

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 14-January-2024

Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

The call of God comes in different ways. To Samuel it came by night, mysterious, uncertain. To Andrew it came as an invitation from Jesus 'Come and see'. Whatever our vocation (and we all have one) our response must always be 'Speak Lord. Your servant is listening'



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

"God Calls Us"

The theme of today's readings is 'God calls us'. Vocation is not just for a few chosen people. All of us have a vocation, a specific call from the Lord to follow and serve him in a particular way. Everyone is called by God to be something, to do something for others with their life and with their unique gifts. Jesus calls us to make his love visible in the world. When we love and care for others, we make God's love visible.

In the first Reading we see God repeatedly calling Samuel. He did not recognize God's call at first, thinking it was Eli calling him but when he realized it was God calling him he responds 'speak Lord your servant is listening'. In our life God continually calls us though we may not always realise it is him! He especially calls us to a relationship with him. Are we ready to listen to him and to give time to him in prayer? In the Gospel we hear of two men who are already disciples of John the Baptist. John points Jesus out to them, "Look! There is the Lamb of God!" Hearing this, the two disciples follow Jesus. He asks them: "What do you want?" and they respond: 'teacher where do you live'? Jesus invites them to 'come and see'; they both accept the invitation and stay with Jesus. One of the disciples was Andrew and it was he who went and called his brother Simon Peter to come and meet Jesus. We all evangelize when we bring others to Jesus! As we begin the week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18 -25 Jan) we pray the Lord will give us the grace to hear our call and respond to him.

The theme for this week of prayer is based on St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians (1 Cor 15:51-58): "We will all be changed by the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ". The prayer was prepared by a working group composed of representatives from the Churches in Poland. Christ's victory enables us to look into the future with hope. This victory overcomes all that keeps us from sharing fullness of life with him and with each other. For Christians unity among us is above all a gift of God. It is a share in Christ's glorious victory over all that divides. Change is at the heart of our Christian faith. Saint Paul said that anyone who is in Christ is a new creation, and we are called to live as children in the light.

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>

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.

Reflection for Parents

Try to imagine the excitement these first disciples felt when they heard Jesus' words. There must have been something very compelling in what Jesus said and the hope he gave these men in order for them to drop everything and not only follow him, but to go to others with the exciting news. That's how our enthusiasm should reach our children. It would be good to check our own level of enthusiasm for Jesus' call to us so that whenever our children hear our words and stories about Jesus, they will immediately recognize our passion.



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

Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

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† IN SYMPATHY †
 PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :
 Ursula Fitzgerald, Glenville.
 Alison Murphy, Innishannon.
 Evelyn Carroll, Castleknock.
 Breeda Duggan, Ballincollig / Terelton.
 Regina Collins, Carriganarra.
 Agnes Leary, Bantry.
 PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS OR OTHERWISE REMEMBERED:
 D.J. O’Shea, Maltings/Eyeries.
 Patrick & Margaret Kenneally, Curraheen.
 Veronica (Ronny) O’Dwyer, Castlepark.
 Frank Collins, Ballingulley.
 Philip Hall, Rosewood.
 Mary & Fergus Hall, Bishopstown.
 Tim & Margaret Horgan, Carriganarra Est.
 Matt Lawson, Dublin/Tipperary.
 RF Raj, India.
 James & Ellen O’Sullivan.
 Fr. Christy Harrington.
 Alison Murphy, Wyndham Downs.
 Nel & Dermot Cronin, Pouladuff Rd.
 Niamh Nolan, Coolroe Meadows.
 Denis O’Callaghan & Kathy O’Callaghan, Ballincollig & UK.
 May Keohane, Inniscarra.
 Eily & Tom O’Riordan, Cloghroe and UK.
 Tom O’Connor, Bishopstown.
 Dan Morrissey, Ballyphehane.

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3: 3-10,19
 Like John the Baptist, Samuel was born when his mother thought she would never have a child. She dedicated him to the service of God in the Temple where he received his special calling from God. This extract recounts the moment of that calling and states that the Lord remained with him in a special way all his life.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians, 6: 13-15, 17-20
 St. Paul explains the foundations of Christian chastity. The human body made for God must not be debased for present pleasure. The body is eternal and should be respected. The popular modern sentiment: "my body is my own" is contradicted by Paul who says: "You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for." Jesus bought and paid for us with his own blood shed on Calvary.

Gospel: John 1: 35-42
 This is the moment when the Church began to find its Saviour. The solemnity and grace of the simple narrative are equal to the occasion: John the Baptist standing, two disciples nearby. The disciples follow Jesus. The heavenly attraction had begun to exercise its power. Jesus turned and gazed on the two men following him and spoke the first words from the lips of the Saviour reported by St. John: a "What do you want?". That same question is asked of all of us who follow Jesus: "Why do we follow him? What is it that we seek?"

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Second Week In Ordinary Time

- 14 Sunday 1 Sam 3:3-10,19. Ps 39. 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20. Jn 1:35-42. Lect I: 740
- 15 Monday 1 Sam 15:16-23. Ps49. Mk 2:18-22. Lect II: 470
- 16 Tuesday 1 Sam 16:1-13. Ps 88. Mk 2:23-28. Lect II: 472
- 17 Wednesday 1 Sam 17:32-33, 37, 40-51. Ps 143. Mk 3:1-6. Lect II: 475
- 18 Thursday 1 Sam 18:6-9, 19:1-7. Ps55. Mk 3:7-12. Lect II: 477
- 19 Friday 1 Sam 24:3-21. Ps56. Mk 3:13-19. Lect II: 479
- 20 Saturday 2 Sam 1:1-4, 11-12, 17, 19, 23-27. Ps 79. Mk 3:20-21. Lect II: 482
- 21-January-2024 Jon 3:1-5, 10. Ps 24. 1 Cor 7:29-31. Mk 1:14-20. Lect I: 743

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.

Diocesan Envelope Collection

The quarterly collection in aid of the Diocesan Funds will be taken up this weekend 13th/14th January at all masses.

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.

School Bus Escort post in Scoil Mhuire

The Board of Management invites applications for School Bus Escort post in Scoil Mhuire. Candidates should have experience in working with children, have an understanding of special needs and be able to deal with parents and school staff in a professional way. School Bus Escorts will be expected to travel to and from an agreed pick-up and drop-off point to meet the bus. Applicants must supply suitable character references and Garda Vetting is mandatory. Hourly rate of pay is €13.40. The work will consist of approx. 3hrs per day: 7.30am to 9.00am & 2.45pm to 4.15pm. Bus Escorts will not be paid during school holidays. Please forward CV and cover letter to: principal@scoilmhuireballincollig.ie Many thanks, Liz Uí Bheinéid, Principal / Priomhoide, Scoil Mhuire, Ballincollig, Cork.

Ballincollig Alzheimer Café

Ballincollig Alzheimer Café are meeting on Thursday, 18th January from 4.00pm – 6.00pm in The Chapel Gate Café. They meet every 3rd Thursday of the month. This month’s topic is: Supports for People Living at Home. Guest speaker: Angela Cronin, Alone. To register contact: Karen Fitzpatrick 087 348 7511 or ballincolligalzheimercfe@alzheimier.ie.