

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 20-November-2022

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King
We belong to the rule of Christ who rules not by being served but by his service of people, a service so radical that it led to his death. The cross is Christ's throne: on the cross he is lifted up and makes peace between God and humankind. Those who follow his rule of service will share in his kingdom of peace.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Christ the King

David had been king of Judah for seven years when the other tribes of Israel asked him to be king over all Israel. This happened about 1003 BC, and the new kingdom remained united for seventy two years in the time of David and his son Solomon, until 931 BC. The tribes wanted a king who would be a shepherd of Israel, caring for the weak, bringing back the strays, a king with concern for his people. This prefigured the kingship of Christ, the Universal King to whose kingdom we as Christians belong. He is king over all things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible. Jesus, the light of the world calls us from darkness and the Father brings us from the realm of darkness, of sin, selfishness and hatefulness to the kingdom of the Son that he loves so that we experience freedom and forgiveness of our sins; freedom from fear and from death. If we are truly in his kingdom we will try to have the heart of Christ for all people. Through the prophet Micah, God tells us is needed: "only this, to act justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with your God."

The great hymn in St Paul's letter to the Colossians which we read today expresses our cohesion in Christ and in his kingdom of love. This is the kingdom where we are bound together by the peace of Christ and reconciled to one another by the power of his blood flowing from the cross. Following Jesus is not a matter of public demonstration, waving of hands or chanting his name, but of entering into his kingdom of service, justice and generous love. We share the kingship of the Servant King when we are prepared to wash the feet of the least of the brothers and sisters, to learn from the one who is humble and gentle of heart, to reach out to those in need, the poor, the sick, the old, the lonely, and to those who seem undeserving and unlovable.

The leaders in Jerusalem and the soldiers mocked the kingship of Jesus on the cross, using the word king with derision, and Pilot's notice on the cross, "Jesus of Nazareth, king of the Jews," was intended as a mocking warning. And yet the salvation of the world, of all peoples of all times, comes from the helpless man on the cross. And Jesus, dying for the whole world, focussed on the individual who called to him: "remember me when you come into your kingdom." The reply can be for all of us, personally: "this day you will be with me in paradise."

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Collection

Will be undertaken at all Masses on week ending the 10th & 11th December 2022

Youth 2000 Munster Retreat

"The next Youth 2000 Munster retreat will be taking place in Coláiste Chríost Rí, Cork City between 18th-20th November 2022. This retreat is for anyone aged 16-35. Great CRAIC!!, Excellent Speakers, Inspiring Talks & Workshops, Fantastic music, Group activities, Youth Masses, Adoration, Reconciliation, prayer, Drama, Games & plenty of time to chill out, meet new people and find out what it means to be young & Catholic today!! Donation only. Register now on www.youth2000.ie"

Carrigrohane Union of Parishes Christmas Festival 2022

We are inviting groups, schools and businesses to join with us by decorating a tree, placing an advertisement in the programme – or by sponsoring the Festival. We are open: Friday, 9th Dec. 10.00am – 8pm, Saturday, 10th 10.00am – 3pm, Sunday, 11th 1-5pm. Tel.: 021-4877260.

Christian Mediation Day

Sacred Heart Parish Hall – Saturday 26th November. Donation: €10. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea/coffee will be provided. All newcomers to mediation welcome.

East Cork Choral Society

Announces Forthcoming Concert
Featuring Mozart's Vespers and Exultate Julilate; Vierne's Messe Solennelle; and Vaughan Williams' Serenade to Music. The concert will take place in St. Francis Church, Liberty Street, Cork on Saturday, 26th November. Tickets (€18/€20) from Pro Musica, St. Francis' Church or from East Cork Choral Society Members.

I rejoiced when I hear them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'

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† IN SYMPATHY †
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :
Kathleen Murphy, O'Donovan Crescent.

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

Ann Hogan, Leesdale.
Tommy Daly, Leemount.
Christine Sheehan, Westcourt.
Patrick & Margaret O'Mahony, Clash.
Dave & Abina Sheehan, Kilcorney.
Jim Hickey, Cranford Grove/Aherla.
Edwin McDermot, Poulavone.
Billy & Sheila Green, Station Road/Carriganarra.
Mary Delaney, Inniscarra View.
Eily & Ned Fitton, Maglin/Beech Park.
Dec. Mem's of the Reilly & Hanney families.
Timothy O'Callaghan, Inchigaggin/Carrigrohane.
Tim Cotter, Leo Murphy Tce.
Martin O'Neill, Castlepark.
John O'Shea, Innishannon.
Joan Murphy, Clash.
Charles O'Leary, Minister's Cross.
Cliona Thuillier nee Cummins, Douglas/Kinsale.
Hugh Collins, Innishmore Drive/Dunmanway.

First Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3
David was anointed King; he was designated as ruler by a solemn act of pouring oil on his head. The word "Messiah" means the "Anointed One." For this reason, David is a figure of Jesus Christ, his descendant.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:12-20
Paul speaks of the ways in which Christ is our King. In all the aspects of his rule, Christ is spoken of in his human nature, as a man.

Gospel: Luke 23:35-43.
Associated with Jesus' passion, today's Gospel brings us to the scene of the crucifixion. Jesus, on his own cross, is flanked by thieves on either side. One of the thieves jeers and taunts Jesus calling him a king and wondering why a king cannot save himself and them as well. Jesus responds telling the thief that his royalty is not like that of earthly kingdoms. He has no material wealth or armies. The second thief asks Jesus to remember him when he comes into his kingdom. We know today that he is with Jesus in heaven.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage
Medjugorje Pilgrimage ex Cork 31st May to June 7th 2023. Cost €849.00 pps. Early booking discount of €100 per person if fare booked and paid in full by December 5th. €200 deposit secures place. Half board accommodation in Hotel Leone. Optional insurance €39.00. Spiritual Director Fr. Ted Sheehan. Contact Sean O'Shaughnessy 0862959380 or Joe Walsh Tours 012410800. Places limited.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

20 Sunday 2 Sam. 5:1-3. Ps. 121. Col. 1:12-20. Lk. 23:35-43. Lect I: 936

21 Monday Zech. 2:14-17. Ps. Lk. 1:46-55. Mt. 12:46-50. Lect II: 1271

22 Tuesday Apoc 14:14-19. Ps 95. Lk 21:5-11. Lect II: 890

23 Wednesday Apoc. 15:1-4. Ps. 97. Lk. 21:12-19. Lect II: 892

24 Thursday Apoc. 18:1-2, 21-23, 19:1-3, 9. Ps. 99. Lk. 21:20-28. Lect II: 894

25 Friday Apoc 20:1-4.11-21:2. Ps 83. Lk 21:29-33. Lect II: 897

26 Saturday Apoc. 22:1-7. Ps. 94. Lk. 21:34-36. Lect II: 899

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

Advent Retreat

Monday, 28th, Tuesday 29th & Wednesday 30th November
Mass 7.30pm: Evening Prayers, Liturgy & Homily
Church of St. Mary & St. John All Welcome

Marriage Support Envelope Collection

The annual Marriage Support collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend 19th & 20th November. Please place your donation in the envelope provided.

Autumn Dues

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

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.

Reflection for Parents

Today's children are not considered outcasts, but if you ask most children, they'll tell you they don't think adults really value their opinion. Jesus always reached out to the people that society generally found unimportant and that is a good thing for us to remember as parents. Even while he hung on the cross, Jesus preached the Good News to the criminals hanging with him. Sometimes we find ourselves living, witnessing, and teaching the Gospel message to our children even when the majority view is different. Jesus' words in today's Gospel give us the courage to share our faith with our children even when society doesn't count their input for much and even when the Gospel message is not the majority viewpoint.