

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 15-October-2023

Twenty Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

God promised his people a future of great blessings where death and mourning would be no more. Christ came to issue God's final invitation to this future. Some rejected it, others accepted it but then made light of it. What have we done with our invitation?



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Invitation to God's Banquet

The prophecy of Isaiah in our first reading speaks of God preparing a banquet for all people. There is one feast to which we are all invited - the banquet in the Kingdom of God. The Banquet theme continues in the Gospel where we hear the parable of an invitation to a Wedding Feast. The king sends his servants to call those who had been invited to the Feast, but some rejected the invitation, while others made excuses. The Good News of today's gospel is that everyone is invited to belong to God's kingdom. No one is excluded. We are challenged to accept God's invitation or to reject it; the choice is ours.

When we were baptised we were wore a white garment, symbolising being 'clothed in Christ' - Christ's life was now present within us. We continue to be 'clothed in Christ' each time we choose to live out our calling as Christians. The temptation is to become distracted by all the cares and activities of this world, and lose sight of our true destination. Just like the person in today's Gospel who was not accepted at the feast as he was not wearing a wedding garment, there may be times in our lives when we too may not be clothed in the 'wedding garment'; times we reject Jesus' invitation to live good Christian lives. Yet He continually invites us, giving us the opportunity for a change of heart in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and he nourishes us for eternal Life by giving us his Body at each Eucharistic celebration.

In today's second reading we see where St. Paul finds God in good times as well as in difficult times. Speaking to the Philippians he tells them he is grateful to them for sharing in his hardships. He knows what it is to live in poverty and also how to enjoy abundance, but he also knows he is not alone. He invites us to put all our trust in God, as he himself did: "I can do all things in him who strengthens me". The Lord uses us too, with all our humanity, with all our weakness, to continue his mission on earth. Let us have confidence in God and trust that he is with us at all times.

Why is Humanity Destroying Humanity

Please let us reflect for a moment in prayer for the Lord to give guidance to all concerned with restoring peace to Humanity before it's too late.



Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world;

Have mercy on us, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world;

Have mercy on us, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world;

Grant us peace.

Reflection for Parents

Sometimes our children drag their feet and say they don't want to go someplace where they've been invited. Many times we whisper to ourselves, "If only she would get there, she would have a great time." And sometimes she does get there and, sure enough, she does have a great time. If we're honest with ourselves, we may find that the same is true when we have gone reluctantly to an event that turned out to be quite a pleasure. Wouldn't those who received the original invitation to the wedding feast have enjoyed a splendid party! The words of today's gospel caution us not to miss out on a great celebration. We need to say "yes" to God's invitation.

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

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

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† IN SYMPATHY †

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :

Michael Creagh, Castlepark.

Michael O’Sullivan, Ballincollig/Australia.

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

May Fortuin, Cathedral Road.

John O’Callaghan & Billy Kelly, Fr. Sexton Park.

Ann O’Neill, Glendower.

Ned, Aidan & Kathy, Castlepark.

Neil O’Donoghue (Snr.), Inniscarra View.

John Forde, Curraheen.

Nicola Callaghan, Maple Lawn.

Olive O’Leary, Beech Rd.

Joe Kavanagh, Parknamore Heights.

Con Delaney, Kilnaglory.

Catherine O Sullivan, Adrigole.

James Dillon, Sundays Well.

Phil and Oliver Doyle, Greenwood Estate, Togher.

Ann Kidney, Greenfields.

Jerry Lehane, Renanirree.

John O’Flynn, Fr. Sexton Park & Powdermills.

Mary O’Sullivan, Glenleigh, Kilcorney.

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10

The prophet Isaiah presents a vision of a feast prepared for us by the Lord.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

St Paul tells us confidently that anything is possible for him because his strength comes from God.

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Matthew dealt harshly with the wedding guests who made excuses for not attending the king's son's wedding. Not only did they refuse the invitation, but they beat the servant who went in search of them. The king knew that there would be those who appreciated the banquet and sent more servants out to the crossroads to find anyone willing to come. Matthew ended his Gospel with what was probably a separate parable. Someone dressed inappropriately was removed from the banquet. Most likely, Matthew intended his listeners to respond appropriately to God's invitation.

Cantairí Mhuscraí

Is a mixed voice choir based in Ballincollig and they have a wide repertoire of music including church, classical, popular and show tunes. Apart from other performances they sing in St. Mary’s & St. John’s Church at the 6.00pm Mass on the 3rd Saturday of every month. They welcome new members to all lines, without formal audition. Ability to read music is not essential, they just need singers who can hold a tune and blend into the overall sound. They rehearse every Wednesday night from 7.20 to 9.20pm at Ballincollig Community School. See you there!

Offertory Collection Boxes

The Offertory Collection is solely for the upkeep, maintenance, insurance, lighting, heating and related expenses of both churches. Could the people who have a box number allocated to them, please collect them from Sonas House Mon. – Wed. 9.30am – 12.30pm? Postcode: P31 V443.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Twenty Eighth Week In Ordinary Time

15 Sunday Is. 25:6-10. Phil. 4: 12-14, 19-20. Mt. 22: 1.14. Lect I: 711

16 Monday Rom. 1:1-7. Ps. 97. Lk. 11:29-32. Lect II: 364

17 Tuesday Rom. 1:16-25. Ps. 18. Lk. 11:37-41. Lect II: 366

18 Wednesday 2 Tim. 4: 10-17. Ps. 144. Lk. 10: 1-9. Lect II:1233

19 Thursday Rom. 3:21-30. Ps. 129. Lk. 11 :47-54. Lect II: 370

20 Friday Rom. 4: 1.8. Ps. 31. Lk. 12: 1.7. Lect II: 372

21 Saturday Rom. 4:13,16-18. Ps. 104. Lk. 12:8-12. Lect II: 374

22-October-2023 Is 45:1, 4-6. Ps 95:1, 3-5, 7-10, R/ v 7. 1 Th 1:1-5. Mt 22:15-21. Lect I:714

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.

Christ Our Light Gathering

Celebrate with us: on Tuesday 24th of October at 7.30 p.m. Our Family of Parishes: Ballinora, Ballincollig, Farran and Ovens. This time we will gather in Christ Our Light Church. Come and join our faith community as we explore our Mission in scripture, prayer song and input from people with practical missionary experience. It will be possible to watch online @ <https://www.churchservices.tv/ballincolligchristourlight>

Family Rosary

Family Rosary will be organised on Sundays at 9.15am in St. Mary & St. John church. All families are very welcome to join and teach their children this special prayer to Our Lady during the month of October.

Envelope Collection Mission Sunday

Envelope collection for the propagation of the faith will be taken up at all churches next weekend 21st & 22nd October.

Cemetery Masses

Mass in St. Oliver’s Cemetery Sat. November 4th at 2pm.

Mass in St. Mary & St. John’s Cemetery Sat. November 11th at 12 noon.

Diocesan Needs Quarterly Envelope Collection

The Diocesan Needs Quarterly Collection which was taken up at all Masses last weekend amounted to €1,610. People continue to be very generous to these quarterly collections over the years and your support is greatly appreciated.