

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 15-September-2024

Twenty Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time
The servant of God, who defends God's mercy and truth before others, must be ready to face rejection, violence, even death. Today we are reminded that God supports those who accept a cross - not for its own sake but for the sake of Christ and the gospel.



Christ Our Light
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Welcome Back

Welcome back to the team that plan, organise and print the Parishioner. The work of the volunteers who give their time week after week to ensure the parishioner arrives in both churches. The parishioner is published each week with some comment and bits of family news to help us keep in touch with some of the life of the parish.

I'm writing from the town of Astorga in Spain. I'm already a few days into the Camino pilgrimage, which I began on Wednesday from León. The long distances each day have proved challenging but rewarding. I feel a bit like the early disciples who, in following Jesus, did so literally: on foot! I'm encouraged by the enthusiasm of fellow pilgrims and by prayers from Ballincollig.

The question Jesus poses in the gospel today is one we all have to grapple with at some point: Who is Jesus? I think that's a question we constantly come back to because our experience of Jesus grows and can become deeper, if we allow it. No relationship in life is static, and so neither should ours be with the Lord.

Journeying along these pilgrim paths has given me a lot of time to think and to pray. More and more I'm convinced that if we have a desire to ask ourselves, 'Who is Jesus?', then we need the bravery to ask ourselves, 'Who am I?' We are relational beings, after all.

See you soon. Let's pray for each other along the way.

Fr. Ronan Sheehan. (the pilgrim)

St Bernadette Relic Tour Schedule for the Diocese of Cork & Ross

	30/10/2024	Cathedral of St Mary & St Anne, Cork City
	31/10/2024	Church of the Immaculate Conception, Clonakilty



Thought for Today

Why do people reject other people? Have you ever been rejected for doing what was right or for "not going along with the crowd"? (Remember: God created each of us as unique persons. The person who rejects knowing you is the real loser! He or she is missing a unique creation of God!)

What "crosses" do you have to "take up" in your life right now? Will you ask Jesus to help you?

Parish Website

We have launched a new parish website www.ballincolligparish.ie which is user friendly and contains a lot of useful information about the parish. We invite all parishioners to take a look and if you would like to comment on any of the format, please email us at ballincolligparish@gmail.com

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

I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

Visit Our Website: www.ballincolligparish.ie or Facebook www.facebook.com/BallincolligParish

† IN SYMPATHY †
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :
Brendan O'Connell, Dublin.
Aileen Wilkinson, Midleton.
Eugene (Gene) Hourihan, Bantry.
John F O'Sullivan, Bantry.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS OR OTHERWISE REMEMBERED:
Kathleen Morrissey, Ballyphehane.
Sheila Walsh, Castlepark.
Brendan Lawlor, Inniscarra View.
Nuvis Lopez, Venezuela.
Christine Coady, Rosewood.
Nuala Delaney, Inniscarra View.
Joseph Lombard, Coachford.
Robert Barrett, Beech Park.
Liam Hayes, Dunmanway.
Mary O'Connor, Mayfield.
Bridie and Ken Scott, Ballincollig.

THE SUNDAY READINGS
First Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9
The prophet Isaiah notes the qualities of the Servant of God.

Second Reading: James 2:14-18
St. James reminds us that faith and good works belong together. What good are kindly wishes to those who need clothing and food for today? Faith without good works is dead. Let us be concerned for the people around us who are in need. Good intentions are not enough. The love of Christ urges us to act for justice and peace for all God's people.

Gospel: Mark 8:27-35
Jesus teaches his disciples what they have gradually come to discover: He is indeed the Messiah. But he is a Messiah who must suffer and die. Peter found this hard to accept. For Peter, the Messiah would not, could not, suffer. Judging by human standards, not God's, Peter failed to accept God's will for the Messiah. Jesus assured all his disciples that they, too, must suffer, deny themselves, take up the cross, and follow him.

The Neocatechumenal Way

LIFE IS SHORT! What do you want from life? What are you looking for? Come and Listen to some answers at St. Mark's Centre on Wednesday, Sept 18th at 7.30pm and continuing Sundays and Wednesdays. Experience life together.

Enjoy every day of your short life
God has given you this short life on earth
And it is all you have.
So enjoy. Ecc 9: 9-12

Cantairí Mhuscraí

"Cantairí Mhuscraí is a mixed voice choir based here in Ballincollig and they have a wide repertoire of music including church, classical, popular and showtunes. Apart from other performances they sing in St. Mary's & St. John's Church at the 6.00pm Mass on the 3rd Saturday of every month. They welcome new members to all lines, without formal audition. Ability to read music is not essential, they just need singers who can hold a tune and blend into the overall sound. They rehearse every Wednesday night from 7.20 to 9.20pm at Ballincollig Community School. See you there!"

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Twenty Fourth Week In Ordinary Time

- 15 Sunday Is 50:5-9. Ps 114. Jas 2:14-18. Mk 8:27-35. Lect I: 799
 - 16 Monday 1 Cor 11:17-26,33. Ps 39. Lk 7:1-10. Lect II: 763
 - 17 Tuesday 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31. Ps99. Lk 7:11-17. Lect II: 765
 - 18 Wednesday 1 Cor 12:31-13:13. Ps32. Lk 7:31-35. Lect II: 767
 - 19 Thursday 1 Cor 15:1-11. Ps 117. Lk 7:36-50. Lect II: 769
 - 20 Friday 1 Tim. 6:2-12. Ps. 48. Lk. 8:1-3. Lect II: 320
 - 21 Saturday Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 Ps 18. Mt 9:9-13. Lect II:1198
- Next Sunday's Readings 22-September-2024
Wis. 2:12, 17-20. Ps. 53. Jm. 3:16-4:3. Mk. 9:30- 37. Lect I: 802

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 continues in the Ballincollig Community Hall on Tuesday mornings after 9.30am Mass. New members welcome.

Support Collection for Seminarians and Deacons

The annual collection for the Priesthood Education Fund in the Diocese will be taken up on the weekend of 28th/29th September. One seminarian continues his studies for the priesthood in St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, and another man is continuing his studies for the Permanent Diaconate. The Priesthood Education Fund finances their studies as well as costs for ongoing training and education for priests. Thank you for last year's collection which came to €64,903. In the same year, the Fund spent €82,500. Appreciating that these are difficult times financially, you are asked to be as generous as you can to the Priesthood Education Fund annual collection.

**Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages
April – Oct. 2024**

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