

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 12-November-2023

Thirty Second Sunday In Ordinary Time.  
*The wisdom of God is given to us if we are open to seek it. Having received it, it teaches us to be always open, alert for the approach and the presence of God. With this wisdom God's coming will not catch us unprepared to receive Him.*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

## Life After Death

November is a month in which the Church reminds the Faithful of our dead. It calls on the praying Church on earth to offer prayer and sacrifice for those who have gone before us in the sign of Faith. There is a danger today that people can believe that our departed relatives may not need our prayers, but this danger must be avoided. Death, for many, is a fearful event because it precedes the judgement. Jesus spoke very clearly and consistently about a final judgement.

The judgement spoken of by Jesus is not to be understood as a once-and-for-all event in the future. God's judgement is already at work in the present, calling us to live lives in harmony with our nature as children of God.

If we see God's judgement as acting also in the present, death will lose its fearful significance. St. John does not use the term 'hell' but speaks of punishment in terms of darkness and exclusion from God. St. Paul does not use any fiery images but speaks of eternal destruction and banishment from the face of God. Hell is the final loss of God's life and friendship. But already in life we can exclude ourselves from friendship from God. In life, however, there is hope of change.

## Running Alpha in Family of Parishes?

The Diocese is hosting an Alpha information afternoon for those who may be interested in running Alpha in their Parish/Family of Parishes on Saturday, November 25th from 1.30pm to 4.00pm in Ovens Parish Centre. Alpha helps people not just to know about Jesus, but to come to know him personally. Please confirm your attendance by contacting your Moderator/Co-Parish Priest, or the Office for Mission and Ministry at 021-7355517 (or through our Contact Form on the Diocesan website: <https://corkandross.org/office-for-mission-and-ministry>). We invite you to keep an eye on the Diocesan website which has full details of the training and formation offered by the Office for Mission and Ministry.

## Totus Tuus Scripture Conference 2023

Totus Tuus Scripture Conference 2023 is live on Radio Maria Ireland on Saturday, 18th November from 2.00pm. Speakers include Fr. John Ryan (Cloyne Diocese), Fr. Luke Demasi (Home of the Mother), Fr. John MeEaney (Waterford & Lismore Diocese), Frances Hogan (Scripture Scholar). Radio Maria Ireland can be listened to by downloading the Radio Maria Ireland APP, Saorview Channel 210 or listen live at (01)4373277.

## LECTIO DIVINA

Lectio Divina for Advent will be held on Friday, 1st December in Sonas House at 3.00pm.

## Offertory Collection Boxes

The Offertory Collection is solely for the upkeep, maintenance, insurance, lighting, heating and related expenses of both churches. Could the people who have a box number allocated to them, please collect them from Sonas House Mon. – Wed. 9.30am – 12.30pm? Postcode: P31 V443.

## Ballincollig Family Resource Centre

Men's social group every Tuesday.  
Just drop in between 2.00pm – 3.00pm. All welcome. Tea, coffee, biscuits and good company.  
Call 021-4876295 or email [info@Ballincolligfrc.org](mailto:info@Ballincolligfrc.org)

## Reflection for Parents

Sometimes we grow impatient when we read the scriptures that anticipate Christ's return. After all, it's been two thousand years and not a word! It's easy for all of us to be lulled into complacency by such silence. But we not only have a responsibility to ourselves to be prepared, we must impress upon our children the importance of being ready for Jesus when he returns. One way to do this is show our children how the Kingdom of God has already begun. Even though the Kingdom is not complete yet, we can point out signs where life today is in some ways already like the Kingdom. For example people loving one another, caring for one another, and reaching out to one another in kindness, are all ways that point toward the coming Kingdom.



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

**For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.**

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† IN SYMPATHY †  
 PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :  
 Very Rev. Fr. Tim O’Sullivan, Farnanes.  
 Daniel Hurley, Ballincollig/Innishannon.  
 Seán Feeney, Rosewood/Cobh.  
 Derry Barry-Murphy, Greensfield.  
 Jimmy Kearney, Inchigeelagh.  
 PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS OR OTHERWISE REMEMBERED:  
 Tim Lyons, Inniscarra.  
 Michael O’Brien, Churchview.  
 John O’Sullivan, Curraheen Drive.  
 Kathleen Murphy, The Crescent.  
 Mary Boost, UK.  
 Lily O’Riordan, Beech Park.  
 Cliona Thuiller nee Cummins, Kinsale/Cork.  
 Michael Twohig and dec. mem. of the Twohig family.  
 Patrick & Ada O’Leary, Poulavone.  
 John O’Connor, Powdermills.  
 Mary Harrington, Douglas Street.  
 Debbie McCarthy, Avon Court.  
 Kathleen O’Keeffe, Aylesbury.  
 John Burke, Raheen.  
 John O’Shea, Innishannon.  
 Patrick Herbert, Inniscarra View.

First Reading: Wis. 6:12-16  
 The gift of wisdom is freely given to all who seek it.

Second Reading: 1 Thess. 4:13-18  
 People of faith do not grieve like others who have no hope.

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13  
 Jesus told the story about ten maidens waiting for a bridegroom to return home with his new bride. Most likely he had been delayed at her home working out the negotiations for her with the bride’s father. Five of the maidens came with enough oil to keep their lamps burning through the night. The other five foolishly brought none. This passage is clearly about the end times and our being ready for it. The maidens needed oil to keep their lamps burning in order to be ready for the bridegroom. The message for us relates back to the Great Commandment we read about two weeks ago. We need to love God and our neighbours to insure that our lamps are ready for the end time.

**Ballincollig Community School  
 Post-Leaving Certificate  
 Courses Promotion**

BCS is promoting awareness and opportunities to students on post-leaving Cert courses in the Cork area. We will have stands/booths from Colleges of Further Education and Apprenticeship from 6:30 PM on November 23rd, followed by a presentation given by John Fitzgibbons, Director of Further Education and Training

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Thirty Second Week In Ordinary Time

12 Sunday Wis. 6:12-16. Ps. 62. 1 Thess. 4:13-18. Mt. 25:1-13. Lect I: 722

13 Monday Wis. 1:1-7. Ps. 138. Lk. 17:1-6. Lect II: 412

14 Tuesday Wis. 2:23-3:9. Ps. 33. Lk. 17:7-10. Lect II: 414

15 Wednesday Wis. 6:1-11. Ps. 81. Lk. 17:11-19. Lect II: 416

16 Thursday Wis. 7:22-8:1. Ps. 118. Lk. 17:20-25. Lect II: 418.

17 Friday Wis. 13:1-9. Ps. 18. Lk. 17:26-37. Lect II: 420

18 Saturday Wis. 18:14-16, 19:6-9. Ps. 104. Lk. 18:18. Lect II: 422

19-November-2023 Prov. 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31. Ps. 127. 1 Thess. 5:1-6. Mt. 25:14-30. Lect I: 725

**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.

**Marriage Support Envelope Collection**

The annual Marriage Support collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend 12th & 13th November. Please place your donation in the envelope provided.

**Autumn Dues**

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

**Cork Regional Pioneer Council**

An Afternoon of Prayer organised by Cork Regional Pioneer Council will be held in St. Benedict’s Priory, Cobh, ( P24 C438) on Sunday 19th November, beginning with lunch at 12.45 and finishing with Vespers at 5pm. Cost €25. For further details contact sorchaol@gmail.com. 0863642619 - Booking essential. Everybody is welcome.

**Cork Scripture Group**

Workshop for Ministers of the Word to be held in Sacred Heart Hall, Western Road from 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. on Sat 25th November 2023. It will include: Celebrating the Word of God in your Parish, Dignity of the Ministry of the Word, Structure of the Liturgy of the Word and Introduction to the Gospel of Mark. All Welcome. Free of charge to participants. To book email: corks scripturegroup@gmail.com