

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 22-January-2023

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

*God has given to each of us a potential to be developed. There is a promise in us yet to be fulfilled. Jesus came to bring this fulfilment to everyone and it will be ours when we follow like Peter and the others who lived in Galilee.*



Christ Our Light  
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## *Christ our Light*

Jesus launches and announces his plans for his life. The death of John the Baptist provides an opportunity for Jesus to leave Nazareth and head to Galilee. Here he announces that "the people that walked in darkness have seen a great light. On those who walked in darkness and shadow of death, a light has dawned."

From that moment He began preaching, "Convert for the Kingdom of God is close at hand." Jesus goes on to call the fisherman "follow me and I will make you fishers of men." They left their nets and followed Him. Jesus became the priority and focus of their lives. We all need a similar focus in our lives otherwise there is a real danger that amassing wealth, prestige, addictions or gossip dominate our lives.

The gospel today is an invitation to focus on the light that Christ presents to our lives and world. We are called to focus a fresh on faith hope and service. We are called to trust Jesus especially that he is with us as we try to haul in the nets.

In life we are privileged to focus on Jesus and through our commitment to enable others to focus on Jesus and his way of life.

### *Medjugorje Pilgrimage*

Are you thinking of doing something special for 2023. Join us on our pilgrimage to Medjugorje May 31st to June 7th ex Cork. Cost €849.00 pps. Pay deposit before Feb 17th and get €50.00 discount.

Contact Sean O'Shaughnessy 0862959380.

### *Reflection*

I pray Lord, for the needy of our world: come among us as one who will help, and call us all to help the hungry and sick, the uneducated and homeless, those who are victims of violence and war, the lonely and depressed. May your coming this Christmas be for them a time of peace and love; may we bring to them, in what way we can the joy of your coming.

### *Radio Maria*

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*The Bible should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. The Bible is meant not to inform, but to transform. Men do not reject the Bible because it contradicts itself but because it contradicts them.*

*The Lord is my light and my help.*

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† IN SYMPATHY †  
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :  
Veronica (Ronnie) O'Dwyer, Castlepark.  
Matthew Lawson, Tipperary/Ballincollig.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS OR OTHERWISE REMEMBERED:  
John Cotter, Wyndham Downs.  
Patrick Goodwin, Tralee & Glasheen.  
Ellen Buckley, Bakers Road.  
Denise O'Donoghue, West Village.  
Kitty Murphy, Greenfields.  
Mary Delaney, Douglas.  
Kevin Byrne, Parknamore.  
Bartholomew Murphy, Aylsbury.  
Michael O'Connor, Carrigrohane.  
Hualie O'Mahony, Main Rd.  
Gerard Deasy, Aherla.  
Una Twohig, Inniscarra View.  
Dec. Mem. of the Murphy family.  
Eddie O'Donovan, Station Road.  
Jackie & Noreen Duggan, Dunmanway.  
Frank Crowley, Greenfield.  
Michael Carroll, Coolroe Heights.  
Jack McCarthy, Ballintemple.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Third Week In Ordinary Time

22 Sunday Is. 8:23-9:3. Ps. 26. 1 Cor. 1:10-13, 17. Mt. 4:12-23. Lect I: 644

23 Monday Heb. 9:15, 24-28. Ps. 97. Mk. 3:22-30. Lect II: 27

24 Tuesday Heb 10:1-10. Ps 39. Mk 3:3135. Lect II: 29

25 Wednesday Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9: 1-22. Ps. 116. Mk. 16: 15-18. Lect II: 928

26 Thursday 2 Tim. 1:1-8 or Tit. 1:1-5. Ps. 95. Lk. 10:1-9. Lect II: 931

27 Friday Heb. 10:32-39. Ps. 36. Mk. 4:26-34. Lect II: 35

28 Saturday Heb. 11: 1-2, 8-19. Ps. Lk. 1 :69-75. Mk. 4:35-41. Lect II: 37

29-January-2023 Zech. 2:3; 3:12-13. Ps. 145.1 Cor. 1:26-31. Mt. 5: 1 -12. Lect I: 647

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)

First Reading: Isaiah 8:23 - 9:3  
The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Those who lived in the land of gloom now have joy, for the yoke that burdened them God has smashed.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17  
Paul wrote to the people of Corinth: let "there be no divisions among you, ... be united in mind and in the same purpose." I have heard "that there are rivalries among you. . . . Is Christ divided?"

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23  
The reading today from Matthew's Gospel takes place early in Jesus' ministry. Several ideas are clear. First of all, Matthew strived to connect his Gospel for the early Christians to their Jewish heritage. He made several references in his Gospel like the one today in which prophecies of old are fulfilled in Jesus. The second thing was that Jesus learned of John the Baptist's arrest and resolved to begin his ministry away from Herod. Finally, Jesus called with some urgency, his first four disciples. The common thread to all this was that God's Kingdom was at hand.

*Breakthrough Cancer Research*

Have you ever dreamed of doing the Camino de Santiago? Breakthrough Cancer Research are taking on the Camino Ingles from the 15th-22nd May 2023. Enjoy this amazing adventure with our experienced guide and help us Make More Survivors. For more information please contact Mary@breakcancer.ie or phone 021 422 66 55 for more details.

**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.

**Diocesan Envelope Collection**

The quarterly collection in aid of the Diocesan Funds which was taken up last weekend amounted to €1,760. We appreciate your continued generosity.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament continues every Friday from 3 p.m. until 4 p.m. in St. Mary & St. John's Church.

*Recipe for Living*

*Life may not be a piece of cake  
When we haven't the dough to rise!  
But it will never be as flat as a pancake,  
If we remember to add a spoonful of sugar  
to sweeten our desserts*

**Reflection for Parents**

There are few people in the world who understand the immediacy of today's Gospel like a parent does! The demands of the day are genuinely important, from the first stirrings of the morning, into the commitment-filled day, to the evening and bedtime routine. A huge part of our day requires an on the spot reaction from us. Many things we do on the spur of the moment are important, but have we thought today how the urgency of our day-to-day decisions compares to the urgency of Jesus calling his disciples? With what urgency do we call our children to discipleship? How do they recognise us as disciples of Jesus?