

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 15-January-2023

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus came as the Servant of God to serve the deepest needs of people. He offered his life to remove the tragedy of sin from human life and so restore us to peace with God, and each other.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

The Lamb of God

The gospel today is an account of John the Baptist putting the focus on Jesus and beginning his own withdrawal from the forefront. John is very clear he is the 'voice' of the 'Word' coming after him.

According to Jewish tradition, the Messiah had to remain hidden until Elijah had anointed him and made him known publicly to Israel. This public recognition took place at his baptism by John and the voice announcing 'This is my beloved one' Twice in today's Gospel, John the Baptist says 'I did not know him myself; this is a strange statement to make about his cousin Jesus however we do well to keep in mind that in biblical language the words we translate as 'know' and 'knowledge' is not giving the fuller meaning of these expressions. To know the grace of God is to have experienced it; to know Christ is to gain Him, to share in His holiness, to be united with Him. John is saying 'I am not the one', he was like a person with a leaking roof They asked a roofer to come and have a look at it. The roofer said 'I can patch it, I can repair it; the worst will be over for some days, maybe, but you really need a completely new roof'

There are two ways of simplifying our thinking about Jesus and avoiding the witness we must give Him after the example of John. We can either raise Jesus to heaven or proclaim him God, but a God who cannot be reached. Or we can bring him down to earth, and see in him no more than a man among people, no doubt closer and more of a brother, but deprived of his Father and cut off from the Spirit. But Christ can neither be bound to earth nor confined to heaven.

" Whatever our state let us place Jesus between God and ourselves".

Medjugorje Pilgrimage

Are you thinking of doing something special for 2023. Join us on our pilgrimage to Medjugorje May 31st to June 7th ex Cork. Cost €849.00 pps. Pay deposit before Feb 17th and get €50.00 discount.

Contact Sean O'Shaughnessy 0862959380.

Cork Pioneer Meeting

The next meeting of Cork Regional Pioneer Council will be held on Wednesday 18th January, in the S.M.A. Parish Centre, Wilton at 8p.m.

Anyone who would like to find out more about the work of the Pioneers is most welcome.

Ballincollig Alzheimer Café

Are meeting on Thursday, 19th January from 4.00pm – 6.00pm in The Chapel Gate Café. They meet every 3rd Thursday of the month. Contact: Karen Fitzpatrick 087 348 7511 or ballincolligalzheimercafe@alzheimer.ie

Bishopstown Probus Club

Male Group would welcome new members of retired age. Meetings are held upstairs in Wilton Library at 11.00am – 12.30pm on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. Contact: Neil White 085 8202692 or Dan Murray (President) 087 779 3791 Éamonn Leonoard (Secretary) 085 105 4365

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.

Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Second Week In Ordinary Time

15 Sunday Is. 49:3,5-6. Ps. 39. 1 Cor. 1:1-3. In. 1:29-34. Lect I: 641

16 Monday Heb. 5: 1-1 O. Ps. 109. Mk. 2: 18-22. Lect II: 15

17 Tuesday Heb. 6: 10-20. Ps. 110. Mk. 2:23-28. Lect II: 17

18 Wednesday Heb. 7: 1-3, 15-17. Ps. 109. Mk. 3: 1-6. Lect II: 19

19 Thursday Heb. 7:25-8:6. Ps. 39. Mk. 3:7-12. Lect II: 21

20 Friday Heb. 8:6-13. Ps. 84. Mk. 3:13-19. Lect II: 23

21 Saturday Heb.9:2-3, 11-14. Ps. 46. Mk. 3:20-21. Lect II: 25

22-January-2023 Is. 8:23-9:3. Ps. 26. 1 Cor. 1:10-13, 17. Mt. 4:12-23. Lect I: 644

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.

Diocesan Envelope Collection

The quarterly collection in aid of the Diocesan Funds will be taken up this weekend 15th/16th January at all masses.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will continue on every First Friday.

3 p.m. until 4 p.m. in St. Mary & St. John's Church.

Mobile Phone Etiquette

We ask all parishioners to ensure mobile phones are switched off when attending church; this can be hugely distracting especially during Mass

Reflection for Parents

As parents we certainly can understand the image of Jesus as "shepherd." We are constantly leading the way for our children and serving them with endless love. When they are sick or hurt, we would gladly take their pain and suffering if we could. It is clearly through these feelings that we begin to understand just what Jesus has done for us. As parents, when we show our unending love for our children, they too get an inkling of what Jesus' love is for them as well.

† IN SYMPATHY †
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :
Tim Joe Coakley, Clonakilty.
Deirdre Creagh, Carrigrohane.
Martin O'Regan, Leemount/Crookstown.
Sheila McDonagh, Park Road.
Breeda Feehley, Model Farm Road.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS OR OTHERWISE REMEMBERED:
May (Mary) Keohane, Leeview, Inniscarra
Alision Murphy, Wyndham Downs.
Dermot & Nell Cronin, Pouladuff Road.
Pat Sheehan Coachford.
Joseph Sheehan, Kolcorney.
Fr Christy Harrington.
Jerry & Maura Hurley, Ballinora.
Tony Ahern, Farran.
Lisa Dineen (nee Cronin) Maryborough/Glincool
Paddy & Kathy Goulding, Ballyshoneen
Joan Summers, Park Road.
D.J. O'Shea, The Maltings/Eyeries.
Joe, Mona & Ann Thuillier, Kinsale.
Patrick & Margaret Kenneally, Curraheen.
Dec. Mem. of the Aherne family, Fr. Sexton Park.
Frank Collins, Ballingulley,
Kevin, David & Siadhbh McCarthy, Union Hall.
Margaret & Tim Horgan, Carriganarra Est.
RF Raj, India.
Marie Angelini.
Chrissie & Jackie O'Shea, Castlepark.
Sheila O'Mahony, Coachford/Ballyvolane.
Daniel Morrissey, Ballyphehane.
Peg O'Flynn, Fr. Sexton Park.

First Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6
The Lord said, "You are my servant, Israel, through whom I show my glory. . . . I will make you a light to the nations that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3
"Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus," greeted the holy people of the Corinthian church with God's grace and peace. He addressed them as "sanctified in Christ Jesus."

Gospel: John 1:29-34.
John the Baptist knew Jesus as his cousin, but it is not clear until we read today's Gospel that John recognised Jesus as the promised Messiah. John called Jesus the "Lamb of God." We are familiar with the title for Jesus, "Lamb of God," because we hear it in our Eucharistic prayers during mass. The Lamb of God comes to take away the sins of the world. And, indeed, Jesus died that we might be free of our sins. The lamb figured in much of Jewish tradition, especially as a symbol of sacrifice, but certainly we recognize the image of "shepherd" as one who leads the flock through darkness and difficult terrain. The message of John's gospel is for us—the simple sheep - to follow Jesus, the shepherd.