

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 21-May-2023

The Ascension of the Lord  
World Communications Day

*Jesus ascended to heaven so that his influence and power might be felt not just in one place but in all the world. Today he is present everywhere through his Church, bringing all people to God.*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

## **World Communications Day & The Ascension of the Lord**

Every year on the Sunday before Pentecost the Church celebrates the achievements of the communications media and focuses of how it can best use them to promote gospel values

World Communications Day was established by Pope Paul VI in 1967 as an annual celebration that encourages us to reflect on the opportunities and challenges that the modern means of social communication (the press, motions pictures, radio, television and the internet) afford the Church to communicate the gospel message.

Pope John Paul II (1990) in his encyclical *Redemptoris missio* 37 said: "The world of communications is the first Areopagus of the modern age, unifying humanity and turning it into what is known as a 'global village'. The communications media have acquired such importance as to be for many the chief means of information and education, of guidance and inspiration for many people in their personal, family and social behavior. In particular, the younger generation is growing up in a world conditioned by the mass media. "Increasingly aware of the world as a global village and the power of the media as a free market place for philosophies and values, the Church has sought to be in there with its message and to use the media to proclaim the values it sees are beneficial for human development and for the eternal welfare of people.

### **A Prayer for Communications Sunday**

O God, whose word is truth and in whose light we see light,  
guide those who tell the story of our times through word and image.  
Make them seekers after truth and advocates of human dignity.

Grant discernment to all who rely on their labours, and, as we confront the pain and promise of this world,  
awaken in us a sense of wonder at your presence and of longing for your peace.

### **We Stand for God**

Calling cantors, choirs, music groups and people of Cork  
to unite as one voice on Sunday, June 11th, to celebrate together the



The voices of Cork are invited to join our city's Corpus Christi Procession as one group. The 'Corpus Christi Choir' will gather at the Cathedral of St Mary and St Anne from 2:30pm. The Procession will depart the Cathedral at 3pm proceeding to Ss. Peter & Paul's Church, where Bishop Fintan will preach the homily and conclude the celebration with Benediction. We will sing in unison, together with the Butter Exchange Band, the following hymns:



Nearer my God to Thee, O Sacrament Most Holy, Sweet Sacrament Divine, Soul of my Saviour, Sweet Heart of Jesus,  
We stand for God, How Great thou Art and Faith of our Fathers,  
O Salutaris Hostia, Tantum Ergo, Though we are many & The Joy of Love

### **Family of Parishes**

The third Prayer service will take place in St. James Church, Ballinora on Tuesday the 30th. May at 7.30 p.m. As it will be the Tuesday following Pentecost Sunday, it will be a Reflection on The Fruits of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

### **Ministers of the Eucharist Meeting**

Meeting for Ministers of the Eucharist, and those wishing to become Ministers of the Eucharist on Monday 22nd at 7.30 p.m. in St Mary's and St John's church. A time for training will be arranged. There might be some people who had stepped aside during Covid who would be happy to join the Rota again.

The meeting is for both churches.

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

*God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.*

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

Nora O'Leary, Curraheen/Douglas.  
Sr. Mercedes Desmond, St. Maries of the Isle.

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

Dan & Nora Murray, Doonisky & Mallow.  
Hanna & Bob Jeffers, Ballinhassig.  
Tony Jeffers, Ballinhassig.  
Marie Vincent Jeffers, Innishmore,  
Mary O'Mahony & Son, Jerry, The Crescent.  
Denis Jordan, Muskerry Estate.  
Jackie & Chrissie O'Shea, Castlepark.  
Damian O'Brien, Castle Ave. & Arizona.  
Mary Keohane, Inniscarra.  
Michael Quealy, Kilnaglory.  
Brendan Keohane, Ovens.  
Con Sexton, Hillsboro.  
Niall Purcell, Kilcrea Park.  
Aine Harkin, Classes Lake.  
Elizabeth & Seán Crowley, Poulavone.  
James O'Donoghue West Village.  
Frank Dwyer, Ballincollig.  
Eugene Barry Murphy, Farran.  
Paul Michael Dillon, Sundays well.  
Denis O'Mahoney.  
Eileen O'Mahony, Leeview, Carrigrohane.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Seventh Week of Easter

21 Sunday Acts 1: 1-11. Ps. 46. Eph. 1: 17-23. Lk. 24:46-53. Lect I: 549

22 Monday Acts 19:1-8. Ps. 67. In. 16:29-33. Lect I: 576

23 Tuesday Acts 20: 17-27. Ps. 67. In. 17: 1-11. Lect I: 578

24 Wednesday Acts 20:28-38. Ps. 67. In. 17:11-19. Lect I: 580

25 Thursday Acts 22:30, 23:6-11. Ps. 15. In. 17:20-26. Lect I: 583

26 Friday Acts 25:13-21. Ps. 102. In. 21:15-19 Lect I: 585

27 Saturday Acts 28:16-20,30-31. Ps 10. Jn 21 :20-25. Lect I: 588

28-May-2023 cts 2:1-11. Ps. 103. Cor. 12:3-7, 12-13. Jn. 20:19-23. Lect I: 601

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 in Scoil Mhuire who received the sacrament of Holy Communion this weekend. Please pray for the boys and girls in Gaelscoil an Caisleán who will receive the sacrament of Holy Communion on Saturday, 27th May. Sincere thanks to the parents and dedicated teachers who work diligently preparing young people for the sacrament.

**Mission & Ministry Special Envelope Collection**

The Mission and Ministry special collection which took place at Masses last weekend amounted to €1,680. We appreciate your continued generosity.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11  
Christ Jesus, the risen Lord, appeared many times to his disciples. His departing exhortation was that they soon be baptised with the Holy Spirit to strengthen them in their work.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23  
God has put all things under Christ's feet and has thereby exalted him, head of the church, the fullness who fills the universe in all its parts.

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20  
The Gospel reading today concludes the Book of Matthew. It was at this point that Jesus, knowing he was about to return to the Father, commissioned the apostles to carry the message of the Good News into the whole world. They would baptise, make more disciples, and teach the message Jesus had taught them. Jesus made it clear that his ascension did not mark an absence; he would always be with them.

**Lough Derg Pilgrimage**

4 day Pilgrimage 2023. Leaves Cork Fri. 9th June at 9am.  
Returning Mon 12th June. Booking & Information  
Phone Paddy 021 4502572.

**Faith and Freedom**

Alpha continues in the "Annex" of the Ballincollig Community Hall at 7.30, Thursday 25th May. Next session "How Can I Make the Most of the Rest of My Life?" and "How Can I Resist Evil?"  
Contacts 086/8200933 087/2185282 085/1555000

**Ballincollig Church Cantor**

Tony O'Brien available with accompanist  
To sing at funerals and weddings in Ballincollig.  
Tel. No.: 085 706 7564

**All Ireland Rosary Rally in Knock**

The All Ireland Rosary Rally will take place on Saturday June 3rd from 1pm in Knock. It will include Holy Mass, the Rosary, the Stations of the Cross and a talk by Bishop Oliver Doeme. The Main Celebrant for the Holy Mass is Archbishop Eamon Martin. Buses will leave from all over Cork. Please book your seat early to avoid disappointment.  
Ring John Joe: 087 130276