

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 18-September-2022

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus lamented the fact that the 'children of light' are not as astute at doing good as the wicked are at looking after themselves. It may be that some of our ineffectiveness in doing good arises from a lack of total commitment to God. We cannot have it both ways; self- concerned and love of God don't mix.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

A Priest in Ballincollig Parish (October 2015-September 2022)

I remember Ballincollig as a small boy well before I arrived as a (youngish) Priest on the 31 October 2015. I remember sitting in the Church during Mass (as a small boy)- I sat on the kneelers organising the then parish newsletter and no doubt disturbing people who were trying to say their prayers during Mass!! I did want to be a Priest that young but never would I have imagined the importance that Ballincollig would play in my life! We all want to belong and feel part of a community. I really appreciate the welcome into a populated and yet extremely homely community who accepted me as a person and a Priest.

Over the last number of years as I looked out of my home in Ballincollig little did I know my future was front of me. As I look towards the city of Cork. On the majestic hills above the river lee is my new home. I am beginning to put down new roots in my new home in Knocknaheeny. I look forward to working in the 'Family of Parishes' of Clogheen/Kerry Pike, Farranree, Gurrabraher and Knocknaheeny/Hollyhill.

I wish to Thank each and every one of you for your kindness and support during all of my time in Ballincollig. I extremely appreciate the thoughtfulness and generosity of so many especially over these last few weeks.

May the Lord bless you and keep you. Amen

Fr. Cian O'Sullivan

I'm on the Move



Con, I'm on the Move a text message from Fr. Cian alerting his imminent transfer to Knocknaheeny after having spent seven magnificent years with us in Ballincollig this news was inevitable at some stage.

Fr. Cian was very much appreciated in our parish, his ability in his homilies to bring past tense stories to understand the meaning of the Sunday Gospel.

Judging by the sheer volume of social media messages you were dearly loved throughout the community.

We wish you the best of luck in your new Parish of Knocknaheeny, our loss is their gain.

Fr. Cian your mark will always have a very special place here in Ballincollig, continued good health and happiness in your spiritual role as a priest and your work in securing Vocations to Priesthood

Con & Diarmuid

Significant Event – Family of Parishes

A significant event has taken place on the 10th September 2022. As part of the the renewal of Parish life in the Diocese a new Family of Parishes has been created comprising of Ballinora, Ballincollig & Ovens. As a first step Fr. Liam Ó'híci and Fr. Alan O'Leary have been appointed as co-pps of the three parishes with Fr. Kamil Bachara as curate and Fr. John Collins as assistant priest for the Pastoral care of these parishes. Fr. Alan O'Leary will act as Moderator for the three parishes. This all forms part of the plan of renewal for the diocese towards Mission and it puts more emphasis on co-responsibility and shared leadership with lay people and priests working together.

Fr. Alan O'Leary

Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

- Sheila Booth, Inniscarra View.
- Anna Dineen, Ballinora.
- Humphrey Morrissey, Inniscarra View.
- Denis Scannell, Shanagarry.
- Orla Flavin, Rushbrooke.
- Gerard O'Leary, Tralee.
- Kay O'Sullivan, Inniscarra & Dublin.

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

- Eilish Cooper, New Hampshire / Togher.
- Michael Cotter, Clashduv Road.
- Ursala Cokley.
- Tim (Tadna) O'Regan, Leemount.
- Joseph Lombart, Coachford.
- Nuala Delaney, Inniscarra View.
- Patrick, Margaret, Christy O'Mahony, Carriganarra.
- Tom Kenny.
- James & Eileen O'Donovan, Leap.
- Rose Morrissey, Ballyphehane.
- Eileen & Con Murphy, Muskerry Estate/Macroom.

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7
We are called to act with justice.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8
Paul reminds us to think of others and to pray for them.

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13
At first, it would seem that this Gospel passage praises dishonesty, but in fact, it gives credit for a clever and quick response. There was a man who managed the land for his master. What his misdeeds were not quite clear, but something had gone wrong in their relationship and the manager was about to be fired. Not physically able to dig ditches and too proud to beg, the manager worried about how he would live. In a quick response, he went to all the people who owed his master produce and had them change their bills to reflect a lesser amount. In this way, the people who saved money would welcome the manager into their homes once he had been fired. The master wasn't rewarding the manager for his dishonesty, but for his cleverness and quick thinking. The point Jesus wanted to make with this parable was to let the crowd know that they should be wise in their use of the world's goods, because if they are used selfishly, they will fail us. However, if we share our resources with others, true wealth will await us in the Kingdom. The final point of Jesus' words was that we cannot serve two masters, God and money.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Twenty Fifth Week In Ordinary Time

- 18 Sunday Am. 8:4-7. Ps. 112. 1 Tim. 2: 1-8. Lk. 16: 1-13. Lect I: 910
- 19 Monday Prov. 3:27-34. Ps. 14. Lk. 8:16-18. Lect II: 776
- 20 Tuesday Prov 21 :1-6,10-13. Ps 1 18. Lk 8:19-21. Lect II: 778
- 21 Wednesday Eph. 4:1-7. Ps. 18. Mt. 9:9-13. Lect II: 1198
- 22 Thursday Eccles (Qoh). 1 :2-11. Ps. 89. Lk. 9:7-9. Lect II: 782
- 23 Friday Eccles (Qoh). 3: 1-11. Ps. 143. Lk. 9: 18-22. Lect II: 784
- 24 Saturday Eccles (Qoh). 11 :9-12:8. Ps. 89. Lk. 9:43-45. Lect II: 786

Bulletin Board

Priesthood Education Fund

The annual collection for the Priesthood Education Fund in the Diocese will be taken up on weekend of 24th/25th September. This year two new students will begin studies for the Diocese of Cork and Ross at Valladolid in Spain and another candidate will begin studies for the Permanent Diaconate. The Priesthood Education Fund will finance their studies as well as costs for ongoing training and education of priests. In the region of €110,000 will be needed to meet these costs in the coming year. Last year €34,364 was raised in this collection so you are invited to be generous to the Priesthood Education Fund Collection this year.

Fr. Alan

Meditation

Meditation continues in the Annexe every Tuesday morning after the 9.30am Mass, please feel free to join if you would like to try it.

There has been a request for an afternoon time so I am suggesting Wednesday 4 p.m. If you are interested, please either email or text only the Parish Office on 089 400 8181. If there are a number interested you will be contacted as to start date and place.

Sr. Nan O'Mahony

Respect for the Planets Resources

"We are squeezing out the planets goods, Squeezing them out as if the earth were an orange. Countries and businesses from the global north have enriched themselves by exploiting the natural resources of the south, creating an "ecological debt". Who is going to pay this debt? In addition, this "ecological debt" is increased when multinationals do abroad what they would never be allowed to do in the ir own countries. It's outrageous. Today ,not tomorrow; today , we have to take care of Creation responsibly. Let us pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered but shared in a just and respectful manner: No to plundering: yes to sharing"

Pope Francis

Thought for Today

"I encourage you to bear witness to Christ in your personal life and families: a witness of gratuitousness, solidarity, spirit of service."

Pope Francis