

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 29-January-2023

Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

*Our weaknesses and limitations can sometimes frustrate us, but they can also lead us to see our dependence on God. If we turn to him as the only source of our life and strength, his power will work through our weakness, and we will be blessed.*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

## Community Spirit

We continue with a passage from the gospel of Matthew this weekend. The gospel of Matthew has some distinctive features that give it a character of its own. The gospel of Matthew was written with a community in mind. It is a community book. It provided the basis in which a people could build community life and its structures. It also helped its members to build a relationship between past, present and the future.

Last Sunday the past is referred to in the prophecy of Isaiah. Christ moves quickly to announce the new community, "Convert, the kingdom of God is close at hand." The call of the four fishermen and their commitment to Christ begins to put faces and bodies in this new community. Gradually Simon and Andrew; James and John get to know more about the Messiah, the teacher and the Christ.

The prophet Zephaniah urges us "to seek the lord, all you humble of heart." "Seek integrity, seek humility, you may perhaps find shelter."

Chapter 5 of Matthew's gospel is in many ways Christ's mission statement. Here gentleness, mercy, peacemaking and justice are announced as the stand out qualities of this community that Christ is building. The reward is immediate we will be called "children of god and go on to inherit the kingdom of God."

### 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.

### Reflection

I pray Lord, for the needy of our world: come among us as one who will help, and call us all to help the hungry and sick, the uneducated and homeless, those who are victims of violence and war, the lonely and depressed. May your coming this Christmas be for them a time of peace and love; may we bring to them, in what way we can the joy of your coming.

### Radio Maria

Totus Tuus Eucharistic conference 2023 is live on Radio Maria Ireland from 2pm on Saturday, 4th February. Speakers include Fr. Columba Mary Toman OP, Fr. Patrick Cahill O.J.S.S., Fr. Patrick Lagan (Derry Diocese), Maura Murphy (Holy Family Mission). Radio Maria Ireland can be listened to by downloading the Radio Maria Ireland APP, Saorview Channel 210 or listen live at (01)4373277

### Taizé Prayer

"Taizé prayer around the Cross for The Fridays in Lent."

A suggestion has been made to have this prayer during Lent for those who would like to participate. To explore this possibility a very brief meeting will take place in Sonas @ 7.30 PM on Wednesday February 1st. Some have been involved previously so if you have an interest in helping out, or able to support it with your experience, or would like to be involved, please email: ballincolligparish@gmail.com We have an offer to lead the music.

*'I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples.'*  
Mother Teresa

*How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

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† IN SYMPATHY †  
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :  
Martin O'Regan, Crookstown/Carrigrohane.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS OR OTHERWISE REMEMBERED:  
Denis O'Donoghue, West Village.  
Michael Canty, Daffodil Fields.  
Alision Murphy, Wyndham Downs.  
Dermot & Nell Cronin, Pouladuff Road.  
Christy Curran, Courtmacsheery.  
Maria Moraru, Model Farm Road.  
Christy Lucey, Beech Park.  
Maureen, Tadgh & John O'Regan, Poulavone.  
Martin & Eily Murphy, Hodder's Villas.  
Kimberly McCarthy, Beech Park.  
Rita O'Connor, Friar's Walk.  
Claire Ryan, Ovens.  
Michael O'Mahony, Castlepark/Westgate.

First Reading: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13  
"Seek the Lord, all you humble of the earth," said Zephaniah the prophet. Do what is right. "Seek justice." Those who take refuge in the Lord shall pasture their flocks.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31  
The weak of the world are chosen by God. "Whoever boasts, should boast in the Lord."

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12  
The beatitudes are the content of this Gospel and they begin what we commonly call, "The Sermon on the Mount." Jesus' words surely turned upside down the understanding his listeners had of the world and society. Jesus told them that the poor would be rich, the hungry would be filled, and the persecuted would be rewarded. In all, there are eight statements that give the people a new understanding of Moses' law and a clearer image of God's Kingdom.

### Parish Fundraising Concert

Ballinhassig Parish presents THE CELTIC TENORS on February 3rd at 8pm in Most Holy Heart of Mary Church, Goggins Hill, Ballinhassig.  
Tickets cost €30 and available from:-PARISH OFFICE 021 4885062 or 086 3183 645; 086 8137 203;  
[www.ballinhassigparish.com](http://www.ballinhassigparish.com) link on home page, Cottrells Ballinhassig or Daybreak Ballygarvan. All proceeds will go towards reducing the PARISH DEBT.

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Fourth Week In Ordinary Time

29 Sunday Zech. 2:3; 3:12-13. Ps. 145.1 Cor. 1:26-31. Mt. 5: 1-12. Lect I: 647

30 Monday Heb. 11 :32-40. Ps. 30. Mk. 5: 1-20. Lect II: 40.

31 Tuesday Heb 12:1-4. Ps 21. Mk 5:21-43. Lect II: 42

01 Wednesday Job 31:16-20, 24-25, 31-32 or Eph 3:14-21. Ps 106. Lk 6:32-38. National Proper

02 Thursday Mal. 3: 1-4 or Heb. 2: 14-18. Ps. 23. Lk. 2:22-40. Lect I: 967 or II: 940

03 Friday Heb. 13: 1-8. Ps. 26. Mk. 6: 14-29. Lect II: 49

04 Saturday Heb. 13: 15-17. Ps. 22. Mk. 6:30-34. Lect II: 51

05-February-2023 Is. 58:7-10. Ps. 111. 1 Cor. 2:1-5. Mt. 5:13-16 Lect I: 650

#### 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

##### First Friday

Friday 3rd February is the first Friday of the month. There is Mass in St Mary & St John on Friday evening at 7.30pm. The priests of the parish visit the sick of the parish on the first Friday of each month; please let us know if you have a family member or neighbour who is sick or housebound.

##### 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.

#### Reflection for Parents

Living the beatitudes is nothing new for parents. We often set our needs and desires aside in order to care for others, especially our children. Our greatest challenge, however, is to be a living witness to the first beatitude. If we understand and live out being "poor in spirit," the rest falls into place. For to be "poor in spirit," we rely completely on God. We know what the present situation holds, but recognise that there is a greater glory to come in God's Kingdom.

#### 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](mailto:Mary@breakcancer.ie) or phone 021 422 66 55 for more details.