

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 05-November-2023

Thirty First Sunday In Ordinary Time.

God is full of mercy: he waits patiently for our conversion. No matter how much we may have failed him, he still calls us and encourages us towards goodness.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

The Honest Month of the Year

The clocks have changed, the evenings are getting long and dark, the world of nature looks so bare after hurricanes and storms, there is less Sun during the day. It is November at last- a month of Darkness and Memories. What hope has November compared to the expectation of May and June or the excitement of December as we look forward to Christmas?

November can be a difficult Month for us all- loneliness and feeling Down or Depressed can sometimes feel worse this time of the Year. What hope has poor November! Look at the first two words in the name.... No!!!!

There are no distractions in November – we have to face things and memories we can sidestep or distract ourselves from during other times of the year.

Are there positives in the month of November – of course there is – if we can face our dark moments head on. We can appreciate and recognise the many good times in our lives even more when they happen.

November is a month we honour and remember of Dead. November is also a month where we try to bring some Sunshine into the lives of the living.

*"November comes and November goes,
With the last red berries and the first white snow.
The fire burn and the kettles sing,
And earth sinks to rest until next Spring"*

Clyde Watson

Special Remembrance Mass

There will be a Special Mass to remember all our loved ones who died during the past year on Friday November 10th at 7.30pm in St Mary & St John. All those who died from the Parish will be remembered at this Mass. Families who wish to have deceased family members (who died during the past twelve months) included in this Mass are invited to hand in their names to the Sacristy or Parish Office during the week and please include a contact name, phone number and an address. Families and individuals are invited to partake in the Mass.

Offertory Collection Boxes

The Offertory Collection is solely for the upkeep, maintenance, insurance, lighting, heating and related expenses of both churches. Could the people who have a box number allocated to them, please collect them from Sonas House Mon. – Wed. 9.30am – 12.30pm? Postcode: P31 V443.

The November Novena for the Holy Souls

2nd – 10th November inclusive - There will be weekday morning Masses as usual in both churches during the Novena: 8.30am in Christ our Light and 9.30am in St. Mary & St. John. There will also be evening Mass at 7.30pm in St. Mary & St John's Church each day except Saturday and Sunday.



Synod Journey

Synod journey continues, you may remember in the Spring of 2021 we participated by giving our views on the future of the church, now in October the second phase will begin in Rome on the 4th. Pope Francis says there will be no Synod without prayer.... A candle will be lit in both churches during the celebration of all Masses and Exposition on a Friday. For further information see the Irish Synodal pathway. There is plenty of information online. Communion participation and Mission are the key aspects. 300 participants will gather in Rome, 120 have been chosen by Pope Francis, of whom there are 54 women, some Bishops, Eastern Church. All participants will have voting rights, a first for the Catholic Church. Please pray for its success. The third phase will be in October 2024.



Reflection for Parents

Few people can humble us as quickly as our children. They might embarrass us by their public behaviour, or they might make reference to our age or choice in clothing style. What will our response tell them about us? When we try to maintain our position of authority over them, we are likely to heighten the confrontation. We know from experience that we gain little ground. Often humour is the best antidote. It may require some wit on our part to respond lightly to their criticism or public behaviour, but usually another time will present itself to share with them how we were really feeling at the moment. Their respect for us will develop as they continue to see us model appropriate responses without using our weapons of power and authority.

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

Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.

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† IN SYMPATHY †
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :

Michael O’Sullivan, Australia/Ballincollig.

Richard Spencer, France/Ballincollig.

Máire O’Keane, Glincool.

Matthew (Mattie) Burke, Ballincollig/Nohoval.

Fr. Cristoir Mac Donald, Curraheen/ Skibbereen/ Mayfield.

Willie Goggin, Goleen.

Kathleen O’Leary, Crookstown.

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

Rosaleen & Tom Scanlan, Bishopstown.

Anthony Foley, Raheen Farm.

Daniel & Nellie Collins, Ovens.

Timmy Goggin, Goleen.

John & Nora Leach, Beech Park.

James & Lena Bogue, Wilton.

Mary & Patrick Dineen, Shandon View.

Patsy Finn, Glincool.

Nora O’Callaghan, Leeview/Carrigrohane.

John & Hannah O’Connor.

Cathal O’Neill, Gurrabraher.

Joe Breen, Limerick.

First Reading: Malachi 1:14 - 2:2, 8-10

The first reading is a call to return to the Lord in sincerity of heart.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13

St Paul expresses his thanks to early Christians because they have taken the gospel to heart.

Gospel: Matthew 23: 1-12

Some, not all, of the Jewish leaders wanted people to recognise them for the high position they held. They wanted to sit in the best seats at banquets and in the synagogues. They wanted people to make a fuss over them when they met, so they were certain to wear clothing and items that would distinguish their high position. Jesus assured these leaders that the only way they would truly be exalted would be to be humbled.

Muskerry Local History Society

Muskerry Local History Society is organising a lecture on Getting Started with Researching Your Family Tree by David Ryan. The lecture will be held in Ballincollig Rugby Club on Monday, 6 November, at 8.00 pm. David specialises in assisting people in tracing their Irish ancestry. It can be a bit overwhelming starting out researching your genealogy. This talk will examine some of the basics of Irish genealogy and offer some tips on making the best start in your research. Lecture free to members. Non-members: €4. Annual membership: €15.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Thirty First Week In Ordinary Time

05 Sunday Mal. 1:14-2:2, 8-10. Ps. 130. 1 Th. 2:7-9:13. Mt. 23:1-12. Lect I: 719

06 Monday Eccles (Sir) 44:1-15. Ps 125. Lk 6:20-26.

07 Tuesday Rm 12:5-26. Ps 130.Lk 14:15-24. Lect II: 402

08 Wednesday Rom. 13:8-10. Ps. 111. Lk. 14:25-33. Lect II: 404

09 Thursday Ez. 47:1-2, 8-9, 12. or 1 Cor. 3:9-11, 16-17. Ps. 45. Jn. 2:13-22. Lect II: 1250

10 Friday Rom. 15: 14-21. Ps. 97. Lk. 16: 1-8. Lect II: 408

11 Saturday Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27. Ps. 144. Lk. 16:9-15. Lect II:410

12-November-2023 Wis. 6:12-16. Ps. 62. 1 Thess. 4:13-18. Mt. 25:1 13. Lect I: 722

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 & 7:30 pm	Monday	8:30 am
9:30 am & 7:30 pm	Tuesday	8:30 am
9:30 am & 7:30 pm	Wednesday	8:30 am
9:30 am & 7:30 pm	Thursday	8:30 am
9:30 am & 7:30 pm	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.

Cemetery Masses

Mass in St. Mary & St. John’s Cemetery Sat. November 11th at 12 noon. The blessing of the graves at St. James Cemetery, Chetwynd, Togher (off Bandon Road) will take place on Sunday, 5th November at 3.00pm

Autumn Dues

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

Cork Regional Pioneer Council

An Afternoon of Prayer organised by Cork Regional Pioneer Council will be held in St. Benedict’s Priory, Cobh, (P24 C438) on Sunday 19th November, beginning with lunch at 12.45 and finishing with Vespers at 5pm. Cost €25. For further details contact sorchaol@gmail.com. 0863642619 - Booking essential. Everybody is welcome.

Cork Scripture Group

Workshop for Ministers of the Word to be held in Sacred Heart Hall, Western Road from 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. on Sat 25th November 2023. It will include: Celebrating the Word of God in your Parish, Dignity of the Ministry of the Word, Structure of the Liturgy of the Word and Introduction to the Gospel of Mark. All Welcome. Free of charge to participants. To book email: corksripturegroup@gmail.com