

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 16-June-2024

Eleventh Sunday In Ordinary Time
Day for Life

To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade.



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Good News for Today

The gospel today uses the seed as an example of Gods' kingdom. In Jesus' parable the seed growing of itself is what is emphasised once the sower has done his job. This parable is meant to give encouragement to the early disciples who had become discouraged because they saw so little happening. It was telling them to be patient and not to expect instant results.

Like those early disciples we want results and we want them fast. We live in the age of the instant product, we have instant communication, instant soup. We know the quality may suffer but we are prepared for that once time and effort are saved.

We forget that some things cannot be rushed, like the growth to maturity as a human being is a job for a lifetime. To build relationship with someone takes time, to get to know one's children takes time. To overcome one's sins and weaknesses takes time.

This age could also be called the push button age. All we have to do is turn a switch, press a button and things happen. Many of today's labour saving devices are a God send. They take the monotony and drudgery out of life and work. There is a negative to living in the world of the push button. The push button encourages the minimum effort, the least cost and the shortcut to everything. It may encourage us to take the easy option even when there is no easy option. Why bother to visit that old or sick person when you can phone them. Besides some things take time even in the push button age like the challenge of rearing children.

The farmer did his part in the parable, he sowed the seed. Things were now beyond his control all he could do was wait in patience, humility and hope. These are not easy virtues.



Ronan Mahony RIP

Sincere condolences to the Mahony family on the sad passing of Ronan.
Ronan's contribution to scouting was immense and greatly appreciated by all who knew him and he has left a long-lasting legacy in Ballincollig Scout Group.
The Parishioner wishes to acknowledge with grateful thanks all the weekly articles you compiled for us in the recent past.

May you rest in peace

Cursillo Walk

Cork to Knock Route

Tue July 16th - 21st. Approx. 23 miles (37kms) per day. Mass daily, rosary, divine mercy chaplet & fellowship each day. Contact corktoknock@gmail.com to sign up for the full walk, a day or a stage. Walks also leaving from Dublin, Belfast & Derry All converging to arrive in Knock.



Thought for Today

Today's gospel reminds us that through God's care and blessing great things can grow from even the smallest of efforts. It is important that we place our thoughts, our words, our actions, our ideas and inspirations into God's hands. He helps us find the finest ground for all seeds to grow big and strong, Let us ask the Holy Spirit to help us plant seeds of goodness, forgiveness, joy, trust and faith that will enable us to grow into daughters and sons of God.

Alzheimer Café

The Ballincollig Alzheimer Café will take place on Thursday the 20th of June in The Chapel Gate Café in Ballincollig From 4pm to 6pm.
This months Topic is "Support & Information Sharing With Your Local Public Health Nurse"
With Guest Speaker Helen Farragher

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

It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

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† IN SYMPATHY †
 PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :
 Ronan Mahony, Ballincollig/Bishopstown.
 Kevin White, Ballincollig.
 Sinéad Cadogan, Model Farm Road.
 Ann Culligan, Kerry.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS OR OTHERWISE REMEMBERED:
 James O’Sullivan, Tudor Grove.
 Patricia Murphy, Aylsbury.
 Flor O’Sullivan, Carriganarra Est.
 Bridget & Sonny Crowley, Rathmore, Co. Kerry.
 Mai Barry, Inniscarra.
 Mary Barry, Beech Road.
 Rena O’Connor, Beech Road.
 Joe Donovan Jnr., Inniscarra.
 Arthur and Esther Collins, Church Hill, Carrigrohane.
 Denis McCormack, Rosewood.
 Denis Horgan, St. Teresa’s Road.
 Pearl Collins, Brighton/Dunmanway.
 Willie Hennessy.

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading Ezekiel 17:22-24

In this reading the prophet Ezekiel spoke about the better days that were to come for the Chosen People when Yahweh would take back His people once more, and dwell in their midst forever. Today’s extract is a messianic prophecy in which God says that he will raise up a descendant—a sprig from the lofty cedar David, who will yet be the glory of Israel.

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

St Paul tells his Corinthians that his constant desire and motive in life is to please God. In this he wants them to imitate him. While on earth this is his aim and when he goes to God in heaven this will be his purpose and his delight.

Gospel Mark 4,26-34

The Gospel reading today contains the parable of the mustard seed. This parable, telling of how the smallest of all seeds of the Earth grew into the largest of plants, reminds us that through God’s care and blessing great things can grow from even the smallest of efforts. It is important that we place our thoughts, our words, our actions, our ideas and inspirations into God’s hands, and that we invite God to bless and to use all of these things for the greater good of the kingdom and for the greater good of the Church on Earth.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Eleventh Week In Ordinary Time

16 Sunday Ezek 17:22-24. Ps 91:2-3, 13-16, R/ cf. v. 2 Cor 5:6-10. Mk 4:26-34.
 Lect I: 763

17 Monday 1 Kgs 21:1-16. Ps5. Mt 5:38-42. Lect II: 587

18 Tuesday 1 Kgs 21:1 7-29. Ps 50. Mt 5:43-48. Lect II: 589

19 Wednesday 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14. Ps 30. Mt. 6:1-6, 16-18. Lect II: 591

20 Thursday Eccles (Sir) 48:1-14. Ps 96. Mt 6:7-15. Lect II: 594

21 Friday 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20. Ps 131. Mt 6:19-23. Lect II: 596

22 Saturday 2 Chron 24:17-25. Ps 88. Mt 6:24-34. Lect II: 599

Next Sunday’s Readings 23-June-2024

Job 38:1, 8-11. Ps 106. 2 Cor 5:14-17. Mk 4:35-41. Lect I: 765

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

There will be no meditation for the next 2 weeks, Tuesday 18th & 25th June. Next Meditation 2nd July.

Examination Time

We ask for your continuing support and prayers for our students as they continue with their Leaving & Junior Certificate Examinations. May they be successful in their efforts.

Congratulations to New Ministers of the Eucharist

Congratulations to the newly commissioned Ministers of the Eucharist and to those in the Parish who were Ministers elsewhere, and have now joined the parish Ministers of the Eucharist. Thank you for your commitment to our parish. Thank you to all who volunteer to serve our Parish as Cleaners, Flower arrangers, Collectors, Ministers of the Word and Ministers of the Eucharist. If you would like to volunteer your services to the parish, please contact the parish Office in September.

Ballincollig Parish Summer Weekday Mass Schedule

Mon., Tues. & Fri. – 9.30am Mass

St Mary & St. John’s Church

Wed. & Thurs. – 8.30am Mass

Christ our Light Church

This schedule is effective from Mon. 1st July until Fri. 30th Aug.