Evening" will take place on Monday, February 13th at 8pm in Mardyke House Cork City (T12 W8RP). The cost is €500 per person including flights, accommodation, food vouchers, tickets for transport within Lisbon, travel insurance and bag allowance. Places are limited so if you are interested, please come along on February 13th to register your interest.

To all our readers we apologise for the unforeseen printing error on back page of last week's publication, this page had reference to deceased persons and we unreservedly regret this and any upset it may have caused.

They are happy who follow God's law!

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Seventh Week In Ordinary Time

05 Sunday Eccles (Sir) 15: 15-20. Ps 118. 1 Cor 2:6-10. Mt 5:17-37 Lect I: 652

06 Monday Gen. 4:1-15,25. Ps. 49. Mk. 8:11-13. Lect II: 68

07 Tuesday Acts 13:-46-49. Ps. 116. Lk.10:1-9 Lect II: 957

08 Wednesday Gen. 8:6-13.20-22: Ps.115. Mk 8:22-26. Lect II:72

09 Thursday Gen. 9: 1-13. Ps. 101. Mk. 8:27 -33. Lect II:74

10 Friday Gen. 11:1-9. Ps. 32. Mk. 8: 34-9:1. Lect II:76

11 Saturday Heb 11:1-7. Ps 144. Mk 9:2-13. Lect II: 78

12-February-2023 Lev 19:1-2, 17-18. Ps 102. 1 Cor 3:16-23. Mt 5:38-48. Lect I: 656.

† IN SYMPATHY †
 PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :
 Seán Nolan, Coolroe Meadows.
 Ben Bourke, Limeworth.
 Joe C. Keating, Caherciveen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS OR OTHERWISE REMEMBERED:
 Richard O'Halloran, Muskerry Estate.
 Habersack Damusiak, Posnan, Poland.
 Patrick Goodwin, Tralee & Glasheen.
 Denis & Rita Murphy, Fr. Sexton Park.
 Timothy Dineen, Curraheen Cross.
 Cornelius, Patrick & Julia Lehane, Rahona.
 Pat Manning, Farranree.
 Jim Greene, Station Road.
 Kimberley McCarthy, Beech Park.
 Michael Barrett, Beech Park.
 Dec. Mem. of the Boyce, Ahern & O'Keeffe families.
 Catherine & Patrick Howard, Ballinlough.
 Kevin Roderick, Westgate.
 Jimmy Nolan.
 Bernice Herley, Beech Park.
 Jimmy Murphy, Pinewalk/Clonmel.
 Tim Murphy, Glounthaune.
 Eddie Manning.
 John O'Brien, Newcestown.
 John Duggan, Parnell Terrace.
 Edward Manning, Rosewood Est.

Mass Times for week ahead

St. Mary & St. John		Christ Our Light
8:30 am & 10 am	Sunday	11 am & 12:30 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
6 pm (Vigil)	Saturday	7:30 pm (Vigil)

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.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament continues every Friday from 3 p.m. until 4 p.m. in St. Mary & St. John's Church.

Meditation

Meditation continues every Tuesday in Ballincollig Community Hall after 9.30am Mass. Please feel free to join any Tuesday.

Reflection for Parents

Often we think that showing our anger and resentment will punish the person who has hurt us. In today's gospel, Jesus knows and tries to tell us that just the opposite is true. Holding on to these feelings prevents our own healing. Forgiveness does not erase the wrong that was done, but rather lifts the negative burden pressing down on our spirit. To live the Good News of Jesus, we can practice forgiveness in our families. No matter how good we try to be, there will always be a void if we withhold our forgiveness. Together we can model this life-giving action for one another; and through family discussions, we can help each other give and receive forgiveness in our daily lives.

Breakthrough Cancer Research

Have you ever dreamed of doing the Camino de Santiago? Breakthrough Cancer Research are taking on the Camino Ingles from the 15th-22nd May 2023. Enjoy this amazing adventure with our experienced guide and help us Make More Survivors. For more information please contact Mary@breakcancer.ie or phone 021 422 66 55 for more details.

First Reading: Sirach 15:15-20
 The problem of God's knowledge and human freedom has puzzled philosophers for centuries. If God sees all" even the future, then everything is determined in advance and there seems little room for human freedom. The author of this text doesn't recognise the problem but simply assures us that God absolutely respects our freedom. He is a concerned Father rather than a meddling 'Big Brother'.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10
 In general philosophers have no time for mysteries. They only see problems that are open in principle to solution by rational means. For Paul, such thinkers are immature, like children or adolescents who think they have all the answers though their experience is limited. The wisdom of faith carries us beyond the senses, beyond the limits of our own minds, into the mind of God who reveals himself in Christ.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:17-37
 Actions and their consequences are to morality what symptoms are to health. An unhealthy person often shows symptoms of disease -pain, loss of energy, poor colour. But the doctor shouldn't focus on these alone. Sometimes the patient is ill yet shows no external signs. And when telltale signs are there, the doctor mustn't treat the symptoms alone, forgetting the underlying condition. Jesus is a wise moral physician, insisting that right and wrong actions stem from a good or bad heart. Sin is like an iceberg, where the bulk lies under the surface. The healing of negative attitudes -anger, lust, infidelity is hard work demanding serious sacrifices. There can be no quick fix or superficial solutions here.