

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 03-March-2024

Third Sunday of Lent

Jesus came on earth as the complete embodiment of God's presence among men. We are all called to become one with him in the image of God by keeping his commandments.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

"Called to Serve"

When Jesus washed the feet of his apostles he gave us an example of how love and service are expressed in action. He continues to invite us to respond to our Christian calling by expressing this love and service towards one another. One way of doing this is by becoming actively involved in the life of our parish community where we can share our gifts and talents.

The parish is a place where a sense of belonging to a Christian community is created and fostered. As a community we participate in the Eucharist, we celebrate the Sacraments, we join in prayer with others and we endeavour to serve the needs of those around us. Through our Christian vocation, we are called by God to participate in Christ's ministry of service. St Paul reminds us in his letter to the Corinthians that the Christian community is made up of different people with different gifts, that each of us has something to give to the whole group and, importantly, that we all need each other. All ministries are equally important.

During the coming week, let us take a little time to ask God to help us to be aware of our gifts, to appreciate them and to use them generously. We read in the first letter of St Peter: "each one of you has received a special gift, so like good stewards responsible for all these varied gifts of God, put them at the service of others"(1Peter 4:10). Let us also recognize the gifts of others and encourage them to use them! We thank God for all he has given us and for the generosity of all who use their gifts in service to others here in Ballincollig. 'Christ has no Body now but yours'! In what way can I be the hands, the feet, the eyes of Christ for others?

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.

Trócaire's Lenten Campaign 2024

Fresh drinking water is an issue of primary importance since it is indispensable for human life and for supporting terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems. Water poverty especially affects Africa where large sectors of the population have no access to safe drinking water or experience droughts which impede agricultural production.

Irish Catholic Bishops Conference Statement on the Family and Care referendums—view at

<https://www.catholicbishops.ie/2024/02/25/irish-catholic-bishops-conference-statement-on-the-family-and-care-referendums/>

Jesus of Nazareth

The first full length film about the Life of Jesus Christ has been produced right here in Cork, with the kind assistance of SMA Parish Church, Wilton, Fr Michael O'Leary, Fr John Walsh and The Church of the Way of the Cross, Togher and St Finbarr's Cathedral. We are honoured to screen the All-Ireland Premiere of 'Jesus from Nazareth Live in Concert with Film' at the SMA Parish Centre T12 AX94 on Sat 23rd March at 3pm and 8pm. The film trailer and music can be viewed at www.girishpaul.com Tickets €25 (includes booking fee) from www.gr8events.ie.



Reflection

The New Testament speaks of God's raising Jesus from the dead and of Jesus' rising from the dead. In today's gospel it is the latter phrase that is used by John. The technique of having hearers misunderstand a saying of Jesus is one familiar to the fourth gospel. The correct understanding always follows as here. The result of the signs which Jesus worked, and his rising from the dead, was the greatest of these, namely, belief. The effectiveness of all the signs portrayed is measured by whether or not they bring about the belief of the hearers or onlookers.

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

You, Lord, Have The Message of Eternal Life.

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† IN SYMPATHY †
 PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :Fr. Terry Moore, Utah, U.S.A.
 Betty Ahern, Cork City.
 Joanne McDonough, Boston/Castlepark.
 PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS:
 Betty Lynch, Greenfields.
 Diarmuid Cashman, Glounthaune.
 Teresa Walsh, Lee Road.
 Pat, Billy & Johnny Coomey, Carriganarra.
 Abbie O'Mahony, Main Road.
 Ann Aherne, Park Road.
 Charlie Dwane, Pine Walk.
 Rose & Ted Moylan, Earlwood Estate.
 Noleen & Benny Carew, Glasheen/Waterford.
 Sheila Twohig, Windsor, Ovens.
 Peter & Francis Moran, Beaumont Drive.

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Exodus 20: 1-3, 7-8, 12-17
 The Ten Commandments expound briefly and clearly the fundamental principles of all religious and moral obligation. The first three prescribe man's duty to God, the last seven his duty to his neighbour. In the second list the fourth commandment comes first because the family comes before the state and parents have the first and strongest claim to their children's regard. The Decalogue is in no way nationalistic but universal in its outlook. What it commands is necessary if people are to live in community in a civilized manner.

Second Reading: 1Cor. 1: 22-25
 The Jews wanted chiefly superhuman power in the Messiah, power proved by stupendous miracles. They wanted an emperor mightier than the Roman emperor. A suffering and dying Messiah was a stumbling block to them, i.e. they would not accept him. But the Greeks wanted a teaching, which completely satisfied the intellect. They were impatient of anything unexplained or mysterious. They hated to accept any great truth on anyone else's authority. Faith was not in their line. The idea that suffering could do more than wisdom would appear nonsense to them.

Gospel: John 2: 13-25
 This is one of the most dramatic actions of Jesus in his public life. With it he declared his opposition to the Jewish interests vested in making money out of the faith of believers. Jesus then takes the imagination of the onlookers a step further by making mention of his resurrection from the dead. This prophecy must have stuck in their minds because they turned it to sarcasm on Calvary.

Finding hope in a hopeless world – Lent 2024

This is a seven-week programme for Parish groups or individuals available on the Diocesan website (<https://corkandross.org/lent2024>). A different aspect of hope will be explored each week. The resource is available as a presentation, video, and podcast (all of which can be used online or downloaded for off-line use).

Come to Lourdes as a Young Adult Helper in September
 A special Information Evening will take place in Mardyke House, Cork, (T12 W8RP) for those aged between 18 and 25, who would like to travel with the Diocese of Cork and Ross to Lourdes (Sept 20th to 25th) as a Young Adult Helper. The Information Meeting will begin at 7pm on Tuesday 12th March. It is a wonderful opportunity for a young person to help those pilgrims who require assistance and to grow deeper in their faith by experiencing the unique spirituality of Lourdes. For more information call Sheila on (021) 490 2459 or email sheilakelleher@ucc.ie

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Third Week Of Lent

03 Sunday Ex 20:1-17. Ps 18. 1 Cor 1:22-25. Jn 2:13-25. Lect I: 251

04 Monday 2 K. 5:1-15. Ps. 41. Lk. 4:24-30. Lect I: 262

05 Tuesday Jer 1:4-9. Ps 116. Rom 10:9-18. Mk 16:15-20.

06 Wednesday Deut 4:1, 5-9. Ps 147. Mt 5:17-19. Lect I: 267

07 Thursday 16-18, 22. Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24 or Lk 2:41-51. Lect I: 970 or II: 980

08 Friday Hos 14:2-10. Ps80. Mk 12:28-34. Lect I: 271

09 Saturday Hos. 5:1 5-6:6. Ps. So. Lk. 18:9-14. Lect I: 273

Next Sunday's Readings 10-March-2024

2 Chron 36:14-16, 19-23. Ps 136. Eph 2:4-10. Jn 3:14-21. Lect I: 281

MASS TIMES

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
6:00 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.

Stations of the Cross during Lent
 The Stations of the Cross will be held in St. Mary & St. John's Church at 7.00pm on Wednesdays during Lent.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 3 pm to 4 pm 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.

Envelope Collection
 The Irish Bishop's Commissions Collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend 9th/10th March.

Confirmation
 Please pray for the girls in Scoil Mhuire who will receive the sacrament of Confirmation on Friday 8th March. Sincere thanks to the parents and dedicated teachers who work diligently preparing young people for the sacrament.

Muskerry Local History Society

Muskerry Local History Society members are looking forward to a very interesting lecture on The Cork Butter Market and the Cork Butter Roads, c. 1747-1933 by Colin Rynne. For much of the 19th century, the Cork Butter Exchange was the largest butter market in the world. Butter was transported to the Exchange from towns and villages in Cork and Kerry along routes that became known as 'Butter Roads'. Colin's lecture will be held at 8.00 pm on Monday, 4 March, in Ballincollig Rugby Club. Annual membership: €15. Lectures free to members. Non-members: €4.