

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 07-January-2024



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

The Baptism Of The Lord

At his baptism Jesus was revealed as the Son of God and began his work of bringing the vision of God, his justice and his liberation to people. At our baptism each of us is given a share in this mission, so we become children of God.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

The Baptism of Jesus

Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus. When Jesus came to John to be baptized it was to mark the beginning of a new life for him - the beginning of his mission - his public ministry. The Baptism of Jesus is a reminder to us of our own baptism. Perhaps as we begin this New Year we can see it as a new beginning in our faith journey and an opportunity to reflect on how we are responding to our calling as baptized Christians.

After the baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan, the Holy Spirit descended upon him, strengthening him and guiding him for his mission which would lead to his suffering and death on the cross. We have been anointed with the oil of chrism at our baptism and like Jesus we too received the Holy Spirit to guide and strengthen us on our Christian journey. Each one of us can ask ourselves; in what ways do I see myself carrying on the mission and ministry of Jesus?

In today's Gospel we read those beautiful words of the Father to his Son: "This is my Son, my Beloved, my favour rests on you". We too are special children of God, a God who says to each one of us, as he said to Jesus, 'you are my son, my daughter, my much loved one - with you I am well pleased'. Let us become conscious of God's love for us and within us. When we experience ourselves as loved, especially by God, it gives us the strength to face our own trials and sufferings with renewed hope and courage and to bring that hope, love and encouragement to others around us.

Let us today remember in prayer the infants, children and adults of our Parish who are preparing for the Sacrament of Baptism.

Alpha Training Days

Two Alpha Training Days - 27 Jan and 3 Feb 2024: - The Office for Mission and Ministry are hosting two Alpha training days for Parishes/Families of Parishes:

1. Cork City (Blackrock Parish Centre) on Saturday 27 January 2024
2. West Cork (Clonakilty Parish Centre) on Saturday 3 February 2024

Both Training Days begin at 10:00am and finish at 3:30pm. Please contact the Office for Mission and Ministry as soon as possible through the Diocesan website: <https://corkandross.org/alpha-training-day>

Thank You

Sincere thanks to the many people who gave their time through-out the year -, Altar Society, Altar Servers, Choir, Cantors, Folk Group, Ministers of the Word, Ministers of the Eucharist, Collectors, Cleaners, Parish Council and Parish Council Sub-groups, people who distributed dues envelopes and the various flyers throughout the year, the Sacristans in both Churches. Thanks to the people of the Parish for their generous support to the Priest of the Parish during the past year. Your support is much appreciated.

We wish you and your families a happy New Year.

Best Wishes For A Happy New Year

The priests of the parish join in sending New Year greetings to all members of the parish and to all readers of the Ballincollig Parishioner

Fr. Alan, Fr. Kamil & Fr. Ronan

The Lord Will Bless His People With Peace.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

First Week In Ordinary Time

07 Sunday Is. 42:1-4, 6-7. Ps. 28. Acts. 10:34-38. Mt. 3:13-17. Lect I: 179 or 639

08 Monday 1 Sam. 1:1-8. Ps. 115. Mk. 1:14-20. Lect II: 457

09 Tuesday 1 Sam. 1:9-20. Ps. 1 Sam. 2. Mk. 1:21-28. Lect II: 459

10 Wednesday 1 Sam. 3:1-10, 19-20. Ps. 39. Mk. 1:29-39. Lect II: 461

11 Thursday 1 Sam. 4:1-11. Ps. 43. Mk. 1:40-45. Lect II: 464

12 Friday 1 Sam. 8:4-7, 10-22. Ps. 88. Mk. 2:1-12. Lect II: 466

13 Saturday 1 Sam. 9:1-4, 17-19. Ps. 20. Mk. 2:13-17. Lect II: 468

14-January-2024 1 Sam 3:3-10,19. Ps 39. 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20. Jn 1:35-42. Lect I: 740

† IN SYMPATHY †
 PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF
 THE RECENTLY DECEASED :
 Evelyn Carroll, Ballincollig/Cobh.
 Alison Murphy, U.K./Knockavilla.
 PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF
 THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS:
 Kitty Murphy, East Gate, Greenfields.
 Mary Cahalane, Holly Road.
 Edward & Joan Murphy, Powdermills.
 Paul Mahony, Maple Lawn.
 Ann Gillman, Hollyhill.

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.

Christmas Collection

The Priests of the Parish, Fr. Alan, Fr. Kamil & Fr. Ronan would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generosity in the Christmas Eve and Christmas day collection for the Priests of the Parish. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Remembering our Loved Ones.....

All nature heeds the call of spring
 As God awakens everything.
 And all that seemed so dead and still
 Experiences a sudden thrill
 As springtime lays a magic hand
 Across God's vast and fertile land
 Oh, the joy of standing by
 To watch a sapphire springtime sky
 Or see a fragile flower break through
 What just a day ago or two
 Seemed barren ground still hard with frost
 For in God's world, no life is lost,
 And flowers sleep beneath the ground
 But when they hear spring's waking sound
 They push themselves through layers of clay
 To reach the sunlight of God's day
 And man and woman like flowers, too, must sleep
 Until called from the darkened deep
 To live in that place where angels sing
 And where there is eternal spring.

Invite Us Deeper

Almighty and ever living God,
 you invite us deeper into your world,
 your people, your Lent.
 May this time be one of outward focus;
 seeking you in those we often ignore.
 Help us live a Lent focused on freedom,
 generosity, and encounter.
 Give us hearts hungry to serve you
 and those who need what we have to give.

Offertory Collection Boxes

The boxes of envelopes for the Offertory Collection are available in both churches. Families are asked to take one box. Please use the envelopes for the Offertory Collection for the Vigil and Sunday Masses during the year. The Offertory Collection is solely for the upkeep, maintenance, insurance, lighting, heating and related expenses of both churches. People who have a number allocated to them, please collect them from the sacristy in St. Mary & St. John's Church.

Muskerry Local History Society

Muskerry Local History Society is organising 'A Night of Historical Artefacts' on Monday, 8th January, at 8.00 pm in Ballincollig Rugby Club. Annual membership: €15. Lectures free to members. Non-members: €4.