

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 23-September-2018

Twenty Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

*The following of Christ is not for the ambitious and selfish. Christians will inevitably find their goodness, gentleness and love put to the test. They will survive the test only if their life is based on trust in God as his Father.*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

## ***The Season of Creation***

Jesus is very much in the role of teacher in this weekend's Gospel. "He sat down, called the twelve" and said to them, "Whoever wants to be the first must be last of all and servant of all. Then he took a little child and said to them. Who wants to be "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

This September we are celebrating the season of Creation. Pope Francis poses the question as to what kind of world do we want to leave to those coming after us, to children now growing up in our world.

During this creation time let us reconnect once more with nature and restore our relationship with the environment.

Climate change is a global problem with grave implications, environmental, social, economic, political and for the distribution of goods. It represents one of the principal challenges facing humanity in our day.

*Fr. George O'Mahony*

## ***Reflection for Parents***

It may be difficult for parents of our time to think of children as "non-persons." They are probably the most important people in our lives! Parents in ancient times loved their children just as parents do today. While children in our time are protected by many laws, still very few children carry any authority or power in our culture. So the difference is not in children and parents of two different times, rather the point is how children are unencumbered by status. Their love for God is fresh and uncomplicated. This is a quality in our children we should consciously observe and emulate.

## **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

**Priest**

The Lord hears us! Let us renew our confidence in this truth, as we make our prayers and petitions.

**Reader**

That the Church may be purified of dissension and division, and that her life and her words may be stamped by God's Spirit of peace.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For teachers, who shape the minds of the young. May their lives be an example and an inspiration for the young to follow.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For our local parish community; may the Lord help us to create the kind of neighbourhoods in which his compassion takes on flesh and blood.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

That God may guide the work of those who seek cures for various diseases. May they be generous in putting their energies and talents at the service of others.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

May our dear departed find pardon and a welcome into God's presence.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for the God's blessing on our own personal needs.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

**Priest**

May our prayers arise like incense before you, Lord, and may our lives be offering acceptable to you. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Lord upholds my life.*

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**† IN SYMPATHY †**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :Con O'Reilly, Rylane.**

Deirdre Fox, Model Farm Road.  
Con Murphy, Ballincollig/Coachford.  
Fr. Pat O'Sullivan, Sacred Heart Fathers

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

Eilis Cooper, Clashduv Road & USA.  
Denis Calnan, Church View.  
James & Eileen O'Donovan, Leap.  
Joe & Patrick Linehan, Courtbrack.  
Katriona Horgan, Castlepark.  
Monica Fitton, Kilnaglory.  
Philip Hall, Rosewood.  
Nuala Delaney, Inniscarra View.  
Breda McSweeney, Beech Road.  
Brendan Lynch, Old Court.  
Jack, Essa & Ursula Lane, Blarney Street.  
Cecelia Pauline Leahy.  
Harry & Noreen Lane, Pouladuff.  
Gwen Daly, Castlepark.  
William Liam Crowley, Togher.

**SAFEGUARDING**

The Diocese continues to ensure and maintain compliance with the safeguarding children policy and standards for the Catholic Church in Ireland 2016. For more information on the policy please visit [www.corkandross.org](http://www.corkandross.org) and click the safeguarding tab.

**Ballincollig Tidy Towns**

National Tidy Towns results for 2018 will be announced tomorrow at the Helix Centre in Dublin. We wish the committee and its volunteers all the best in the competition. A huge thanks to all concerned for making our town so splendid this summer. The committee wish to thank all those who contributed so generously to its recent Church Gate collection and the goodwill shown to all collectors is greatly appreciated

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Twenty Fifth Week In Ordinary Time

23 Sunday Wis 2:12, 17-20. Ps 53. Jas 3:16-4:3. Mk 990-37. Lect I: 802  
24 Monday Prov 3:27-34. Ps 14. Lk 8:16-18. Lect II: 776  
25 Tuesday Prov 21 :1-6,10-13. Ps 1 18. Lk 8:19-21. Lect II: 778  
26 Wednesday Prov 305-9. Ps 1 18. Lk 9:1-6. Lect II: 780  
27 Thursday Eccl 1:2-11. Ps. 89. Lk 9:7-9. Lect II: 782  
28 Friday Eccles (Qoh). 3: 1-11. Ps. 143. Lk. 9: 18-22. Lect II: 784  
29 Saturday Dan 7:9-10, 13-1 4. or Apoc 12:7- 12. Ps 137. Jn 1:47-51. Lect II: 1205

**Next Sunday's Readings 30-September-2018**

Num 11:25-29. Ps 18. Jas 5:1-6. Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48. Lect I: 804

**BAPTISMS**

**WE WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY ALL THOSE WHO WERE BAPTISED RECENTLY :**

Lea Mae O'Sullivan, Coachford.  
Doireann Eimear O'Grady, Coolroe Meadows.  
Jessica Shannon Wynne, Cranford Pines.  
Emily Grace Wynne, Cranford Pines.  
Lucy Ellen Wynne, Cranford Pines.  
Luke Daniel McKechnie, Sunday's Well.  
Jacob Leonard O'Conchuir, Aylsbury.  
Bobby David Brosnan, Muskerry Estate.  
Sarah Rose Honohan, Coolroe Meadows.  
Meabh Cait Corkery, Wyndham Downs

**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Wisdom 2:12. 17-20  
People just don't like a prophet. Someone who speaks up, telling the truth, may well be rejected. Holiness does not always lead to happiness. Sometimes, it leads to pain and suffering and death.

Second Reading: James 3:16-4:3  
The early Christians were not better than we are. They were just as envious, just as resentful, and just as bitter. Listen now, and hear the remedy.

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37  
Who is the greatest; Celebrity farm had a winner; some win many medals, others set records of all kinds, many have the most recent model and biggest car in the range, many achieve fantastic results in the Leaving and Junior Cert exams; well done to all the high achievers in our midst. Christ however is looking for a different kind of achievement. Jesus asks us "When you wish to be first make yourself last; When you wish to be great make yourself little; When you want to be the masters make yourself the servant." Christ asks to live this kind of life; He lived as the Suffering Servant, washed people feet, mixed with the outcasts and made time for the small people (the people that are rarely noticed) Lord when we ask the question Who is the greatest may we remember to look to you for guidance in our answer.

**Cork Autism Conference 2018**

Re-Thinking Autism - A Positive and Integrative Approach, Sunday September 30th, Rochestown Park Hotel, Douglas, Cork. Conference provides a unique forum for Parents, Families, Caregivers, Adults with ASD, Employers, Educators, Professionals, Agencies, Advocates and anyone with an interest in autism and aspergers syndrome. All are welcome. More info here: [www.bookwhen.com/corkautism](http://www.bookwhen.com/corkautism) or call 089 239 8900

**Ballincollig Parish Pastoral Council**

The Parish Pastoral Council is about the Pastoral, Spiritual and Faith life of all the members of our Parish. It is a hands on group who help to promote and advertise different events in the parish and are involved in organising these events. The Parish Council communicates and works with parishioners of all ages.

Meetings are held throughout the year in the Annex of the Community Hall. The A.G.M. is held annually in September. New members are needed and would be very welcome.

A.G.M. Monday September 24th at 7.45pm in the Annex of the Community Hall

**Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary**

The Congregation of the Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary (The Killeshandra Nuns) was founded in 1924 by Bishop Joseph Shanahan CSSp to bring the Gospel message to the women of Southern Nigeria. Sisters are presently on mission in Brazil, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Nigeria, South Africa, Sierra Leone, the U.S.A. and Zambia.

Srs. MaryRose Crowe and Mary Gallagher will speak at the Masses in Ballincollig on Saturday/ Sunday 22nd/23rd September 2018 to promote Mission Awareness.

**Trócaire**

Trócaire supports some of the world's most vulnerable people in the developing world, whilst also raising awareness of injustice and global poverty in Ireland. We are a group of committed individuals who meet three times a year in Cork to organise initiatives in our communities for Trócaire. Would you be interested in becoming involved? If so, email [volunteering@trocaire.org](mailto:volunteering@trocaire.org) or visit [trocaire.org/](http://trocaire.org/) volunteer for more information.

**Gougane Sunday  
Annual Pilgrimage to Honour St. Finbarr**

The feast day of St. Finbarr, Patron Saint of the Diocese of Cork, is celebrated on the 25th of September. This year pilgrims will gather on Sunday, September 30th, to celebrate 'Gougane Sunday'. Rosary will be recited in the Oratory at 2.30 pm and Mass will be celebrated there at 3.00 pm. Most Rev. Ray Browne, Bishop of Kerry will preach the homily this year.

**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.

**Communion for the Sick**

Remembering and praying by the family of believers is part of every worship especially the Mass. Ministers of the Eucharist or a priest go from the praying community to the sick with Holy Communion. Please let the celebrant of Mass know when you wish communion to be taken to the sick. Bringing Holy Communion to the sick is both a privilege and a responsibility.

**Mass Diaries**

Mass Diaries to book Mass intentions for October, November & December are now open in both churches will be given to those booking 1st Anniversary Mass.

**Altar Servers**

Parents are invited to encourage their children to become Altar Servers in either Christ our Light Church or St. Mary & St. John's Church. Please contact one of the priests or the sacristans.

**Envelope Collection for Priesthood Education**

The annual envelope collection for the Education of Students to the Priesthood takes places next weekend Saturday/Sunday September 29th & 30th. The cost of educating each student for the Priesthood can be as much as €30,000 per year. The Diocese has a number of men training for the Permanent Diaconate. This collection is the principal source of funding for the education of our clerical students. This collection has also been used to subvent a number of lay people from the Diocese who are involved in their parishes and are studying Theology as well as funding further study for the priests.

**Confirmation Dates 2019**

Scoil Barra	Wednesday, 14th March
Our Lady of Good Counsel	Wednesday, 14th March
Scoil Mhuire	Thursday, 22nd March
Scoil Eoin	Friday, 20th April
Gaelscoil Uí Riordáin	Friday, 27th April

**Family Mass**

The next Children's Mass for children in second class preparing for their first Holy Communion will take place on Sunday 7th October at 11.00am in Church of Christ Our Light. The Parents of children who are seven and eight are asked to bring them to this Mass. Preparation with these children commences in the main body of the church at 10.45am. Small children preschool/infants/1st class retire to the crying room where they celebrate the Liturgy of the Word in a child friendly fashion. They will return to the main church at the start of the offertory procession.

**Fr. George**

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Sep-29 & Sep-30-2018

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**  
Niamh O'Riordan  
Ciara O'Sullivan  
**8:30 am**  
Pat Fennell  
Kate Healy  
**10:00 am**  
Louise McCarthy / Robert Noonan  
Declan Crowley  
**12:00 Noon**  
Katie Tobin  
Shane Tully

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**  
Nonyi Ebili  
Yago Greaux  
**11:00 am**  
Michael Buckley  
Cillian O'Cathhasaigh  
**12:30 pm**  
Gretta Fleming  
Mary Kate O'Brien  
**5:30 pm**  
Tom Reck

**MASS TIMES**

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

8:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon	<b>Sunday</b>	11 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm
9:30 am	<b>Monday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Tuesday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Thursday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Friday</b>	8:30 am
10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)	<b>Saturday</b>	7:30 pm (Vigil)

**CONFESSIONS**

After 10:00 am Mass & before 6:00 pm Mass **Saturday**

**BAPTISMS**

4:30 pm	<b>Saturday</b>	4:30 pm
Except First Saturday of Month		First Saturday of Month
12:45 pm	<b>Sunday</b>	

**PARISH CLERGY**

Priest on Duty	087-2479140
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**Funeral Pastoral Team Rota**

24-Sep-2018 to 30-Sep-2018  
Michael O'Leary  
Kay O'Sullivan

**Social / Coffee Mornings**

Friday morning tea/coffee will be discontinued for June/July and August. We hope to return in September..



**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Sep-29 & Sep-30-2018

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6.00 pm** Bernadette Bell  
Betty Casey  
Frank Riordan  
Siobhan Riordan  
Pauline Quane  
Aisling Leahy  
**8:30 am** Mary Buckley  
Mary B. Murphy

**7:30 pm** Geraldine Lynch  
Charlie Vaughan  
Joan Stephenson  
Bernie Bowen  
**11:00 am** Neil Jeffers  
Eileen O'Donoghue  
Padraig Fleming  
Hugh / Catherine Moran  
Imelda Power / Martina Woods  
**12:30 pm** Tom Murray  
John O'Regan  
Gerard Dunne  
Brid Dunne

**10:00 am** Betty Flavin  
Anne Spillane  
Anne O'Connell  
Con O'Connell  
**12 Noon** Seamus O'Donovan  
Eleanor Knowles  
Catherine Greene  
Joan Barrett  
Frances Hogan  
Mary O'Leary

**5:30 pm** Bernard Curran  
John Canty

**Anam Cara Cork**

Anam Cara Cork, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Wednesday 3rd of October at 7:20pm in the Clayton Hotel, Silver Springs, Tivoli, Cork. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.

**Music Morning**

The monthly Music Morning in the Ballincollig Library will resume next Tuesday, 25th September at 11.00am when Joe Kennelly will present the music. Everyone is welcome and a cuppa will be served.

**Taize Prayer Group**

Taize will meet in St. Mary & St. John's Church on Friday, 28th September at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

**Forms of Friday Penance**

- The following are suggested as ways of fulfilling Friday penance:
- ◆ Abstaining from meat or some other food;
  - ◆ Abstaining from alcoholic drink or smoking;
  - ◆ Making a special effort at involvement in family prayer;
  - ◆ Making a special effort to participate in Mass on Fridays;
  - ◆ Visiting the Blessed Sacrament;
  - ◆ Making the Stations of the Cross;
  - ◆ Fasting from all food for a longer period than usual and perhaps giving what is saved to the needy;
  - ◆ Helping the poor, sick, old or lonely.