

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 24-September-2023

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Day of Migrants and Refugees

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

Gougane Barra

This year's celebration at Gougane Barra on Sunday 1st October marks the 1,400th anniversary of the death of St. Finbarr. This makes it a unique occasion.

I would ask you to make a special effort to encourage the people in your parish to come along to Gougane Barra for this celebration of our saint.

Please note that the diocesan Mass there begins at 3pm, preceded by the Rosary at 2.30 pm. Fr Bernard Cotter is preaching at the Mass this year, reflecting on Finbarr as a missionary disciple, a calling we all share.

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday October 1st in Gougane Barra.

Yours sincerely in Christ

✠ Fintan Gavin
Bishop of Cork and Ross

The Link between Liturgy and Life

The Church has a vital role to play in shaping responsible citizens with moral character and with a willingness to contribute to the well-being of society. The liturgy and worship of the Church have much to do with these admirable goals. At divine worship, people receive the grace to help them to be formed ever more closely to Christ. The saving grace of the dying and rising of Christ are communicated to us in the Sacraments so that we might live more perfectly Christ's truth and virtues such as love, justice, mercy and compassion.

Every Mass ends with the mission to go forth and serve the Lord. This sending means that the love of God and neighbour and the moral implications of the Beatitudes and the Ten Commandments should be witnessed by the participants in everyday life. People of faith know that their liturgical experience provides a unique spiritual vision and strength for making this a better world.

The lives of the saints provide ample evidence of this truth. Saints of every age have improved healthcare and education and fostered the human dignity of the poor, the oppressed and the society at large. Saints attribute their remarkable energies to the power that comes from prayer and above all from the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist.

(Irish Catholic Catechism for Adults)

Reflection for Parents

Children learn at a young age that "buying friends" is a possibility. Even we adults use our resources to entertain friends. How often do we do things with our friends that we think will build our relationships by spending money either on food, entertainment, or gifts? The point of this Gospel is to help us remember that the most important way we can use our resources is in the service of others. From time to time, as we see our children selecting elaborate birthday gifts for a friend, or wanting to include friends in an expensive form of entertainment, we may need to remind them and ourselves of the message in today's Gospel.

Please note new Emergency/Priest on Duty in Parish Number is: 087 4021357

Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Twenty Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

24 Sunday Is. 55:6-9. Ps. 144. Phil. 1:20-24, 27. Mt. 20: 1-16. Lect I: 702

25 Monday Ezra 1:1-6. Ps. 125. Lk. 8:16-18. Lect II: 325

26 Tuesday Ezra 6:7-8.12.14-20 Ps 121 Lk 8:19-21 Lect II: 327

27 Wednesday Ezra 9:5-9. Ps. Tob. 13:2-8. Lk. 9: 1-6. Lect II:329

28 Thursday Hag. 1:1-8. Ps. 149. Lk. 9:7-9. Lect II:331

29 Friday Dan. 7:9-10, 13-14 or Apoc. 12:7-12. Ps. 137. Jn. 1: 47-51. Lect II: 1205

30 Saturday Zech. 2:5-9, 14-15. Ps. Jer. 3:10-13. Lk. 9:43-45. Lect II: 335

01-October-2023 Ez. 18:25-28. Ps. 24. Phil. 2: 1-11. Mt. 21:28-32. Lect I: 705

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

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 3 p.m. until 4 p.m. In St. Mary & St. John's Church every Friday.

Meditation

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

Priesthood Education Fund

The annual envelope collection for the Priesthood Education Fund in the Diocese will be taken up at all Masses this weekend 23rd/24th September.

Alpha Youth in Ballincollig invites 13-18 year olds to meet for 9 Wednesdays (7:15-8:45 pm).

Starting 4th October, Alpha Youth will explore questions about life, faith, and meaning. All this in an open, informal atmosphere with food, games, chats, and videos from the Alpha Youth Series. All will be welcome. No previous experience of Church needed! Meetings in the Carraig Centre, Ballincollig. Please register or learn more from Jolanta (0852400938). *Parent/Guardian consent required.

LECTIO DIVINA

Lectio Divina will resume on Tuesday, September 26th in Sonas House at 7.30pm.

Ballincollig Church Cantor

Tony O'Brien available with accompanist
To sing at funerals and weddings in Ballincollig.
Tel. No.: 085 706 7564

Maelíosa ó'Riain, Model Farm Rd./Limerick.
Jack Noonan, Rosewood.
Robert Barrett, Beech Park.
Margaret Daniels, Leecourt.

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

Paddy & Esther Walsh, Bishopstown.
Nuala Delaney, Inniscarra View.
Sheila Carroll, Newport, Co. Tipperary.
Christine Coady, Rosewood.
Jack, Essa, Ursula Lane, Blarney St.
Mary Collins, Beech Rd.
Philip Hall, Rosewood.
Dec. Mem. of Brennan & Green families.
Patrick Minihane, Muskerry Est./Union Hall.
Michael Greene, The Paddocks.
Con Cagney, Beech Park.

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

God's wisdom and goodness are beyond our understanding.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:20-24, 27

St Paul tries to put in words what Christ means to him.

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16.

The vineyard owner hired five groups of labourers. Each subsequent group began work later in the day. When the owner hired the first group, they agreed on a fair wage. At the end of the day, he called in the workers and began paying them, the last ones first. Of course, the early morning crew saw the later ones getting a full day's wage and excitedly anticipated a bonus for themselves. When they were paid, they received only the negotiated amount. "It's not fair!" was their cry.

Together

Join us as we mark the beginning of the Synod in Rome by praying together in a Taizé-style evening prayer. Friday 29th of September, Church of Christ Our Light, Innishmore, Ballincollig, 7:30 p.m.

Cork Scripture Group

4 Monday nights (25th Sept, 2nd, 9th, 16th Oct) on "When you pray. (Matthew 6:5):" Exploring Prayer in the Bible. Presenters: Pauline Byrne, Marian Mortell, Fr John Newman, Phil Mortell. Saturday workshop (Oct 7th) on Praying the Psalms facilitated by Ciaran O'Callaghan CSSR. Cost €50. To book a place please email corkscripture-group@gmail.com

Mater Dei Academy

Join the Mater Dei Academy Open Evening 2023 on Thursday September 28th at 7.30pm where prospective students and their families can meet and greet current students, teachers and parents. Mater Dei Academy is an independent Catholic secondary school for boys and girls on Farranferris Education and Training Campus, Cork. We look forward to welcoming you! Register online at www.materdeiacademy.ie