

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 22-September-2024

Twenty Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

The following of Christ is not for the ambitious and selfish. Christians will inevitably find their goodness, gentleness and love put to the test. They will survive the test only if their life is based on trust in God as his Father.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Service to Others

The Word of God this weekend especially the Gospel according to St. Mark and the first reading on Wednesday of the Twenty Fourth week from St Paul challenge us to use our minds and hearts to discover how we are being asked to behave as followers of Christ. St. Paul boldly announces "be ambitious for the higher gifts, and I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them." At Capernaum, Christ asks the disciples "what were you arguing about on the road? They said nothing, because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. He sat them down and taught them, "Anyone who wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all". St James says "wherever you have jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done."

We, the followers of Christ are expected to listen to the Word of God and to apply it to our Christian living. The signposts are not clearly visible in these readings and the Lord has blessed us with intellects to help us plot our way following Christ. Jesus did not abolish ambition but rather redefined it. For ambition to rule others he supplied ambition to serve others. For ambition to have others doing things for us he substituted ambition to do things for others.

Jesus goes on to teach that true greatness is to be found in being the servant of others, especially the weaker members of our community. Serving the little ones from whom we can expect little reward is the real test. Christ reminds us in Mt. 25:46." As long as you did it to one of these, the least of my brethren, you did it to me." Service implies that I am not there for myself but for others. A servant has to get used to being taken for granted.

Ballincollig Parish Family Mass

You and your family are invited to celebrate our special Family Mass which will take place on next Sunday, 29th September at 12.30pm in Christ Our Light Church. We warmly welcome all families to join us and if any younger members of families would like to be active participants in the Mass, we would be delighted to hear from you. We wish to encourage young children and teenagers to actively engage in the celebration of the Mass, for example as readers, altar servers, prayers of the faithful, singing and bringing up the gifts. The Family Mass, is a spiritual and special occasion which provides an opportunity for us to gather together to welcome the Divine and to help us in our daily family lives. If you would like your child to be an active participant in the Mass, please contact the Family Mass group at 087 2284212 or email Nora Corkery on corkeryn@gmail.com We look forward to seeing you on Sunday 29th September.

Gougane Sunday

You are invited to Gougane Barra on Sunday 29th September to mark the Feast of St Finbarr. Mass at 3pm preceded by the Rosary at 2.30 pm. This year in Gougane Barra, the Diocese of Cork and Ross will be launching the year of prayer, listening and discernment as we plan for the future. Bishop Fintan looks forward to seeing you in Gougane Barra.



Thought for Today

It may be difficult for parents of our time to think of children as "non-persons." They are probably the most important people in our lives! Parents in ancient times loved their children just as parents do today. While children in our time are protected by many laws, still very few children carry any authority or power in our culture. So the difference is not in children and parents of two different times, rather the point is how children are unencumbered by status. Their love for God is fresh and uncomplicated. This is a quality in our children we should consciously observe and emulate.

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

The Lord upholds my life.

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 :
 Eleanor Burke, Upper Glanmire.
 Alison Chivers, Innishmore.
 Eugene Kelleher, Crookstown/Ballincollig.
 Frank Lee, Classis Lake.
 Michael John Horan, Rathmore.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS OR OTHERWISE REMEMBERED:
 Tim O'Regan, Leemount.
 Anna O'Donovan, Inniscarra Road.
 Denis & Ellen O'Leary.
 Kay Kavanagh, Tudor Grove.
 John Coughlan, Clash.
 Helen Kenneally, Beech Park.
 Layla O'Sullivan, Killarney.
 Bernice McCarthy, Distillery Court, Ballincollig.

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Wisdom 2:12. 17-20
 People just don't like a prophet. Someone who speaks up, telling the truth, may well be rejected. Holiness does not always lead to happiness. Sometimes, it leads to pain and suffering and death.

Second Reading: James 3:16-4:3
 The early Christians were not better than we are. They were just as envious, just as resentful, and just as bitter. Listen now, and hear the remedy.

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37
 Who is the greatest; Celebrity farm had a winner; some win many medals, others set records of all kinds, many have the most recent model and biggest car in the range, many achieve fantastic results in the Leaving and Junior Cert exams; well done to all the high achievers in our midst.

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 Fifth Week In Ordinary Time

- 22 Sunday Wis 2:12, 17-20. Ps 53. Jas 3:16-4:3. Mk 9:90-97. Lect I: 802
- 23 Monday Prov 3:27-34. Ps 14. Lk 8:16-18. Lect II: 776
- 24 Tuesday Prov 21 :1-6,10-13. Ps 1 18. Lk 8:19-21. Lect II: 778
- 25 Wednesday Prov 305-9. Ps 1 18. Lk 9:1-6. Lect II: 780
- 26 Thursday Eccl 1:2-11. Ps. 89. Lk 9:7-9. Lect II: 782
- 27 Friday Eccles (Qoh). 3: 1-11. Ps. 143. Lk. 9: 18-22. Lect II: 784
- 28 Saturday Eccles (Qoh). 11 :9-12:8. Ps. 89. Lk. 9:43-45. Lect II: 786

Next Sunday's Readings 29-September-2024
 Num 11:25-29. Ps 18. Jas 5:1-6. Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48. Lect I: 804

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**

7 Nights Apartment B&B from €273 per person sharing. Airport transfer available on request. Contact us for details and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 01 4434510 or website www.med-irishcentre.com