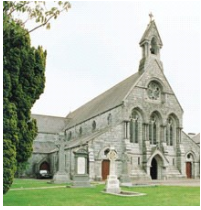


THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 01-October-2023

Twenty Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

It takes at least two to make a friendship. God loves us, but there is no relationship between him and us unless we return his love. In this relationship there can be no pretence nor living on the past. Our response to God must continue every day to be real, just as his love for us is a daily reality.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

DIACONATE JOURNEY

Ours began 10 years ago this month. I needed a nudge to complete my application and forward it to the Director of the Diaconate formation. Ordained 4 years later and now beginning my 7th year in active ministry. The journey has enriched my family, spiritual and professional life.

Deacons' priorities are, family first and foremost, career and then ministry. The ministry of the Deacon is as old as the Church. Some high profile Deacons are, St. Stephen, St. Patrick, and perhaps the best known of all, St. Francis of Assisi. Deacons have a foot in 2 camps - the secular world and as an ordained minister who comes to serve, and not to be served within the faith community. Just like all volunteer ministries within a parish and those who give so freely of their time and talents, Diaconate is a voluntary unpaid ministry.

The past 6 years have been a wonderful experience in seeing up close and personal those involved in so many varied ministries living out their baptism call of service.

Some highlights: being involved with the RCIA (Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults), preparing adults for baptism and confirmation, have all been wonderful grace filled journeys.

Involvement in funeral ministry and visiting sick or housebound, are tangible outward signs of the call of Deacons as ministers of charity. Celebrating with families on baptismal days are always joy filled occasions.

Proclaiming the Gospel is a singular privilege. The preparation and delivery of homilies is the most challenging aspect of my ministry. Endeavouring to make the "Good News" relevant in the ordinary every day, as Jesus did, is the challenge being called as each of us are through our baptism, to live our lives through and by the example of Jesus. I am always humbled when someone asks me to pray for them or a loved one. I include all their requests in my evening prayer.

Perhaps you know someone you think would make a good candidate. Just like me that person might need a nudge, a little encouragement to take the first step. Our journey was, and continues to be a period of growth and discovery for all the family and enriches our married life.

The symbol of the Diaconate is the basin and towel, a reminder to the Deacon that ministry is all about service of the faith community. With trust in the Lord and guided by the Spirit, supported by family, friends and my parish communities, my hope is, I shall prove worthy.



Deacon Frank McKeivitt

"The Harvest is rich but the labourers are few". (Luke:10:2)

Reflection for Parents

It may be difficult for parents of our time to think of children as "non-persons." They are probably the most important people in our lives! Parents in ancient times loved their children just as parents do today. While children in our time are protected by many laws, still very few children carry any authority or power in our culture. So the difference is not in children and parents of two different times, rather the point is how children are unencumbered by status. Their love for God is fresh and uncomplicated. This is a quality in our children we should consciously observe and emulate.

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

Remember your mercy, Lord.

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Kay Kavanagh, Ballincollig/Carrigrohane.

Jack Noonan, Rosewood.

John Coughlan, Clash.

Colin Hyland, Westcourt Heights.

Nora Desmond, Ballincollig/Ovens.

Theresa O’Leary, Innishmore.

Jeremiah Cronin, Waterfall.

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

Kathleen O’Sullivan, Ballyvolane.

Madge Ramsey.

Declan Lynch.

Margaret O’Driscoll, Carriganarra House.

Anthony, Aloysius & Ann Paul & Joseph, India.

Brendan O’Sullivan, Glendower.

Kieran Nugent, Glincool.

Patrick & Joan O’Keeffe, Bantry.

Brian & Hannah McVeigh, Co. Antrim.

Oliver O’Donovan, Beech Park.

Margaret Collar, Manor Hill.

Margaret, David & Frank Rea.

Susan O’Driscoll, Carrigidene.

Christy Buckley, Baker’s Road.

Pat O’Shea, Innishannon.

LECTIO DIVINA

Lectio Divina continues every Tuesday evening, in Sonas House at 7.30pm.

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28

The prophet Ezekiel listens to God’s word and has his views challenged.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

St Paul pleads for unity in the church at Phillippi.

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus pointed out to chief priest and elders that they had not believed John nor had they changed their hearts after seeing Jesus. They were like the son who said "yes" to his father's request to work in the vineyard. Even though he said he would, the son did not work. The father's second son (representing sinners) said "no" to his father's request, but went to the vineyard and worked after all. Jesus said it would be those who are like the second son who would enter the Kingdom first.

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 corks-scripture-group@gmail.com

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Twenty Sixth Week In Ordinary Time

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

02 Monday Ex 23:20-23. Ps 90. Mt 18:1-5, 10. Lect II: 1212

03 Tuesday Zech. 8:20-23. Ps. 86. Lk. 9:51-56. Lect II: 339

04 Wednesday Neh. 2: 1-8. Ps. 136. Lk. 9:57-62. Lect II: 341

05 Thursday Neh 8:1-12. Ps18. Lk 10:1-12. Lect II: 343

06 Friday Bar. 1: 15-22. Ps. 78. Lk. 10:13-16. Lect II: 346

07 Saturday Acts 1: 12-14. Ps. Lk. 1. Lk. 1: 26-28. Lect II: 1217

08-October-2023 Is. 5:1-7. Ps. 79. Phil. 4:6-9. Mt. 21:33-43. Lect I: 708

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.

First Friday

Friday 6th October is the first Friday of the month. There is Mass in St. Mary & St. John’s Church on Friday evening at 7.30pm. The priests of the parish visit the sick of the parish on the first Friday of each month; please let us know if you have a family member or neighbour who is sick or housebound.

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 which was taken up last weekend 23rd/24th September amounted to €2,740. We appreciate your continued generosity..

Muskerry Local History Society

Muskerry Local History Society is organising a lecture on "The land of ice, rivers and floods': a view through time of people's settlement and uses of the Ballincollig area", by Robert Devoy. The illustrated lecture will be held on Monday, 2nd October, at 8.00 pm in Ballincollig Rugby Club. Lectures free to members. Non-members: €4

Gougane Sunday

You are invited to the celebrations at Gougane Barra on Sunday 1st October marking the 1400th anniversary of the death of St Finbarr. Mass at 3pm preceded by the Rosary at 2.30 pm. Fr Bernard Cotter will preach this year. Bishop Fintan looks forward to seeing you in Gougane.