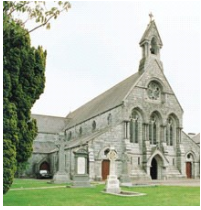


THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



**St. Mary & St. John
Station Road**

Sunday 17-September-2023

Twenty Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

There are times when we may be angry with another and resentful. An important antidote to this is a proper appreciation of our own experience of forgiveness. Once we have received the healing forgiveness of God there should be no place for unforgiving or vengeful behaviour in our lives - that would be to destroy the very forgiveness we have received.



**Christ Our Light
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Welcome Back

Welcome back after your well-deserved break to all involved in producing the parishioner in the parish. The parishioner is a big effort to keep the people of Ballincollig parish in touch with one another. Throughout July and August Baptisms and Marriages were celebrated.

September is a time for new beginnings in many lives. Young people make a new beginning in various schools, some in junior infants, and others move on to second level and a new crop prepare for third level. Teachers adjust to a new class of pupils and many to a different class. Parents are adjusting to new demands, uniforms, homework, and timetables. We wish all those returning to education all the best for this year.

The re-opening of schools signals the recommencement of many activities in the life of the parish. Plans are already at an advanced stage to help families prepare for the Sacraments, first Communion, first Confession and Confirmation.

The word of God this week speaks of God forgiving. Moses had to plead with God in the book of Exodus to put his anger to one side and forgive the people. The Gospel tells us of the genuine wisdom and love of the father that enabled him to forgive his son and welcome him home. Wisdom and love are found in their fullness in God when we become like God we mirror his forgiveness to one another.

We hope everybody had a safe and enjoyable Summer.

Sadly, we have witnessed some horrible tragedies over this period, the Earthquake in Morocco, Flooding in Libya, and the horrible loss of so many young people in recent weeks on our roads.

Lord, we pray for those who have been devastated by recent tragedies. We remember those who have lost their lives so suddenly. We hold in our hearts the families forever changed by grief and loss. Bring them consolation and comfort.

The Weaver of Dreams

A Teller of tales and a dreamer of dreams,
A builder of bridges, a planner of schemes
Could this be one person? You think it untrue?
But just look again, for that person is you
Look back on your life and take stock of the years
And all you accomplished through courage and fears.

Remember the children, they took your hand?
Remember the stories, adventures you planned
And how you helped someone in sickness and pain,
No thought of reward and no question of gain?

You may not feel clever; stand out in the crowd,
But count your achievements, be thankful and proud,
And look to the future, there's much to be done
There's joy to be earned and love to be won.
Keep building your bridges and planning your schemes
Remember that you are the weaver of dreams.

(Iris Hesselden)

Reflection for Parents

This is an easy gospel for parents to understand. We are called to love one another and forgive one another just as God loves and forgives us. Just as God loves us unconditionally, we freely love our children. They return this love, not out of fear or obligation. They love us because we love them.

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

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Twenty Fourth Week In Ordinary Time

- 17 Sunday Eccles. (Sir) 27:30-28:7. Ps. 102. Rom. 14:7-9. Mt. 18:21-35. Lect I: 699
- 18 Monday 1 Tim. 2:1-8. Ps. 27. Lk. 7:1-10. Lect II: 312
- 19 Tuesday 1 Tim. 3:1-13. Ps. 100. Lk. 7:11-17. Lect II: 314
- 20 Wednesday 1 Tim. 3: 14-16. Ps. 110. Lk. 7:31-35. Lect II: 316
- 21 Thursday Eph. 4:1-7. Ps. 18. Mt. 9:9-13. Lect II: 1198
- 22 Friday 1 Tim. 6:2-12. Ps. 48. Lk. 8:1-3. Lect II: 320
- 23 Saturday 1 Tim. 6:13-16. Ps. 99. Lk. 8:4-15. Lect II:322
- 24-September-2023 Is. 55:6-9. Ps. 144. Phil. 1:20-24, 27. Mt. 20: 1-16. Lect I: 702

Gus Lehane, Ovens.
 Margaret Daniels, Leecourt.**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS OR OTHERWISE REMEMBERED:**
 Stephen O’Callaghan, Castlepark.
 Dec. Mem. of the O’Keefe, Boyce & Aherne families.
 Canon Diarmuid Linehan, Maglin/Clogheen.
 Gerry & Louise O’Leary, Tralee.
 Tim (Tedna) O’Regan, Leemount.
 Ted Collins, Bantry.
 William Deasy, Bandon Road.
 Edward Durkin.
 Jeremiah, Chrissie O’Sullivan, Clash Road.
 Margaret Sheehan, Kilmurray.
 Kathleen Morrissey, Pouladuff Road.

First Reading: Sirach 27:30 - 28:9
 We are called to be merciful as God is merciful to us.

Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9
 St Paul reminds us that the life of each one of is very influential.

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35
 This great story illustrates God's tremendous love for us. In the story a servant (someone like us) owed an incomprehensible sum of money (our sinfulness) to a king (God). The servant begged for time to repay the debt. The king, out of love and compassion, forgave the entire debt. But the sad ending of the story described the servant's inability to forgive another person's much smaller debt.

Designer Minds Weekly Science, Design & Technology Clubs

Designer Minds Weekly Science, Design & Technology Clubs start Saturday 16th September for a 13 Week Term in Ballincollig. For all boys & girls in 1st to 6th Class. Check Activities and Register online at www.designerminds.ie or call 087 631 0411

Cork Scripture Group

4 Monday nights (25th Sept, 2nd, 9th, 16th Oct) on “When you pray. (Matthew 6:5):” Exploring Prayer in the Bible. Presenters: Pauline Byrne, Marian Mortell, Fr John Newman, Phil Mortell. Saturday workshop (Oct 7th) on Praying the Psalms facilitated by Ciaran O’Callaghan CSSR. Cost €50. To book a place please email corks-scripture-group@gmail.com

Totus Tuus Men for Christ Conference 2023

The Totus Tuus Men for Christ Conference 2023 - a Catholic Conference for Men will be LIVE & EXCLUSIVE on Radio Maria Ireland Saturday 16th September from 2pm. Speakers for this year’s Conference are Fr. Billy Swan, Fr. Chris Hayden, Anthony Crossey & Fr. John Harris OP.

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.

Priesthood Education Fund

The annual envelope collection for the Priesthood Education Fund in the Diocese will be taken up next weekend 23rd/24th September.

Ballincollig Alzheimer Café

Are meeting on Thursday, 21st September from 4.00pm – 6.00pm in The Chapel Gate Café. They meet every 3rd Thursday of the month. This month’s topic is: Living with Dementia. Guest speaker: Amy Murphy, Dementia Advisor. To register contact: Karen Fitzpatrick 087 348 7511 or ballincolligalzheimercafe@alzheimer.ie.

LECTIO DIVINA

Lectio Divina will resume on Tuesday, September 26th in Sonas House at 7.30pm.

Ballincollig Church Cantor

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