THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John **Station Road**

Sunday 20-October-2024

Twenty Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time World Mission Sunday

By its nature, the Church is missionary. Christ sent her to let her light shine to the whole human race. We cannot leave this task to the professionals. The prophets and the apostles were ordinary lay people when chosen to speak and act in God's name. As the result of our baptism, each of us has a duty to work for the missions in our special way and in our own particular place.



Christ Our Light Innishmore

World Mission Sunday

Today on Mission Sunday we reflect on our calling as Christians to spread the Good News of Jesus and to live out that 'fullness of life' in a spirit of joy!

In the Gospel we see the human side of the Apostles James and John! The two brothers are looking for a share of 'authority in God's Kingdom'. They discreetly go to Jesus asking him for a favour. They want to sit one on the right and the other on the left side of Jesus in his Kingdom. When the other Apostles hear about this they are not too happy. Jesus brings them all together and speaks of the importance of service and sacrifice in the life of a disciple. He tells them "that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them and make their authority felt; this is not to happen among you: anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant...for the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Jesus sacrificed his life for the whole world in order to establish the Kingdom of God. The Gospel calls us followers of Jesus, to reject power and dominance over others. The challenge put before us today is 'what is my contribution to the Mission of the Church'?

Throughout the Gospels Jesus served by being with the sick and suffering; also by feeding the hungry; speaking up for those who have no voice: the oppressed; the marginalised; those forgotten and despised. So often we see the example of Jesus' service lived out among people we know - also among strangers and friends, among our own families and Parish Community. We also see examples of service in Charitable organizations; among them the St Vincent de Paul Society; also people who serve the homeless; those who need shelter, a hot meal, or be given a new start in life. Many of our youth from the Parish volunteer each year to travel with the Hope Foundation to Calcutta, giving of their time and sharing their gifts and talents with street and slum children. The children there are forced to work from as young as five years of age to earn money for food and so cannot go to school. In his message for 'Mission Sunday', Pope Francis puts a question: "Who are the first to whom the Gospel message must be proclaimed?" He goes on to say: "The answer, found so often throughout the Gospel, is clear: it is the poor, the little ones and the sick, those who are often looked down upon or forgotten, those who cannot repay us".

Today we pray for all our missionaries and volunteers throughout the world in gratitude for the gift of their lives and asking the Lord to continue to bless and protect each one of them.

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

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

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† IN SYMPATHY †

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :

Rose Houlihan, Redemption Rd.

Fr. Paul O'Donoghue, Ballyphehane.

Marjorie Kinsella, Ballinora.

Nora Hogan, Bishopstown.

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

Rose & Tom Scanlan, Bishopstown.

John O'Callaghan, Fr. Sexton Park.

Billy Kelly, Fr. Sexton Park.

Gertrude & Michael Riordan, Glasheen Road.

Kevin Rooney, Park Rd.

Jack & Kathy Foley, Waterfall.

Lawrence Renshaw, Muskerry Estate.

Con Delaney, Kilnaglory.

Katie Ellen & Jim O'Grady, Sligo.

Ellen & John Beamish, Clonakilty.

James Dillon, Sunday's Well.

Orla Murphy O'Mahony.

Patrick & Margaret Sheehan, Kilmurray.

Nicola Callaghan, Muskerry Est.

Deireadh Ré i nGaelscoil Uí Ríordáin

Cómhgháirdeas le Gabriel Ó Cathasaigh, tar-éis dó GS Uí Ríordáin a stiúradh le 41 bliain. Congratulations and best wishes to Gabriel Ó Cathasaigh, who brings the curtain down on 41 years as Principal of Gaelscoil Uí Ríordáin this week. Bunaíodh an scoil i 1983 i gCúl Rua faoi stiúr Gabriel. The school was founded in 1983 and was located in a room above Cuddihy's shop in Coolroe, with 17 pupils enrolled under Gabriel's tutelage. In the intervening years, Gabriel and his team has worked tirelessly to provide a wonderful Gaelscoil for the people of the parish. Buíochas leat, comhghairdeas agus ádh mór ort ar do scor, a Ghabriel! Tá gaisce déanta agat! The school community will say "slán" to Gabriel on Friday next, October 25th and all are welcome to attend, from 12.30pm onwards. Bígí linn.

Preparing to Receive the Sacrament of Confirmation as Adults

Office for Mission and Ministry are running a six-week preparation course for those who are over the age of 18, have been baptised, and have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation, commencing on Thursday, November 7th (7.30pm to 9.00pm) in the Visitors' Centre of The Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Anne, Cork. Please contact the Office for Mission and Ministry (https://corkandross.org/office-for-mission-and-ministry) for more information.

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-formission-and-ministry) for more information.

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 Ninth Week In Ordinary Time

20 Sunday Is 53:10-11. Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22, R/v 22, Heb 4:14-16. Mk 10:35-45. Lect I: 814

21 Monday Eph 2:1-10. Ps 99. Lk 12:13-21. Lect II: 826

22 Tuesday Eph 2:12-22. Ps 84. Lk 12:35-38. Lect II: 828

23 Wednesday Eph 3:2-12. Ps Is.12:2-6. Lk 12:39-48. Lect II: 830

24 Thursday Eph 3:14-21. Ps32. Lk 12:49-53. Lect II: 832

25 Friday Eph 4:1-6. Ps23. Lk 12:54-59. Lect II: 834

26 Saturday Eph. 4:7-16. Ps. 121. Lk. 13:1-9. Lect II: 836

Next Sunday's Readings 27-October-2024 Jer 31:7-9, Ps 125, Heb 5:1-6, Mk 10:46-52, Lect I: 817

MASS TIMES St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light 8:30 am, 10 am 11 am, 12:30 pm Sunday 9:30 am Monday 8:30 am Tuesday 9:30 am 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) 7:30 pm (Vigil) Saturday

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. *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 this weekend 19th & 20th October.

Diocesan Needs Quarterly Collection

The quarterly Diocesan collection which took place last weekend amounted to €1,680. Your support for this collection is greatly appreciated.

Winter Time begins next weekend, all Clocks / Timing devices must go backwards by one hour at 02:00 am on Sunday morning October 27th