

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 26-November-2023

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King
Jesus, the Lord of all creation cared so much for those in his domain, that he was willing to die, in order to care for them. Those who will finally belong to him, will be those who have shared his care for the hungry, the naked, the lost, the crippled and the strays of this world.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

The Kingdom of The Shepherd King

We celebrate the feast of Christ the King on this last Sunday of the Church's year and conclude our Sunday readings from St Matthew's Gospel. Jesus came as the shepherd king, to establish the kingdom of God, a kingdom of love and service of others. This is different from today's society of individualism, the society of the advertisement culture and the consumerist agenda. And of course a culture of entitlement where people say: "I want what I am entitled to, I want as much as I can get; I don't care where it comes from, that's not my responsibility." This is in sharp contrast to a Christ-like concern for others and especially the weakest and the least. Today we are reminded that time will come to an end for each of us and for all, and there will be judgement. Religious observance, prayers, Masses, retreats or novenas, say, help us to live an authentic Christian life, and should produce fruits of compassion. Our judgement will be based on whether we were good, kind, welcoming and giving to other people, whether we had time for those in distress, time for God's little ones. And on whether we were self centred, self absorbed or mean.

The signs of the kingdom of God are acts of compassion to the vulnerable and hurting, love for one another and a realisation that the king identifies himself completely with the least in that kingdom. In our natural self-centred state we are not ready for the kingdom of God, so we are called to repent, a word which means to renew our attitudes. Christ's call for universal compassion can be uncomfortable for those of us who are comfortable.

In the time of Ezekiel those appointed to look after the people of God had failed and God said that he himself would be the shepherd of his people. And Jesus says he is the Good Shepherd, the one who was described by Isaiah, who would rescue, heal, feed and give rest to his sheep, and who would judge them. So we pray that we will have a heart for all who suffer, especially those accounted as unimportant in the eyes of the world, that we will give from our material possessions and give of our time, that we will be loving and generous. And that at the resurrection, by God's mercy, we will be called to life

Youth 2000 Ireland

Youth 2000 Ireland are having their annual Christmas retreat in Dominican College, Newbridge, Co Kildare on the 8th-10th of December for ages 16-35. This promises to be a special retreat!! Excellent Speakers, Inspiring Talks & Workshops, Fantastic music, Group activities, Youth Masses, Adoration, Reconciliation, prayer, Drama, Games & plenty of time to chill out, meet new people and find out what it means to be young & Catholic today!! There are free buses leaving from all over the country to the retreat. Donation only. Find out more and register now on www.youth2000.ie

Feast of Christ the King

Church of St. John the Baptism, Sunday 26th Nov.
Rosary every hour from 1.00pm. Evening prayer at 5.45pm.
Benediction at 6.00pm. All welcome.

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.

Advent Retreat

Monday, 4th, Tuesday 5th & Wednesday 6th December at 7.30pm in the Church of St. Mary & St. John. All Welcome

Totus Tuus Magazine

Totus Tuus Magazine is a Catholic magazine, full of articles from Irish priests and laity, which aims to highlight the beauty and joy of our faith. It is going into its 7th year and is run by donations. If you haven't come across Totus Tuus Magazine and would like a free copy please contact Fiona Kiely on 086 8760058.

Ballincollig Family Resource Centre

Men's social group every Tuesday.
Just drop in between 2.00pm - 3.00pm. All welcome. Tea, coffee, biscuits and good company.
Call 021-4876295 or email info@Ballincolligfrc.org



Reflection for Parents

It is easy to see the meaning of this gospel through our actions toward our children. Never in true thirst or hunger would we deny them. If they were sick or cold we would take care of them ourselves or see to it that someone helped us. It's taking this gospel to the next level that will help our children see the meaning of love through our example. Not only will they witness love through our loving actions toward others, but there will be many opportunities along the way to have our children share in these actions of love.

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

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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† IN SYMPATHY †
 PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :
 James (Jimmy) Lynch, Coolroe/Blackpool.
 Jim Walsh, Beech Park.
 Gary Yelverton, Ballincollig/Inniscarra.
 Séan Ryan, Oaklee.
 Stephen Barry, Churchview.
 Eilís McDermot, Poulavone.
 Phil Buckley, Carrigrohane.
 Máire C. O'Keane, Glincool.
 PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS OR OTHERWISE REMEMBERED:
 Dooley O'Mahony, The Crescent.
 Dec. mem. of the Kiely Family.
 Phil Coughlan, Tower Street.
 Dec. mem. of the Barry-Murphy family, Carriganarra.
 Joan Murphy, Clash.
 Elizabeth Hurley & dec. mem. of the Hurley family, Beech Park.
 Sheila & Billy Green, Station Road/Carriganarra.
 Noreen Murray, Carrigrohane Road.
 Jerry & Brian O'Sullivan, Woodleigh Park.
 Kathleen Murphy, Glounthaune.
 Michael Twohig, Inniscarra View.
 Marie Holmes & her sons Billy & David, Hodder Villas.
 Stephen & Mary Murray, Pinecroft Douglas.
 Margaret Fitton, Fr. Sexton Park.
 Hugh Collins, Innishmore Drive/Dunmanway.
 Matthew Tharamangalam baby Mary Jo.
 Claire O'Sullivan, Ovens.
 Cormac & Bridie O'Donovan, Upton.
 Christine O'Callaghan, Innishmore.
 Iza Murphy, Maglin.
 Tim Kelly, Coolroe Heights.
 Tommy Daly, Lee Mount.
 Daniel & Eva Spillane, Westcourt.
 John & Sheila O'Leary, Waterpark, Carrigaline.
 John Harrington, Bishopstown/Beara.
 Kevin McCarthy, Rosewood.

First Reading: Ezek. 34:11-12. 15-17
 The divine shepherd keeps all of the flock in view and cares especially for those who stray.

Second Reading: 1 Cor. 15:20-26. 28
 Christ our Saviour is Lord of the universe. Everything is subject to him.

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46.
 On this final Sunday of the Church year, the feast of Christ the King, we learn most definitely how our lives will be measured. They will be measured by the love we show. Whenever we offer a drink of water to the thirsty, food to the hungry, clothing to the naked, or whenever we visit the sick or imprisoned, or take in the stranger, we show our love to God. Through our actions toward the poor, vulnerable, estranged and discouraged we show our love of God. If we ignore these people, we also ignore God.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Last Week In Ordinary Time

- 26 Sunday Ez. 34:11-12, 15-17. Ps. 22. 1 Car. 15:20-26, 28. Mt. 25:31-46. Lect I: 729
- 27 Monday Dan. 1:1-6,8-20. Ps. Dan. 3:52-56. Lk. 21:1-4. Lect II: 439
- 28 Tuesday Dan. 2:31-45. Ps. Dan. 3:57-61. Lk. 21:5-11. Lect II: 442
- 29 Wednesday Dan. 5: 1-6, 13-17, 23-28. Ps. Dan. 3. Lk. 21: 12- 19. Lect II:444
- 30 Thursday Rom. 10:9-18. Ps. 18. Mt. 4:1 8-22. Lect II:1279
- 01 Friday Dan. 7:2-14. Ps. Dan. 3. 1k. 21:29-33. Lect II: 449
- 02 Saturday Dan. 7:15-27. Ps. Dan. 3. Lk. 21:34-36. Lect II: 452
- 03-December-2023 Is 63:16-17. 64:1, 3-8. Ps 79. 1 Car 1:9. Mk 13:33-37. Lect I: 5

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 & 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.

First Friday

Friday 1st December 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.

Autumn Dues

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

LECTIO DIVINA

Lectio Divina for Advent will be held Friday, December 1st, 8th and 15th in Sonas House at 3.00pm.

Are we ready to travel!

One day we all will depart on a journey free of cost. Don't worry about seat reservation, it is confirmed. The flight is always on time. Our good deeds will be our luggage. Humanity will be our passport. Love will be our visa. Make sure we do our best so that we travel to heaven in business class.