

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 12-May-2024

The Ascension of The Lord
(World Communications Day)

Jesus ascended to heaven so that his influence and power might be felt not just in one place but in all the world. Today he is present everywhere through his Church, bringing all people to God.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

The Ascension of The Lord

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven, and said to them, "Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News."

In the Lord's Ascension we consider the Lord's return to the kingdom of His Father in heaven. The scene set for us isn't a typical scene of sadness and grief as we might expect when we wave goodbye to a relative or friend as they set off to a distant land and we are not so sure when we'll be together again. It seems to me almost like an important solemn moment as the Lord completes His final words of instruction and encouragement. Go, tell, create and communicate.

The Lord spent those moments instructing, teaching, assuring, and commanding them to go out to the whole world and proclaim the good news. The Good News of the life He offers us as His friends and followers. In His every action of Incarnation, Teaching, Healing, Suffering, Death, Resurrection, Jesus transformed the landscape of human life for all time, eternally and invites us to share these Gifts.

The command to spread the good news and communicate about the Son of God, His Father, and Spirit is always an invitation in freedom.

The lessons of the Good News are always about the opportunity to walk our journey of life in God, with God, through God, as companions, friends, disciples. Walking the sometimes challenging narrow pathway or road will call for the humility to be servants and channels and conduits of a little piece of the kingdom to oneself and others. The call is to receive, pray, reflect, and give of ourselves and I believe the return is some insight and awareness of the Gift of God's Love, Peace, Joy.

Since Easter we have been hearing evidence, if you like, of Jesus meeting with the disciples on the road to Emmaus; eating fish on the shores of Galilee; and more than once entering the Upper Room.

The Resurrection and Ascension in some way confirms God's holy power, benevolence, superiority and victory over sin, death, and all that is chaotic and broken. It is a Good News that demands telling, gospel.

Collection for Mission and Ministry

The Annual Collection for Mission and Ministry will take place this weekend. The Office of Mission and Ministry is a crucial element in how we serve priests and people in Parishes and Family of Parishes as together we enable faith communities to encounter Christ and build His Kingdom. The Office provides formation programmes for ministries such as Parish Assemblies/Councils, Baptism, Funeral Ministry, Eucharistic Ministers and Ministers of the Word as well as continuing to meet with priests and teams of priests from the Families of Parishes to provide support to their ministry in parishes. This has created further opportunities to engage with training and support for people involved in parish life. In addition, the Office also creates and prepares resources which serve as tools for catechesis, evangelisation and spiritual growth. The Office for Mission and Ministry is committed to expanding its reach to further serve our Parishes to participate in the mission of the Church. People have contributed very generously to this collection in the past and your support would be greatly appreciated this weekend.



Life in the Spirit

Ballincollig Parish is delighted to host a 'Life in the Spirit' seminar across six Friday evenings, beginning Friday May 10th. Each evening begins at 8 p.m. and concludes with tea at 9:30 p.m. These will take place in the Church of Christ Our Light, Innishmore, Ballincollig, on Fridays May 10th, 17th and 24th, and June 7th, 14th, and 21st.

Open to adults seeking to explore further their faith and how God is alive today in our lives. Each night includes prayer, music, and talks from an experienced team of lay people. Registration not required. For further information, email Father Ronan Sheehan CC: fr.ronan2022@gmail.com

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

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

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† IN SYMPATHY †
 PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :
 Billy O’Keeffe, Mallow.
 Phonsie Delaney, Muskerry Est.
 Sheila O’Mullane, Kanturk.
 Brien Twohig, Muskerry Est.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS OR OTHERWISE REMEMBERED:
 Peggy & Dan Lordan, Inniscarra View.
 Con, Bridie, Brian & Dermot Murphy, Beara.
 Denis & Sadie Buckley, Farranree.
 John Coleman, Muskerry Est.
 Ben Sweeney, Island Way.
 Michael Cullinane, Coolroe/Cloghane.
 Mary Margaret Hurley .
 Noreen McCarthy, Castle Park.
 Aine Harkin, Classes Lake.

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Acts 1: 1-11
 St. Luke, the writer of the Gospel was also the author of The Acts of the Apostles. At the beginning of this book he refers to the Gospel as "his earlier work". He fills in the events between the Resurrection and the Ascension. The Apostles are given their last commandments: to preach to the whole world. They are reminded that the Second Coming will only happen after the Gospel has been preached to the whole world.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4: 1-13
 In the list of gifts given to the church the point he makes is that their aim is to enlarge the unity of the Church, and to develop its intensity until we all attain full unity with the Son of God. The unity of the Church is stressed. But that unity does not mean uniformity as the gifts differ in each person.

Gospel: Mark 16: 15-20
 The Apostles are commanded to preach the Gospel to all. The salvation which it brings is for all without exception. In the early days of the Church, possibly because of a greater need for extraordinary signs to move a sceptical and hostile world miracles were more frequent than in later times.

Ovens Parish Vacancies

A vacancy will arise shortly in Ovens Church for the separate part time posts of:
 1. Sacristan.
 2. Secretary.
 For further details, applicants to apply in writing to the Parish Office, St. John the Baptist Church, Ovens.

Family of Parishes Spring Gathering

Ballinora church invites us to attend on Thursday 23rd May at 7.30pm: Come and join us in celebrating Mary the Mother of God in this lovely month of May. The Service will focus on Mary’s Visit to Elizabeth (Feast day is the 31st May). Come and join in this uplifting service of Scripture, time for reflection, Benediction and music by our church choirs which will be led by Ballinora. Many of us have lovely memories of being there last year which was followed by wonderful hospitality and chat in the sunshine.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Ascension Of The Lord

12 Sunday Acts 1:1-11. Ps 46. Eph. 1:17-23. or Eph 4:1-13. Mk 16:15-20. Lect I: 552

13 Monday 29 Monday Acts 19:1-8. Ps 67. Jn 16:29-33. Lect I: 576

14 Tuesday Acts 1: 15-17. Ps. 112. Jn. 15:9-17. Lect II: 1023

15 Wednesday Acts 20:28-38. Ps. 67. In. 17:11-19. Lect I: 580

16 Thursday Acts 22:30, 23:6-11. Ps 15. Jn 17:20-26. Lect I: 583

17 Friday Acts 25:13-21. Ps 102. Jn. 21:15-19. Lect I: 585

18 Saturday Acts 28:16-20, 30-31. Ps 10. Jn 21:20-25. Lect I: 588

Next Sunday’s Readings 19-May-2024

Acts 2: 1-11. Ps. 103. Gal. 5: 16-25. Jn. 15:26-27. 16:12-15. Lect I: 601 & 604

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.

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 for Tuesday 14th May is cancelled. Please feel free to join any Tuesday after that.

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the boys and girls in Scoil Barra and Scoil Mhuire who received the sacrament of Holy Communion on Saturday, 11th May. Please pray for the boys and girls in Gaelscoil Uí Riordáin who will receive their First Holy Communion on Saturday, 18th May. Sincere thanks to the parents and dedicated teachers who work diligently preparing young people for the sacrament.

The 98th Cork Eucharistic Procession

To mark the feast of Corpus Christi will take place on Sunday May 26th. The procession will leave the North Cathedral at 3pm and make its way through the city to Saints Peter and Paul’s Church where there will be a short liturgy and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Parish groups are encouraged to gather at the Cathedral and to process together under their parish banner. For those who may have mobility issues, you will be able to join the procession at the river side of the Opera House under a Eucharistic Banner.