

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 27-October-2024



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

The giving of sight in today's gospel, might also be described as the confirmation of faith. Most of us have the faith to turn to Christ when we are in need, but our faith often has to survive the negative voices around us, that would make out that he is indifferent to our needs. We see him today as the Saviour, who cares for our immediate as well as our ultimate needs.

My Trip to Gougane

Every few months, I like to take a trip back to Gougane Barra. I'll pray in the Oratory and then walk through Gougane Barra Forest Park. I always feel like I'm somehow 'returning to the sources' when I'm there. Not only is it the origin of our diocese of Cork, it's also where the river Lee rises. I see the Lee's gentle streams and rivulets cascade from on high and I think of how this very water will flow to the ocean, passing by Ballincollig in the meantime.

To see the tiny streams at Gougane always makes me think of the origins of my vocation, on why I became a priest in Cork and Ross. Similarly, a married couple could think back to those moments when they first met and embarked on their marital journey together. Or, again, a teacher could remember what spurred them to teach in the first place.

To return to the sources is not just necessary but can be quite therapeutic (so long as we don't become trapped by the past). For me, looking to our yesterday informs our today and is a rejuvenating experience.

In November, we do a lot of looking back by remembering our dead. From November 2nd to 10th, we'll have our annual Novena for the Dead, with the Candle Mass for those who've died over the past 12 months celebrated on Friday 8th of November at 19:30 in Saint Mary and Saint John's. It's always a special moment when we look back to remember, pray, and give thanks. But we never just look back. To pray for our dead also demands of us that we each ask ourselves how we can honour this person's memory and what can we learn from them that has made a difference to our lives, that has made us who we are today? This, for me, has made the tradition of praying for the dead far more of a dynamic experience.

Father Ronan Sheehan CC

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.

The Feast of All Saints Day

Friday 1st November Masses - Holy Day of Obligation
Christ Our Light Church
Vigil Mass Thursday 31st October 7.30pm
St. Mary & St. John Church
Friday 1st November 10.00am & 7.30pm

Bank Holiday Monday

Monday October 28th
Morning Mass 9.30am in the Church of St Mary & St John only
There is no 8.30am Mass in Christ our Light Church.

November Novena for the Holy Souls

2nd – 10th November inclusive - There will be weekday morning Masses as usual in both churches during the Novena: 8.30am in Christ our Light and 9.30am in St. Mary & St. John. There will also be evening Mass at 7.30pm in St. Mary & St John's church each day except Saturday and Sunday.

Halloween Wishes for our Kids

Wishing you a Halloween full of treats! Remember that if you eat them all at once, you may turn into a green monster
Also to our readers if attending Jazz Festival do enjoy, otherwise have a safe and enjoyable weekend.



Thought for Today

Parents can sometimes feel like Bartimaeus. We know what the right thing is, but sometimes our friends try to quiet us because we embarrass them. It may be that our friends even agree with us and know that we are right, but it's our voice that embarrasses them. We're causing a stir. Bartimaeus' friends were embarrassed by his loud shouts to Jesus, but Jesus honoured his faith. In the end, Bartimaeus regained his sight and followed Jesus. We can't give in to the shushing of our friends, either. Even when our stand is unpopular, we must follow the way of Jesus.

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

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

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† IN SYMPATHY †
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :
Dawn McDonough, Ballincollig / Midleton.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS OR OTHERWISE REMEMBERED:
Daniel Collins, Westgate/Ovens.
Eileen & Patrick Nolan, Borris, Co Carlow.
Mary Desmond, Westcourt.
Beth Walsh, Inniscarra View.
Jim, Maureen & Rosaleen Curran, Cahersiveen.
Mary Sheehan, Ballincollig/Listowel
Mary Downey, The Lough.
Sheila Collins, The Lough.
John O'Flynn, Powdermills/Fr. Sexton Park
John & Mary Murphy, Rathcormac.
Mary Ellen Murphy, Wilton Rd., Cork.
Philomena Geraldine Murphy, Skibbereen.
Breda O'Donoghue, West Village.
Marie O'Flaherty, Coolroe Meadows.
Mary Harrington, Douglas Street.
John O'Connor, Powdermills.
Betty Howard, Knockraha/Westgate Foundation.
Ted O'Regan, Muskerry Estate.
Phil & Oliver Doyle, Greenwood Estate, Togher.

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.

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.

CUH Patient Advocacy Liaison Service

Cork University Hospital is seeking volunteers to provide a Meet and Greet Volunteer Service within the hospital. The volunteer will greet and assist with giving directions to persons visiting the hospital. Are you a caring individual with 4 hours free once a week for a 6 month period? If yes, please contact Patient Advocacy Liaison Service in CUH. 021 492 2822

From 2nd 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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Thirtieth Week In Ordinary Time

27 Sunday Jer 31:7-9. Ps 125. Heb 5:1-6. Mk 10:46-52. Lect I: 817
28 Monday Eph. 2:19-22. Ps. 18. Lk. 6:12-19. Lect II: 1242
29 Tuesday Eph 5:21-33. Ps 127. Lk 13:18-21. Lect II: 840
30 Wednesday Eph. 6: 1-9. Ps. 144. Lk. 13:22-30 Lect II: 842
31 Thursday Eph 6:10-20. Ps 143. Lk 13:31-35. Lect II: 844
01 Friday Apoc. 7:2-4, 9-14. Ps. 23. 1 In. 3:1-3. Mt. 5:1-12. Lect I: 999 or Lect II: 1244
02 Saturday Is 25:6-9. Ps 26. Rom 5:5-11. Mt 11:25-30. Lect I: 1002

Next Sunday's Readings 03-November-2024

Deut 6:2-6. Ps 17. Heb 7:23-28. Mk 12:28-34. Lect I: 820

MASS TIMES

St. Mary & St. John		Christ Our Light
8:30 am, 10 am	Sunday	11 am, 12:30 pm
9:30 am	Monday	No Mass
9:30 am	Tuesday	8:30 am
9:30 am	Wednesday	8:30 am
9:30 am	Thursday	8:30 am & 7:30 pm (Vigil)
10:00 am & 7:30 pm	Friday	No Mass
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.

First Friday

Friday 1st November is the first Friday of the month. The Mass in St. Mary & St. John's Church on Friday evening at 7.30pm will be that for The Feast of All Saints Day.

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.

Grave Blessing

The blessing of the Graves at St. James Cemetery, Chetwynd, Togher (off Bandon Road) will take place on Sunday, 3rd November at 3.00pm. All are welcome.

Envelope Collection Mission Sunday

The envelope collection for the propagation of the faith which was taken up at all churches last weekend amounted to €1,535. We appreciate your continued generosity.