

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 13-October-2024

Twenty Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Prisioner's Sunday

He who seeks wisdom and eternal life, is reminded, that no earthly value can be compared to them. We may agree that all gold is but a little sand before the realities of God, but are we able to follow through this image with the reality of our living? Are we really ready, to sell what ever we have and give it to the poor, so as to follow Christ?



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

What Must I Do To Inherit Eternal Life?

In today's Gospel we hear the story of the Rich young man asking Jesus what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus goes through the Ten Commandments which are about our relationships with God and with others. The rich man is able to say that he has kept all the commandments since his childhood. Jesus looked at him with love, but then told him there was one thing he lacked - and He invited him to "Go and sell what you have, give the money to the poor; then come and follow me." The rich man had received an answer he didn't expect and he went away sad as he was a man of great wealth. We may be able to hide our true self from others but we cannot hide from God, who sees all that is going on in our lives. Despite his apparent goodness, Jesus knew that this young man loved the security of his wealth more than he loved God. He came to Jesus believing that God was number one in his life... He sadly departed with the knowledge that his love of material things was the real god in his life.

All of us are called to be responsible stewards of all that God has given us. As our second reading today reminds us; one day each one of us will have to render an account of our stewardship. The "one thing lacking" in our lives may not be attachment to our possessions but something else - it may be our attachment to grievances that we hold on to; or due to a busy life style perhaps we have very little time to give to God in prayer. When Jesus meets human beings in the Gospels He encounters them in their limitations, sicknesses and needs. He approaches them as a loving God, and asks them "What do you want Me to do for you?"

Jesus' explanation that what is impossible for human beings is possible with God shows that he wants all of us to be saved and enter Heaven. As baptised Christians, Jesus calls each one of us to be his disciples and only asks that we put our faith in God and be willing to 'let go' of anything which holds us back from being his followers. Let us take some time each day to respond and invite him in to our lives. In the words of the Responsorial psalm let us pray: "Lord make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart".

Special Remembrance Mass

There will be a Special Mass to remember all our loved ones who died during the past year on Friday November 8th at 7.30pm in St Mary & St John. All those who died from the Parish will be remembered at this Mass. Families who wish to have deceased family members (who died during the past twelve months) included in this Mass are invited to hand in their names to the Sacristy or Parish Office during the week and please include a contact name, phone number and an address. Families and individuals are invited to partake in the Mass.

St Bernadette's Relics Pilgrimage to Cork & Ross

For the first time, the Relics of St Bernadette are visiting Ireland, and we will have the privilege of welcoming them to the Diocese of Cork and Ross at the end of this month. The Diocese have put a full programme together to try and recreate something of the experience that Lourdes offers here at home. The Relics will be displayed in the Cathedral of St Mary and St Anne (North Cathedral) on Wednesday October 30th from 4pm, and then on the following day, Thursday October 31st, they will travel to the Church of the Immaculate Conception Clonakilty for veneration starting at 2pm. Full programme of events available on the Diocesan website, www.corkandross.org.

Assembly of the Synod of Bishops

Second Session of the XVI General Ordinary Assembly of the Synod of Bishops 2nd – 27th October 2024
From 2nd October to 27th October, a special candle will be lit during each Mass until the close of the Synod. We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts.
Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.
Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.
All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.



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

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† IN SYMPATHY †
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :

Catherine Barrett, Donoughmore.
Kitty Dillon, Douglas.
Noreen O'Mahony, Drimoleague.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS OR OTHERWISE REMEMBERED:

Patrick Barry, Rosewood.
Michael O'Connor, Coolroe.
Dec. members of the Kiely family.
May and Carst Fortune.
Carmel Kelly, The Crescent.
Ann O'Neill, Glendower.
Maureen O'Reilly, Glasheen.
Dec. members of the Lane family, Blarney St.
Neil O'Donoghue (Snr), Inniscarra View.
Patrick & Joan O' Keeffe, Bantry.
John & Rita Forde, Curraheen.
Joe Kavanagh, Parknamore Heights.
Cornelius Murphy, Macroom.
Joe Guerin, Knocknagree.
Mary O'Sullivan, Glenleigh, Kilcorney.
Gillian Noonan.
Beaty Barrett, Coolroe.
Noel O'Connell, Ballingully.
Edward Durkin, Clash Rd.
Jerry & Chris O'Sullivan, Clash Rd.
Kitty & William Kavanagh, Ministers Cross.

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Wisdom 7:7-11
Each of us needs prudence, maturity, sound judgment -- such things are more valuable than gold or silver -- such things are wisdom, a gift from God.

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13
A two-edged sword cuts both ways; it is doubly sharp. In the same way, the Bible has the power of God. A good Catholic studies the Word of God, cherishes the Word of God, and lives by the Word of God.

Gospel: Mark 10:17-30
What must I do to inherit eternal life? Man of desires, he expresses the deep-rooted desire for life. Man without a name he could be any one of us. His seeking for life inevitably brings him to the question about God. "No one is good but God alone." To recall this truth is, for Jesus, a way of getting to the heart of the matter.

Funeral Ministry Team Formation

The Office for Mission and Ministry will be offering three formation sessions for new teams and for new members of existing teams in Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Western Road, Cork on Tuesdays, October 8th, 15th, and 22nd from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. For more details and to register please visit <https://corkandross.org/mission-and-ministry/funeral-ministry-team-formation> or by contacting the Office at 021-7355517.

RCIA: - Would you or someone you know like to become Catholic or know more about the Catholic faith? The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) will begin in the Visitors' Centre of The Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Anne, Cork, on Monday, October 21st 2024 (7.30pm – 9.00pm). Please contact the Office for Mission and Ministry (<https://corkandross.org/office-for-mission-and-ministry>) for more information.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Twenty Eight Week In Ordinary Time

- 13 Sunday Wis 7:7-11. Ps89. Heb 4:12-13. Mk 10:17-30. Lect I: 810
- 14 Monday Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1. Ps 112. Lk 11:29-32. Lect II: 814
- 15 Tuesday Gal 5:1-6. Ps 118. Lk 11:37-41. Lect II: 816
- 16 Wednesday Gal. 5:18-25. Ps. 1. Lk. 11 :42-46. Lect II: 817
- 17 Thursday Eph 1:1-10. Ps 97. Lk 11:47-54. Lect II: 819
- 18 Friday 2 Tim. 4: 10-17. Ps. 144. Lk. 10: 1-9. Lect II:1233
- 19 Saturday Eph 1:15-23. Ps8. Lk 12:8-12. Lect II: 824

Next Sunday's Readings 20-October-2024

Is 53:10-11. Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22, R/v 22, Heb 4:14-16. Mk 10:42-45. Lect I: 814

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 and suitable for Coeliac's. 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.

Diocesan Needs Quarterly Collection

The next quarterly Diocesan collection will take place this weekend the 12th & 13th October 2024. Your support for this collection would be greatly appreciated.

Cemetery Masses

Mass in St. Oliver's Cemetery Sat. November 2nd at 2pm.
Mass in St. Mary & St. John's Cemetery Sat. November 9th at 12 noon.

Envelope Collection Mission Sunday

The envelope collection for the propagation of the faith will be taken up at all churches next weekend 19th & 20th October.

Prayer Ministry Training for Alpha Teams

The Office for Mission and Ministry are running Prayer Ministry Workshops for new and existing Alpha Teams in two venues: Wednesday, October 23rd 2024 (7pm to 9pm) in the Visitors' Centre of The Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Anne, Cork, and Thursday, October 24th (7pm – 9pm) in the Parish Centre, Clonakilty. Please contact the Office for Mission and Ministry (<https://corkandross.org/office-for-mission-and-ministry>) for more information.