

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 19-November-2023

Thirty Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

How often fear and anxiety prevent people from producing their best, from using their God-given talents to the full. In today's parable Jesus shows that a God who inspires fear may inspire little else. His image of God as a loving father inspires confidence and so enables us to develop what he has given us.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Using Our Gifts

We all have gifts, talents and abilities which we use in looking after ourselves and our families. As Christians we also use them in loving service of the community to build up the body of Christ, the Christian community. The parable of the talents is one of three "end-time" parables in Chapters 24 and 25 of Matthew's Gospel reminding us to prepare for and be ready for our own end. St Paul also reminds us that we do not know the day or the hour of the coming of Christ for us, and that we should be ready. The parable speaks of recognition and reward for the five talent man and the two talent man, and of censure for the one talent man. We tend to have sympathy for the man who had less ability, was less gifted than the others.

We all have some gifts, given by God for a purpose. Spiritual gifts are given for the good of all, but if they are not used, they will not be fruitful. Some of us may feel that our gifts don't amount to much, we are not as gifted, say, as the ten talent man; yet when ordinary people accept and use their giftedness great things are achieved in the kingdom of God. God's love comes to perfection in the world and in us when we pass it on in loving service to our brothers and sisters. So we pray that we will not waste or bury our talents, that we will use our gifts in love and generosity and that that we will be happy and fulfilled in the service of God and his people.

The poem in praise of a perfect wife at the end of the Book of Proverbs is somewhat foreign to our culture and seems to us to be condescending to women. It might seem a little less strange if we imagine as being written by an ancient Irish mother, anxious to find a suitable wife for her precious son. And in fact the end section of the Book of Proverbs is headed "the sayings of Lemuel king of Massa, taught him by his mother!" The piece has been regarded as a poem in praise of wisdom, traditionally female. The wise person is someone who is loving, who helps those in need, who gives to the poor and is businesslike and hard working, someone who "gets on with it," and uses his or her talents in loving service.

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.

Advent Retreat

Monday, 4th, Tuesday 5th & Wednesday 6th December at 7.30pm in the Church of St. Mary & St. John. All Welcome

Ballincollig Community School Post-Leaving Certificate Courses Promotion

BCS is promoting awareness and opportunities to students on post-leaving Cert courses in the Cork area. We will have stands/booths from Colleges of Further Education and Apprenticeship from 6:30 PM on November 23rd, followed by a presentation given by John Fitzgibbons, Director of Further Education and Training

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.

Ballincollig Family Resource Centre

Men's 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



Reflection for Parents

God has given each one of us talents. Sometimes out of laziness or lack of ambition, or sometimes because we are afraid of failure or ridicule, we do not share our talents. The gospel today challenges us to take a risk and invest our gifts for the greater good of God's people. We do this ourselves as adults, but we must also try to help our children recognize their talents and use them in a productive way.

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

O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Fr. Paddy Keating, Drimoleague/Late P.P. Ovens/Farran.

Richard Spencer, Ballincollig/France.

Colm O'Driscoll, Inniscarra/ Ballincollig.

Margaret Flanagan, Castlepark/ Wexford.

Daniel Hurley, Ballincollig/Innishannon.

Brian Handley, Dublin/Wexford.

Chris Burke, Florida.

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

Philly & Nora Holland, Bishopstown/ Timoleague.

Tony Whelan, Rosewood.

William Barry, Ballyvolane.

Michael O'Brien, Churchview.

Jim Hickey, Ballincollig/Aherla.

Siobhan Moynihan, Albert Road.

Mary Delaney, Inniscarra View.

Ned & Eily Fitton, Maglin/Beech Park.

Timothy O'Callaghan, Inchigaggin Road.

Dec. Mem. of the Reilly & Hanney Families.

Nora & Michael Keating, Cahirciveen.

Maureen & Timothy O'Connell, Ballingully.

Therese & Hilary Browne, Douglas.

Larry Power, Wyndham Downs.

Donagh McCarthy, Muskerry Estate.

Ann Hogan, Leesdale Drive.

Dan Kidney, Muskerry Estate.

Christine Sheehan, Westcourt.

Charles O'Leary, Minister's Cross/Carrigrohane.

John Herlihy, Rossmore/Kilbarry.

Joan Hennigan, Inniscarra View.

Brendan Hennigan, Dublin.

First Reading: Prov. 31: 10-13. 19-20. 30-31

This reading from the Book of Proverbs may need a little 'translation' for today's world! Is the ideal marriage partner hidden here?

Second Reading: Thess. 5:1-6

This reading will have many echoes during Advent. The message is: 'Be alert!'

Gospel: Matthew 24:36, 25:14-30

In this story, a man went away on a journey. He must have been very wealthy because he entrusted large portions of his money to three of his servants. The first two servants invested the money during the master's absence and it yielded great returns. The third servant, however, was fearful of investing (or some scholars say he was lazy). In either case, the servant buried the money he was given and returned the full amount to the master when he came home. The master was pleased with the investments of the first two servants, but was very upset with the third one. To those who have much, much more will be given. To those who have little, even that little will be taken away.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Thirty Third Week In Ordinary Time

19 Sunday Prov. 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31. Ps. 127. 1 Thess. 5:1-6. Mt. 25:14-30. Lect I: 725

20 Monday Mac. 1:10-Med. Ps. 118. Lk. 18:35-43. Lect II: 425

21 Tuesday Zech 2:1417. Ps Lk 1:46-55. Mt 12:46-50. Lect II: 1271

22 Wednesday 2 Mac. 7:1, 20-31. Ps. 16.1k. 19:11-28. Lect II: 430

23 Thursday 1 Mac. 2:15-29. Ps.49. 1k. 19:41-44. Lect II: 433

24 Friday 1 Mac. 4:36-37, 52-59. Ps. 1 Chr. 29. Lk. 19:45-48. Lect II: 435

25 Saturday 1 Mac. 6:1-13. Ps.9. Lk. 20:27-40. Lect II: 437

26-November-2023 Ez. 34:11-12, 15-17. Ps. 22. 1 Car. 15:20-26, 28. Mt. 25:31-46. Lect I: 729

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.

Marriage Support Envelope Collection

The annual Marriage Support collection which was taken up at all Masses last weekend amounted to €1,555. We appreciate your continued generosity.

Autumn Dues

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

East Cork Choral Society

Bach's masterpiece "The Christmas Oratorio" will be held in in St. Francis Church, Liberty St., Cork on the 26th November & 7th January at 8.00pm. Tickets are now available from Eventbrite, Pro Musica, at the door or from choir members for both concerts.

Cork Scripture Group

Workshop for Ministers of the Word to be held in Sacred Heart Hall, Western Road from 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. on Sat 25th November 2023. It will include: Celebrating the Word of God in your Parish, Dignity of the Ministry of the Word, Structure of the Liturgy of the Word and Introduction to the Gospel of Mark. All Welcome. Free of charge to participants. To book email: corkscripturegroup@gmail.com