

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 19-February-2023

Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

The Lord is Compassion and Love.

Day of Prayer for Temperance.

We cannot celebrate the Lord of love without resolving to be more like him; for we are built Into him like stones into a Temple erected to give glory to God. We belong to him.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

The Season of Lent

To be reborn, to start a new life, to go to a new land - these are important Christian religious symbols. Abraham goes to a new country; Moses leads a new nation through the waters of the Red Sea to freedom and life; a humbled but joyful people return from exile; Christ passes from death to life.

Today the Christian celebrates new life in baptism and constantly renews that life, making new beginnings. Our whole religion focuses on beginnings. We never quite live up to yesterday's commitment, nor do we find today's commitment adequate tomorrow. We need to be healed and cleansed; we need to reaffirm in each other the possibility of a new beginning. Lent is an opportunity to make a new beginning. Ash Wednesday is an opportunity to gather and pray for one another's renewal. We will receive the Ashes; hear God's call to repentance "Receive the Good News".

The Good News is not the fact that we will die and be buried but rather that this acceptance of God's call to repent is the beginning of a journey from ashes to life. The texts of Lent read this year shows us God close to his people, to each believer and especially to sinners. A God near at hand and patient; full of mercy, he does not resign himself to the wandering of his children, his wish is to reconcile all in his Son.

Masses Ash Wednesday:

Church of Christ Our Light
8.30am

Church of St. Mary & John
9.30am & 7.30pm

Masses during Lent:

Church of Christ Our Light
8.30am Weekdays

Church of St. Mary & John
9.30am Weekdays

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. 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.

The Cork Regional Pioneer Council

The Novena in honour of Matt Talbot will begin on Monday 27th February 2023 at 7.30 p.m. in The Way of the Cross Church, Togher. The Novena will be held each Monday during Lent.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage

Medjugorje Pilgrimage ex Cork 31st May to June 7th 2023. Cost €849.00 pps. Early booking discount of €100 per person if fare booked and paid in full by December 5th. €200 deposit secures place. Half board accommodation in Hotel Leone. Optional insurance €39.00. Spiritual Director Fr. Ted Sheehan. Contact Sean O'Shaughnessy 0862959380 or Joe Walsh Tours 012410800. Places limited.

Six Ethics in Life.

Before you Pray, Believe.
Before you Speak, Listen.
Before you Spend, Earn.
Before you Write, Think.
Before you Quit, Try.
Before you Die, Live

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† IN SYMPATHY †

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :
Michael Butler, Thurles.
Brendan Brennan, Carrigadrohid.

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

Pat Burke, West Village.
Sean Ryan, Coolroe.
Margaret White, Coolroe.
Maria Henchy, Ballyburden.
Jim Murphy, Pine Walk.
Kathleen & Sonny Murray, Carrigrohane Road.
Daniel O'Sullivan, Inniscarra.
Eugene & Margaret Teahan, Killarney.
Kieran Collins, West Village.
Mamie Quinn, Powdermills/Former Sacristan.
Elizabeth Cronin.
Teresa Strahan, Dublin.
Michael Buckley, Castlepark.
Patrick & Nellie Hickey.
Donie & Ber Cremin, Magazine Road.
Jeremiah Crowley, Kilmichael.
Rory O'Flynn, Powdermills.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Seventh Week In Ordinary Time

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

20 Monday Eccles (Sir) 1:1-10. Ps 92. Mk 9:14-29. Lect II: 81

21 Tuesday Eccles. (Sir) 2:1-11. Ps. 36. Mk. 9:30-37. Lect II: 83

22 Wednesday Joel. 2:12-18. Ps. 50. 2 Cor. 5:20-6:2. Mt. 6:1-6. 16-18. Lect I: 191

23 Thursday Deut. 30:15-20. Ps. 1. Lk. 9:22-25. Lect I: 194

24 Friday Is 58:1-9. Ps 50. Mt 9:14-15. Lect I: 196

25 Saturday Is 58:9-14. Ps 85 Lk 5:27-32. Lect I: 198

26-February-2023 Jonah 3: 1-10. Ps. 50. Lk. 11 :29-32. Lect I:214

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 & 7:30 pm	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.

Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund Annual Collection

The Annual envelope collection for the Diocesan Sick/Assisted Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund which was taken up at all Masses last weekend amounted to €2,100. Your continued support is much appreciated.

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

The best way to love yourself is by imitating God's holiness. And begin by avoiding sin, especially the hatred which leads to bearing grudges and seeking revenge. It is not in anyone's interest to bottle things up inside. Instead be up front with those who have offended you in order to clear the air. Do not let the sun go down on your anger.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Human wisdom often seems to suggest that our value depends on what we own. The more belongings we have the more people look up to us. But God's wisdom turns this pattern on its head. Our dignity stems from our belonging to Christ, who in turn belongs to his Father. The Spirit is God's mark of ownership over us. We are no ordinary dwelling place, but temples of the Spirit.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:38-48

One disadvantage of a legalistic view of morality is that it can lead to minimalism, an attitude represented by the question, 'How far can I go before I commit sin?' The scribes thought that if they followed certain rules exactly they could claim a right to God's reward. But the call to 'be perfect as God is perfect' is a reminder of the open ended nature of morality. There is always an extra mile to go for others. The saintly person is always eager to go beyond the call of duty. We are to follow the example of the Good Samaritan who not only saved a man's life but was willing to pay the innkeeper to look after him. Jesus goes beyond duty in praying for his persecutor.

Desert Fathers a Lenten Program for Men

A Lenten program for men has been developed by an Irish priest to help men make this Lent different. The program contains 4 pillars - Prayer, Penance, Spiritual reading & Charity. To find out more and join an online group a zoom information meeting is scheduled for Sunday Feb 19th at 8:30pm.

Meeting ID 494 625 9738 Password: 997298.

Email desertfathers40@gmail.com for a copy of the program.

Recipe for Living

Life may not be a piece of cake

When we haven't the dough to rise!

But it will never be as flat as a pancake,

If we remember to add a spoonful of sugar to sweeten our desserts