

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 04-February-2024

Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

When we are sick or our lives are disturbed in some way we tend to see the darkness and to turn in on ourselves. The healing that we need is more than a physical one, it involves being freed from self-concern to care for others.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

A Culture of Entitlement or a Culture of Service?

Jesus came to bring hope and meaning to our lives, to bring light to a dark world. His message of love lifts our hearts, and is for all. He wants his followers to make a difference to the world around them, we are called to be in the world but to be different, to have standards based on something higher than self-interest. We need to remember that a grumpy inward looking Christian is a contradiction in terms. Yet at times we may share the feelings expressed by Job in today's Old Testament reading, being sick, joyless, restless and miserable. When circumstances bring us to this state, Job feels, life seems pointless, a matter of unremitting hard work, struggle and drudgery, virtual slavery. In the second reading Saint Paul tells of a different experience of slavery, as an apostle and follower of Christ. He travelled, preached, suffered and wrote, working hard to the point of making himself a slave of everyone. His reward was the joy in spreading the news of a better way of living in love and peace, news of eternal life. His enthusiasm never failed, the message was always fresh.

We are called to follow Christ who "came not to be served, but to serve and give his life as a ransom for many." Our Christian calling involves service to others, in a home or family context, as well as in the wider community. In meeting the needs of others our lives are enriched and given deeper meaning. Christian service to one another is focussed on the other, not on ourselves. In a healthy Christian community the various need of people are met by the giftedness, by the talents and abilities of those within the community. In Ballincollig we have groups of generous people who combine to provide service to the Christian community or to individuals, including for example family carers, members of the Society of St Vincent de Paul, church music groups and others who help or minister in our churches and the many involved in community, social, cultural and sporting activities in a voluntary capacity. Jesus made time for prayer in his life, and received renewed inspiration and energy for his mission from the Father. It is in prayer that we too will find the strength to persevere in our Christian service, and to keep it fresh and generous.

Baptism Ministry Team

A new year new beginnings. We hope to relaunch this wonderful ministry to help prepare couples, bringing forward their children for Baptism. We will be supported in this goal by the Diocesan office of Ministry & Mission, assisting us with training and ongoing support. We would like to invite those interested in exploring this initiative to contact any member of the parish team.

Muskerry Local History Society

Is organising a night of 'Platform Dancing in our Locality' on Monday, 12th February, at 8.00 pm in Ballincollig Rugby Club. Annual membership: €15. Lectures free to members. Non-members: €4.

Spring Gathering for our Family of Parishes

The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Thursday February 8th. Family of parishes meeting that night at 7.30pm in Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farran P31 KF38. World day of the sick, come join the spiritual journey...be healed. Our Lady of Lourdes be with all our sick in mind and body. Most loving divine Mother will teach us to walk in her gentleness and grace. Refreshments in Farran Hall after. All Welcome..

Reflection for Parents

The gospel today is especially helpful for parents. Many (maybe most) nights we fall into bed exhausted from a day of responsibilities. Perhaps it was our intention throughout the day to find time to pray, but sometimes we just don't get to it. At the end of the day, we resolve to talk with God, but wake in the morning to find out we fell asleep before we finished the prayer. Jesus gives us the example that we must take the time away from the busyness and demands of our lives to be fortified and strengthened to meet the most important responsibilities we have and that is the spiritual formation of our children

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

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

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† IN SYMPATHY †
 PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :Bridie Keelan, West Village.
 Bernard Curran, Greenfields.
 Aidan O'Reilly, Courtbrack & Ofally.
 Séamus Hanrahan, Upper Glanmire
 PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS OR OTHERWISE REMEMBERED:
 Kevin Roderick, Westgate.
 Kimberly McCarthy, Beech Park.
 Emma Crowley, Hilton.
 Bernie Herley, Beech Park.
 Con & Kitty McCarthy, Poulavone.
 Pat Spillane, Muskerry Estate.
 Jimmy Murphy, Clonmel/Pine Walk.
 Denis O'Donoghue, West Village.
 Michael Canty, Daffodil Fields.
 Christy Curran, Courtmasherry.
 Sean Dunne, Willow Drive, Muskerry Estate.
 Frank Crowley, Greenfields.
 Maureen Murphy, Coolroe.
 Richard and Joan Murphy, Clash.
 Mike Cullinane, Coolroe Heights.
 Teresa Cagney, Gardiner's Hill.
 Tim Cagney, Gardiner's Hill
 Jackie & Noreen Duggan, Dunmanway.

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Job 7: 1-4. 6-7
 The Book of Job takes us to the depth of human suffering – even to the depths of despair.

Second Reading: 1 Cor. 9: 16-19, 22-23
 St. Paul tells of his enthusiasm for preaching the gospel.

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39
 We learn several important pieces of information from this gospel passage. First, Simon Peter had a mother-in-law. When we read previously that he left his fishing boat to follow Jesus, we can safely assume that he left much more than that. He had a family at home and we hear in this gospel of Jesus healing Peter's mother-in-law. Also, this gospel helps us recognise the need Jesus had to be away from the crowds and confusion to take time to pray and become revitalised and strengthened for his ministry.

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 /Príomhoide, Scoil Mhuire, Ballincollig, Cork.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Fifth Week In Ordinary Time

04 Sunday Job 7:1-4, 6-7. Ps 146. 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23. Mk 1:29-39. Lect I: 747

05 Monday 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13. Ps 131. Mk 6:53-56. Lect II: 512

06 Tuesday 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30. Ps83. Mk. 7:1-13. Lect II: 514

07 Wednesday 1 Kgs 10:1-10. Ps36. Mk 7:14-23. Lect II: 517

08 Thursday 1 Kgs 11:4-13. Ps 105. Mk 7:24-30. Lect II: 519

09 Friday 1 Kgs 11:29-32, 12:19. Ps80. Mk 7:31-37. Lect II: 521

10 Saturday 1 Kgs 12:26-32, 13:33-34. Ps 105. Mk 8:1-10. Lect II: 523

Next Sunday's Readings 11-February-2024
 Lev 13:1-2, 44-46. Ps 31. 1 Cor 10:31-11:1. Mk 1:40-45. Lect I: 750

MASS TIMES

St. Mary & St. John		Christ Our Light
8:30 am, 10 am	Sunday	11 am, 12:30 pm
9:30 am	Monday	No Mass
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
10:00 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.

Lourdes Pilgrimage Collection
 Special envelope collection will be taken up next weekend 10th/11th February for the Lourdes sick/assisted Pilgrimage Fund

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.

Youth 2000 St. Valentine's Ball

Our annual fundraising ball takes place in Cork on Saturday 10th February 2024. The event is open to anyone over 18. Tickets cost €68 and can be purchased on eventbrite. The evening will commence with the celebration of Holy Mass by the Bishop of Cork and Ross, Fintan Gavin at 4.00pm at St Patrick's Church, Rochestown followed by the ball nearby in the Rochestown Park Hotel.

See www.youth2000.ie for more information