

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 12-February-2023

Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

*The negative formulation of God's will In the Law is necessary for those who are morally immature. But Jesus leads us by a more perfect and positive understanding to the maturity which makes us realise our full obligations to God and to our fellow human beings.*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

## Feast of Our lady of Lourdes

St John Paul initiated the world day of prayer for the sick more than twenty years ago. Each year on the 11th of February we are invited to pray for and pray with the sick. This year Pope Francis is proposing a meditation and prayer on the theme. "Take care of him". The sick were always given priority by Christ during His life. The world day of prayer is an opportunity to remember and pray for the sick in hospital or in places of care or being looked after by their family in their homes. The patience, courage and faith of the sick can be an example and inspiration to us.

The world day of prayer for the sick is a reminder that one of the seven sacraments is the sacrament of the sick. The apostle James wrote "if there any who are sick among you, send for the priests of the church, pray over them, anointing them with the oil in the name of the Lord; the prayer of faith will save the sick person and the Lord will raise them up." Matt 11, 27 Jesus says "Come to me all who labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest. Learn from me for I am gentle and humble of heart and you will find rest for your souls."

During the World of Prayer we can also remember the doctors, nurses, ancillary staff, chaplains and carers and who dedicate their lives to caring for the sick, especially in Turkey, Syria following recent recent earthquake and continuing war in Ukraine. A big thank you to each and every one of them may the good Lord continue to bless them with patience, kindness and a professional approach.

This weekend presents an opportunity to each of us to talk about this great sacrament and the power and healing effect of the sacrament.

## Happy Valentine

"For God so loved the world,  
That he gave  
His only  
Begotten  
Son  
That whosoever  
Believeth In Him  
Should Not perish,  
But have Everlasting life."

John 3:16

## Catechesis

In today's society it is becoming more difficult for people to live out their faith as individuals. We need to form Christian Communities today like The Family of Nazareth that live in Humility, Simplicity and Praise where the other is Christ. Come and Listen at St Mark's Centre, Ballincollig opposite Christ Our Light Church Sundays and Wednesdays at 7.30 pm. Cork Scripture Group  
4 Monday nights (27th Feb, 6th, 13th, 20th March) on "Treasures Old and New: The Bible as the Heart of our faith". Presenters: Sean O'Sullivan, Luke MacNamara OSB, Sr. Mary T. Brien PBVM, Phil Mortell. Saturday workshop (March 11th) on Matthew and Justice facilitated by Sr. Sheila Curran RSM. Cost €50. Please email [corks scripturegroup@gmail.com](mailto:corks scripturegroup@gmail.com) to book a place.

## World Youth Day 2023

The Diocese of Cork and Ross is delighted to announce that Bishop Fintan will travel with 20 young people (18 - 30 years) from around the Diocese to World Youth Day 2023 in Lisbon (July 31st to August 7th). Two to four million young people from around the world are expected to attend and to pray with Pope Francis. It will be an experience of faith, fun and friendship. A special "Information Evening" will take place on Monday, February 13th at 8pm in Mardyke House Cork City (T12 W8RP). The cost is €500 per person including flights, accommodation, food vouchers, tickets for transport within Lisbon, travel insurance and bag allowance. Places are limited so if you are interested, please come along on February 13th to register your interest.

## The Cork Regional Pioneer Council

The Cork Regional Pioneer Council will hold their AGM at 8p.m. on Wednesday next 15th April in the SMA Parish Centre, Wilton. The Novena in honour of Matt Talbot will begin in The Way of the Cross Church, Togher on Monday 27th April at 7.30 p.m. and will continue for the following five Mondays of Lent.

## Poor Clare Spring Zoom Meetings

For those wishing to explore a Poor Claire vocation on Saturday, 18th Feb. @ 3.00pm.  
Email: [vocationspoorclarescork@gmail.com](mailto:vocationspoorclarescork@gmail.com) to the receive the link. [www.poorclarescork.ie](http://www.poorclarescork.ie)

*They are happy who follow God's law!*

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† IN SYMPATHY †  
 PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :  
 Pat Spillane, Muskerry Estate.  
 Emma Crowley, Model Farm Road.  
 Maureen Murphy, Coolroe.  
 Tim Desmond, Ballincollig/Coachford.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS OR OTHERWISE REMEMBERED:  
 Patrick Goodwin, Tralee & Glasheen.  
 Patrick Keane, Freemount.  
 Róisín McCarthy, Inniscarra.  
 John Heffernan, Tower/Kilkenny.  
 Becky Walsh, Muskerry Estate.  
 Timothy O’Keeffe, Shamrock Drive.  
 Maireád & William Boyce, Milford.  
 Mary Delaney, Douglas/Maglin.  
 Richard & Mary O’Keeffe, The Meadows.  
 Michael Murray, Beech Park.  
 Eileen O’Sullivan, Inniscarra.  
 Frank Hurley, Blackrock.  
 Fr. Denis O’Rourke.  
 Sheila O’Donovan, Rochestown.  
 Willie Shanahan.  
 Kathleen & Sonny Murray, Carrigrohane Road.  
 John Kelliher, Rosewood.  
 Edward Manning, Rosewood.  
 Nellie Conlon.

First Reading: Sirach 15:15-20  
 The problem of God’s knowledge and human freedom has puzzled philosophers for centuries. If God sees all" even the future, then everything is determined in advance and there seems little room for human freedom. The author of this text doesn't recognise the problem but simply assures us that God absolutely respects our freedom. He is a concerned Father rather than a meddling 'Big Brother'.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10  
 In general philosophers have no time for mysteries. They only see problems that are open in principle to solution by rational means. For Paul, such thinkers are immature, like children or adolescents who think they have all the answers though their experience is limited. The wisdom of faith carries us beyond the senses, beyond the limits of our own minds, into the mind of God who reveals himself in Christ.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:17-37  
 Actions and their consequences are to morality what symptoms are to health. An unhealthy person often shows symptoms of disease -pain, loss of energy, poor colour. But the doctor shouldn't focus on these alone. Sometimes the patient is ill yet shows no external signs. And when telltale signs are there, the doctor mustn't treat the symptoms alone, forgetting the underlying condition. Jesus is a wise moral physician, insisting that right and wrong actions stem from a good or bad heart. Sin is like an iceberg, where the bulk lies under the surface. The healing of negative attitudes -anger, lust, infidelity is hard work demanding serious sacrifices. There can be no quick fix or superficial solutions here.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Seventh Week In Ordinary Time

12 Sunday Eccles (Sir) 15: 15-20. Ps 118. 1 Cor 2:6-10. Mt 5:17-37 Lect I: 652

13 Monday Gen. 4:1-15,25. Ps. 49. Mk. 8:11-13. Lect II: 68

14 Tuesday Acts 13:-46-49. Ps. 116. Lk.10:1-9 Lect II: 957

15 Wednesday Gen. 8:6-13.20-22: Ps.115. Mk 8:22-26. Lect II:72

16 Thursday Gen. 9: 1-13. Ps. 101. Mk. 8:27 -33. Lect II:74

17 Friday Gen. 11:1-9. Ps. 32. Mk. 8: 34-9:1. Lect II:76

18 Saturday Heb 11:1-7. Ps 144. Mk 9:2-13. Lect II: 78

19-February-2023 Lev 19:1-2, 17-18. Ps 102. 1 Cor 3:16-23. Mt 5:38-48. Lect I: 656.

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**

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

**Meditation**

Meditation continues every Tuesday in Ballincollig Community Hall after 9.30am Mass. Please feel free to join any Tuesday.

**Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund Annual Collection**

The Annual envelope collection for the Diocesan Sick/Assisted Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund will be taken up at all Masses this weekend, 11th/12th February. The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage will take place from Friday, 22nd to Wednesday 27th September this year. People are encouraged to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage as helpers, nurses and doctors to assist pilgrims in Lourdes.

Details are on the Diocesan website or from [lourdes@corkandross.org](mailto:lourdes@corkandross.org) A launch for the Diocesan Pilgrimage will take place in March, one in Cork City and the other in West Cork, where more detailed information will be made available to those who wish to be involved in the pilgrimage. Arrangements for this launch will be confirmed in the next few weeks. There has always been great support towards the Diocesan Pilgrimage Fund financially and your support on the 11th/12th February is much appreciated.