

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 29-October-2023

Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

The Pharisees fault was not gratitude for doing good but contempt for those less successful, a lack of humility before the grace of God. Paul too could 'boast' and give thanks that he had kept the faith, but he recognised that this had not been simply his own doing but because 'the Lord stood by me.' We too should thank God for any good we have been able to do. It is with his help that we do it, and it gives us no grounds for complacency or a sense of superiority.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

From the Junior Curate's Desk...

These are busy weeks in the parish. Beyond attending the odd county final and monitoring my blood pressure at said games, I was observing some of what's happening at the moment in our parish. Sr Nan's meditation group continues to meet each Tuesday morning after 9:30 Mass. Alpha Youth is now entering its fifth week and with 39 teenagers, we are the biggest parish-based Alpha Youth in Ireland. As a Family of Parishes (Ballincollig, Ballinora, Ovens/Farran), we gathered to pray last Tuesday evening in Christ Our Light. October is a month dedicated to mission and so we reflected on how we can enter into the mission of the Church. Beyond the pastoral, there is some much-needed work scheduled for the grounds around Saint Mary and Saint John's church, as well as the churchyard cemetery. We all value our places of worship, so it's good to take care of them and have them at their best.

Soon, the schools will be on mid-term break as October segues into November. With November comes our annual Novena for the Dead where we pray in a concentrated way for all who have gone before us. There is a great tradition in Ireland of praying for the dead and having them remembered at the altar. Whether they died recently or a long time ago, it's good to pray for them. As the saying goes: in November, we remember. Our Novena will culminate on the evening of Friday 10 November at 19:30 when we will celebrate a candle Mass in Saint Mary and Saint John's church for all those who died in the last 12 months. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

With every blessing, Fr Ronan
P.S. Enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend

Special Remembrance Mass

There will be a Special Mass to remember all our loved ones who died during the past year on Friday November 10th at 7.30pm in St Mary & St John. All those who died from the Parish will be remembered at this Mass. Families who wish to have deceased family members (who died during the past twelve months) included in this Mass are invited to hand in their names to the Sacristy or Parish Office during the week and please include a contact name, phone number and an address. Families and individuals are invited to partake in the Mass.

The Feast of All Saints Day

Wednesday 1st November - Holy Day of Obligation

Masses

Christ Our Light Church

Vigil Mass Monday 31st October 7.30pm

St. Mary & St. John Church

Tuesday 1st November 10.00am & 7.30pm

The November Novena for the Holy Souls

2nd – 10th November inclusive - There will be weekday morning Masses as usual in both churches during the Novena: 8.30am in Christ our Light and 9.30am in St. Mary & St. John. There will also be evening Mass at 7.30pm in St. Mary & St John's Church each day except Saturday and Sunday.

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.

Bank Holiday Monday

Monday October 31st

Morning Mass 9.30am in the Church of St Mary & St John only – There is no 8.30am Mass in Christ our Light Church

Reflection for Parents

Our children see us live out this gospel message in the every-day things we do for other people. How often do they quietly notice us help an elderly relative, take food to a sick neighbour, or visit someone in a nursing home. We don't really have to preach this gospel message to our children, but sometimes just inviting them along is witness enough to shape their lives.

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

I love you, Lord, my strength.

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Michael Kavanagh, Ivy Circle.
 Mary Brennan, Ovens.
 Richard Spenser, West Village/France.
 Fr. Criostóir Mac Donald, Mayfield/Curraheen/Skibbereen.
 Willie Goggin, Goleen.

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

Ann O’Connell, Westcliff.
 Eileen Nolan, Borris, Co.Carlow.
 Mary Sheehan, Listowel/Ballincollig.
 Mary Desmond, Westcourt.
 Beth Walsh, Inniscarra View.
 Una & John Murphy, Blackrock.
 Mary Downey & deceased members of the Downey Family.
 Sheila Collins, Waterfall.
 Marie O’Flaherty, Coolroe Meadows.
 Kay O’Keeffe, Muskerry Estate.

Running Alpha in Family of Parishes?

The Diocese is hosting an Alpha information afternoon for those who may be interested in running Alpha in their Parish/Family of Parishes on Saturday, November 25th from 1.30pm to 4.00pm in Ovens Parish Centre. Alpha helps people not just to know about Jesus, but to come to know him personally. Please confirm your attendance by contacting your Moderator/Co-Parish Priest, or the Office for Mission and Ministry at 021-7355517 (or through our Contact Form on the Diocesan website: <https://corkandross.org/office-for-mission-and-ministry>). We invite you to keep an eye on the Diocesan website which has full details of the training and formation offered by the Office for Mission and Ministry.

Life Love Loss - An Online Afternoon Retreat

Sunday 5th November 3p.m. - 6p.m. A sacred time to honour our losses and remember our loved ones. Input, Scriptural Reflections, Music, Meditation & Remembrance Service. Martina Lehane Sheehan with Fr. Ronald Rolheiser OMI. For further information & booking: www.ruahrest.com or Email: info@ruahrest.com - Donation: €20.

Muskerry Local History Society

Muskerry Local History Society is organising a lecture on Getting Started with Researching Your Family Tree by David Ryan. The lecture will be held in Ballincollig Rugby Club on Monday, 6 November, at 8.00 pm. David specialises in assisting people in tracing their Irish ancestry. It can be a bit overwhelming starting out researching your genealogy. This talk will examine some of the basics of Irish genealogy and offer some tips on making the best start in your research. Lecture free to members. Non-members: €4. Annual membership: €15.

Ballincollig Family Resource Centre

Mens social group every Tuesday. Just drop in between 2.00pm – 3.00pm. All welcome. Tea, coffee, biscuits and good company. Call 021-4876295 or email info@Ballincolligfrc.org

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time

29 Sunday Ex 22:20-26. Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51, R/ v 2. I Th 1:5-10.- Mt 22:34-4 Lect I:717
 30 Monday Rom. 8:12-17. Ps. 67. Lk. 13:10-17. Lect II: 388
 31 Tuesday Rom 8:18-25. Ps 125. Lk 13:18-27. Lect II: 390
 01 Wednesday Apoc. 7:2-4, 9-14. Ps. 23. 1 In. 3:1-3. Mt. 5:1-12. Lect I: 999 or Lect II: 1244
 02 Thursday Is 25:6-9. Ps 26. Rom 5:5-11. Mt 11:25-30. Lect I: 1002
 03 Friday Rom. 9: 1-5. Ps. 147. Lk. 14: 1-6. Lect II: 396
 04 Saturday Rom 11:1-2, 11-12, 25-29. Ps 93. Lk 14:1, 7-11. Lect II: 397
 05-November-2023 Mal. 1:14-2:2, 8-10. Ps. 130. 1 Th. 2:7-9:13. Mt. 23:1-12. Lect I: 719

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	No Mass
9:30 am	Tuesday	8:30 am & 7:30 pm (Vigil)
10 am & 7:30 pm	Wednesday	No Mass
9:30 am & 7:30 pm	Thursday	8:30 am
9:30 am & 7:30 pm	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.

First Friday

Friday 3rd November is the first Friday of the month. There is Mass in St. Mary & St. John’s Church 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.

Meditation

Meditation continues every Tuesday in Ballincollig Community Hall after 9.30am Mass. Please feel free to join any Tuesday.

Envelope Collection Mission Sunday

Envelope collection for the propagation of the faith which was taken up at all churches last weekend amounted to €2,180. We appreciate your continued generosity.

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.
 The blessing of the graves at St. James Cemetery, Chetwynd, Togher (off Bandon Road) will take place on Sunday, 5th November at 3.00pm

Autumn Dues

The priests of the Parish would like to thank you for returning the Autumn Dues Envelopes. Your continued support is much appreciated.

Halloween wishes for our kids

Wishing you a Halloween full of treats! Remember that if you eat them all at once, you may turn into a green monster.