

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 04-June-2023

The Most Holy Trinity

*What a pity that for many the Trinity is just an intellectual puzzle! For the believer it is a sign of how close God has come to us by revealing (but not reducing) the mystery of his Being. He draws us into the mystery making us his children by the gift of the Spirit.*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

## *The Feast Of The Holy Trinity*

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Trinity. While our belief in the Trinity is one of the central truths of our faith, it is also a mystery that we cannot fully understand. As Christians each of us was baptized "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit".

God our Father is our loving Creator, who loves us unconditionally. He is close to us, caring for us and watching over us. Out of his great love for us he sent his Son Jesus to be his presence in our world and to communicate this love to us by his teaching, forgiveness and healing. Jesus laid down his life for us so that we would gain eternal life with his Father. In today's second reading, St Paul tells us of the role of Christ in our salvation - it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered the state of grace in which we can look forward in hope to share God's glory.

We begin each Eucharistic celebration and our prayers with the sign of the Cross...we do it so often that maybe sometimes we don't dwell on the significance of this simple gesture. Each time we bless ourselves, we touch our foreheads in the name of the Father, who is the one who created us. We touch our hearts for the Son who died on the Cross for love of each one of us; we touch our shoulders for the Holy Spirit – the one who empowers us to live the life God has created us for.

## ***Eucharistic Procession in Ballincollig Parish***

The Eucharistic procession will take place on Saturday 10th of June, leaving St. Mary and St John's Church following the 6.00 pm Mass, proceeding down Station Road onto main street, turning at Castlepark and returning to the green opposite the church for benediction. ALL ARE WELCOME. A special invite to all the children who received their First Holy Communion in 2023 and also a special invite to all in our family of parishes: Ballinora, Ovens, Farran and Ballincollig. Walk humbly with our God.

## ***Friends in Music at Cork City Corpus Christi Procession 2023***

Preparations for the Cork City Corpus Christi Procession 2023 are underway. The Procession takes place on the Feast of Corpus Christi, Sunday, June 11th at 3pm. This year, all choirs, music groups, singers and cantors in Cork, are invited to join the Procession as one group. We faithfully contribute to the Ministry of Music in our parishes and local churches throughout the year. This is an exciting opportunity for the people of the Diocese of Cork and Ross to unite and sing as one voice, in the 'Corpus Christi Choir'. Your involvement in the procession will help to strengthen us in our ministry, encourage others along the way to lift their voices in song and allow us to give praise together as we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi. Participants (groups, families and singles welcome) will gather at the Cathedral of St Mary and St Anne from 2:30pm. Parking will be available in our local primary schools. At 3pm the Butter Exchange Band will lead the choir in the Procession, as we make our way to the Church of Ss. Peter and Paul's, along with many other groups and communities from around our Diocese. Bishop Fintan will preach the homily in Ss. Peter and Paul's and our celebration will conclude with Benediction. Individuals or groups can register their interest in participation (via the hyperlink <https://forms.gle/bkApJiEkK8TWtUDf9> or to [music@corkandross.org](mailto:music@corkandross.org)) to help us prepare, but all are welcome on the day to join the Corpus Christi choir. Hymns will be sung in unison. We look forward to a memorable celebration of Corpus Christi 2023 in Cork City.

## *World Environment Day*

World Environment Day is celebrated on June 5th every year to raise global awareness about the importance of preserving and protecting our planet. The day aims to encourage individuals, communities, and governments to take action towards sustainable development and address the urgent environmental issues facing our world. Each year, a different theme and slogan are chosen to focus on a pressing environmental concern. The day serves as a call to action for people to make changes in their daily lives, support environmental initiatives, and advocate for policy changes to secure our planet's future.

*Please note new Emergency/Priest on Duty in Parish Number is: 087 4021357*

*Happy the people the Lord had chosen as his own.*

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

Patrick O'Leary, St. Enda's Road.  
 Dec. members of the O'Driscoll & Sisk families.  
 William & Catherine Ryan, St. Anthony's Lawn.  
 & their family Harry & Maureen McCarthy.  
 Molly & Chris Murphy & family, Powdermills.  
 Patricia Murphy, Aylsbury.  
 Martin Moore, Beech Park.  
 David, Margaret & Frank Rea.  
 Nora Sexton.  
 John Sexton.  
 James & Irene White, Leemount.


First Reading Deuteronomy 4: 32-34. 39-40  
 There is always a unique sense of vocation at the Baptism Ceremony. God calls us by name. The parents and the Godparents, their family and the Baptism Team all give a sense of family and community, of being part of an incredible and evolving story, salvation history. We walk in the footsteps of those who lived the 'laws and commandments' and sacrificed so much so that we 'may prosper' today. There is always a unique sense of vocation at the Baptism Ceremony. God calls us by name. The parents and the Godparents, their family and the Baptism Team all give a sense of family and community, of being part of an incredible and evolving story, salvation history. We walk in the footsteps of those who lived the 'laws and commandments' and sacrificed so much so that we 'may prosper' today.

Second Reading Letter from St. Paul to the Romans 8: 14-17  
 We are children of God: created by our Abba, heirs with Christ, and led by the Spirit. We have been chosen because of great love.

Gospel Reading Matthew 28: 16-20  
 From a great mountaintop, Jesus commissions the disciples to go forth and baptize in the name of God as Trinity. A little bit of hesitation can be a good thing. It's like a safety valve that stops a boiler from overheating. That some of the disciples were hesitant gives us all hope. The problem with the hesitation in our modern world is that there is a fear of proclaiming any message at all. The truth gets strangled in order not to offend. It is the age of the intolerant tolerant.

**Deacons in Cork & Ross**

The Diocese of Cork & Ross invites those who feel a call to be deacons to make contact with its' Co-Ordinator of the Permanent Diaconate, Fr. Bernard Cotter, Co-PP, Union Hall, by text or WhatsApp on 087 901 0627. Full information on the role of deacons is given on our diocesan website ([www.corkandross.org/vocation/the-permanent-diaconate](http://www.corkandross.org/vocation/the-permanent-diaconate).) Please pray that those called to the ministry may respond positively.

 The Irish Blood Transfusion Service is asking for immediate donations as blood supplies across all groups are running critically low. The IBTS said that supply in some groups has frequently fallen to just three days' worth in recent weeks, while it normally tries to have seven days in stock at all times.

**LECTIO DIVINA**

Lectio Divina will resume again in September.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Ninth Week In Ordinary Time

- 04 Sunday Ex. 34:4-6, 8-9. Ps. Dan. 3. 2 Pet. 13:11-13. Jn. 3:16-18. Lect II: 611
- 05 Monday Tob. 1 :3,2:1-8. Ps. 111. Mk. 12:1-12. Lect II: 107
- 06 Tuesday Tob. 2:9-14. Ps. 111. Mk. 12:13-17. Lect II: 110
- 07 Wednesday Tob. 3:1-11, 16-17. Ps. 24. Mk. 12:18-27. Lect II: 112
- 08 Thursday Tob. 6:10-11, 7:1,9-14,8:4-9. Ps. 127. Mk. 12:28-34. Lect II: 115
- 09 Friday Tob. 11:5-17. Ps. 145. Mk. 12:35-37. Lect II: 118
- 10 Saturday Tob 12:1, 5-15, 20. Ps Tab 13:2-8. Mk 12:38-44. Lect II: 121
- 11-June-2023 Deut. 8:2-3, 14-16. Ps. 147. 1 Cor. 10:16-17. Jn. 6:51-58. Lect I: 617

**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**

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 3 p.m. until 4 p.m. In St. Mary & St. John's Church every Friday.

**Meditation**

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

**Rosary**

Family Rosary is on every Sunday at 9.15am in St. Mary & St. John Church.

**Connect Summer BBQ**

We are inviting young people (18 to 35 years) to a Connect Summer BBQ on Thursday 8th June at 7pm in Mardyke House (T12 W8RP). We regularly hear in the feedback that our young people feel isolated and that it is not easy in these times to be a young person of faith. The CONNECT Summer BBQ will be an opportunity for some young people from your parish to meet other young people. Registration details for young people are on the diocesan website. We are also planning a CONNECT 3 event for mid- October and we will be in touch with further information beforehand.

**Ballincollig Tidy Towns**

National Tidy Towns Competition 2023. Judging of villages / towns is now underway and will be spread over the summer months of June, July & August. Please help in whatever way you can in keeping our town looking so splendid.

**Ballincollig Church Cantor**

Tony O'Brien available with accompanist  
 To sing at funerals and weddings in Ballincollig.  
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