

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 07-May-2023

Fifth Sunday Of Easter

Part of the great revelation of the New Testament is the notion that God is coming among us to make all things new; that means removing all the causes of guilt and grief in human life. We show our acceptance of this renewal of our lives by our love for one another.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Alpha Leadership Conference

Last Monday and Tuesday, I was an attendee at the Alpha Leadership Conference in London. I was among 5000 Christian leaders in attendance who came from all over the world. For those unfamiliar with Alpha, it's a great program run over 11 weeks which gives people a space to ask some of life's bigger questions and introduces us to Jesus Christ in a personal way.

There were many testimonies of people whose faith has come alive as a result of Alpha or who experienced healing. There were also interviews with leaders of businesses (Anthony Tan) and some celebrities (Bear Grylls) who described how their faith influences their work.

There was an interview with a woman from North Korea that stood out. The lady interviewed was imprisoned for 3 years for being a Christian. I thought: how lucky we are that we can practise our faith freely.

One image that the host, Nicky Gumbel, spoke about was from Ezekiel chapter 47. Water coming in and out of the church. I wondered about Ballincollig and how we might be able to bring new life to our parish so that it would be overflowing with disciples for Jesus.

Last point: it was amazing to see so many younger people at prayer and involved in so many ways (music, audio-visual, stewarding). They had been empowered to pray and to serve.

The conference was an enriching experience. I hope we'll be telling the story of Ballincollig at a conference like this one day.

God's blessings now and always.

P.S. My first wedding went well. Thanks for your prayers!

Fr. Ronan Sheehan

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.) Please pray that those called to the ministry may respond positively.

Faith and Freedom

Alpha continues in the "Annex" of the Ballincollig Community Hall every Thursday at 7.30, Contacts 086/8200933 087/2185282 085/1555000

Pentecost Sunday Retreat Afternoon (Free Event)

Rochestown Park Hotel

28th May 2.30p.m. - 6.30p.m. (Tea/Coffee provided)

This retreat will interweave Music, Meditation, Poetry, Scripture and Ritual. The afternoon hosted by Martina Lehane Sheehan and the Ruah Retreat Team will also draw from Martina's new book 'The Promise' which portrays the courageous journey of her husband's illness and death. This unique experience offers connection to anyone who knows broken dreams and seeks to rise again.

St. Vincent de Paul Church Gate Collection

The monthly church gate collection for St. Vincent de Paul will take place this weekend the 6th and 7th May

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

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

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† IN SYMPATHY †
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :

Patrick (Pat) O'Donovan, Raheen Carrigohane.
John Bray, Ballincollig.
Tom O'Connor, Ballincollig/Douglas/New Inn, Tipperary.
Daniel (Stan) Butler, Ballincollig / Waterfall'
Anne Burke, Ballincollig / Crookstown.
Anthony (Tony) McCarthy, Ballincollig / Roches Point.

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

Peggy & Dan Lordan, Inniscarra View.
Tim O'Connell, Maglin.
Finbarr & Kitty O'Brien, Friars Walk.
Catherine & Jeremiah Cunningham, Dillions Cross.
Paddy Drohan, Collins Barracks.
Mike Cullinane, Coolroe.
Corena Crowley, Greenfields/Switzerland.
Thomas Scannell, Poulovone.

First Reading: Acts 9: 26-31
When St. Stephen was stoned to death because of his preaching Paul (then known as Saul) was in charge of the execution. Now, however, after his conversion on the road to Damascus, he returns to Jerusalem and takes up where Stephen left off: preaching the same message. Again this preaching arouses the same fury and the Disciples, fearing for his life, sent him away to his home town of Tarsus.

Second Reading: 1 John 3: 18-24
Love of God and of the neighbour are inseparable. In practising either we must not rest satisfied with expressions of devotion and good will. Only when charity is active does conscience assure us that we are leading sincere Christian lives. Two things sum up what is most pleasing to God; faith in the divine personality of Jesus Christ and brotherly love according to Christ's instructions.

Gospel: John 15: 1-8
In this allegory the cultivation of the vine is attributed to God the Father. A fruitless branch is lopped off like Judas. The pruning clean of the Apostles is the result of the words Jesus spoke to them. A separated vine branch is useless. It is destined for the fire. Fruitfulness and discipleship go together.

Prayer to St. John Paul II

From the window of Heaven, where we see you next to Mary, send down upon us all the blessing of God. Amen.

Conferences

Fr. Gerry Campbell and Terry Quinn are hosting Ralph Martin and Peter Herbeck of Renewal Ministries, Ann Arbor USA for two conferences in St Mary's Church Knockbridge, Co Louth A91 EV56. Thurs 11th and Friday 12th May – Two Day Clergy Conference – What is the Holy Spirit saying to you? 1pm to 5pm on both days with Concelebrated Holy Mass with Bishop Michael Router DD (Auxiliary Bishop of Armagh) at 6pm on Friday 12th May. Please bring an alb and white stole. Saturday 13th May – Catching the Fire Conference - All Welcome - 10am to 5pm. Details on Eventbrite. For booking information and enquiries contact Terry - 0864667107 or Helen – 00447841580509 or email encounteringchristknockbridge@gmail.com

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Fifth Week Of Easter

07 Sunday Acts 9:26-31. Ps 21. 1 Jn 3:18-24. Jn 15:1-8. Lect I: 514
08 Monday Acts 14:5-18. Ps 113B. Jn 14:21-26. Lect I: 519
09 Tuesday Acts 14:19-28. Ps 144. Jn 14:27-31. Lect I: 522
10 Wednesday Acts 15:1-6. Ps 121. Jn 15:1-8. Lect I: 524
11 Thursday Acts 15:7-21. Ps. 95. Jn. 15:9-11. Lect I: 526
12 Friday Acts 15:22-31. Ps 56. Jn 15:12-17. Lect I: 528
13 Saturday Acts 16:1-10. Ps 99. Jn 15:18-21. Lect I: 531
14-May-2023 Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48. Ps 97 1 Jn 4:7-10. Jn 15: 9-17. Lect I: 536

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.

Trocaire Boxes

Please return Trocaire Boxes to the schools or to the church; when returned the money will be lodged in the Trocaire Account.

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the girls and boys in Scoil Barra who received the sacrament of Holy Communion this weekend. Please pray for the girls and boys in Gaelscoil Uí Riordáin and the boys in Scoil Eoin who will receive the sacrament of Holy Communion on Saturday, 13th May. Sincere thanks to the parents and dedicated teachers who work diligently preparing young people for the sacrament.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage

Medjugorje Pilgrimage ex Cork May 31st to June 7th 2023. Only 9 places remaining. Spiritual Director Fr. Ted Sheehan. €849.00 pps. €300 deposit secures place. Contact Sean O'Shaughnessy 086 2959380 or contact Joe Walsh Tours 012410800

Belief: Trust yourself, then you will know how to live. *Goethe*

Ballincollig Church Cantor

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