

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 03-November-2024

Thirty First Sunday In Ordinary Time.

The heart of our faith and its practice, is contained in today's readings. God is one and he is loved with all our being. We are to love our neighbour as ourselves. Both go together. Our faith in God and our love for him, informs our love for our neighbour and this in it's turn, is the expression of our faith—love for God.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

The Commandment of Love

In today's Gospel, one of the Scribes approaches Jesus asking which is the greatest of the commandments of the Law. Jesus refers to the words of Moses, which we hear in the first reading: 'You must love God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength'. Jesus adds a second commandment - just as important as the first: 'you must love your neighbour as yourself'. If our love of God is real, Christ is saying, it will express itself in love for our fellow human beings. This gospel passage focuses on important areas of the Christian life. One is our personal relationship with God. Then there is Jesus' second commandment. If our love for God is genuine, it will naturally take shape in practical concern and service towards others.

When we reflect on how God loves everyone as much as he loves us, we think of everyone in a new way. Everyone is special to God. The love we know God has for ourselves is also the love God also has for the person beside me, those I live with, for my neighbour, for the people I may not particularly like, and the people who may not particularly like me! We are all God's beloved. Everyone is in some way a reflection of God, the God who loves us.

Our second reading from the Letter to the Hebrews talks of Jesus as priest: 'Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him'. When we think of how much God has done for us and how much God loves us we owe him a debt of gratitude.

This week-end, we commemorate the death of our loved ones. In the Preface for Christian death, we pray: 'Lord, for your faithful people, life is changed, not ended'. Death is not an end. For the Christian, death is a door opening to admit his or her soul into eternal life. As we celebrate the sacred memory of all those dear to us, we pray for their eternal joy and peace. "God, our creator and redeemer, by your power Christ conquered death and returned to you in glory. May all our loved ones who have gone before us in faith share his victory and enjoy the vision of your glory for ever."

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.

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.

Castlecomer Male Voice Choir

The Choir will be visiting Ballincollig on the weekend of 8-10 November. As well as a fundraiser on Friday evening in the GAA Pavilion at 7:30 pm (entry free, donations to Cork Penny Dinners), the choir will sing at the 11 am Mass in Christ Our Light on Sunday 10th November.



Thought for Today

Building our families is much like constructing a building in that you need a solid foundation in order to build a worthy structure. There are many things we might name that help build the foundation such as love, and essentials including food, clothing and shelter. Some quality time and holidays may help, too. But the main ingredient, indeed, the cornerstone, is Jesus. Not much else we offer our children will impact their lives as much as the religious foundation we provide. The most important time to remember this valuable lesson is when we feel least like living it ourselves--maybe on Sunday morning when we're too tired to go to mass, or when we get irritated with a neighbour or another driver. We want a solid foundation for our children and need to work continually on building up our family.

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

I love you, Lord, my strength.

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

Finbarr Harrington, Poulovone/Castletownbere.

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

Willie & Timmy Goggin, Goleen.

Bernadette Collins.

Mairead Duffy.

Sadie Martin, Lismore.

Peggy Archer, Connolly Road.

John & Eugene Cremin, Inniscarra.

Cathal O'Neill, Churchfield Road.

Patrick & Ada O'Leary, Poulavone.

Eileen Crowley, Skibbereen.

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Moses urges his people to keep all of God's commandments. Then follows one of the most important statements in all of the Old Testament: "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!" This prayer is as dear to Jews today as it was to Jesus himself and all the apostles. It is a statement of belief in the one true God. Then follows the teaching that was so important to Jesus: we are to love and serve God.

Second Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28

This reading continues the teaching on Jesus the eternal High Priest. Unlike the priests of the Old Testament, whose priesthood died with them, Jesus live forever to intercede for us? He offers to the Father the perfect sacrifice of himself.

Gospel: Mark 12: 28-34

Today's gospel brings us to the heart of Christian living: Love God and love your neighbour. As we gather to celebrate the wonderful love of God for each one of us, we are given strength for the Christian journey. Jesus is asked to name "the first of all the commandments." In the first part of his reply, Jesus quotes the words from today's first reading: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with your entire mind, and with all your strength." Then Jesus adds another commandment, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." Jesus made the two commandments one. We now call this the Great Commandment. Loving God and loving neighbour cannot be separated. We love God by loving our neighbour as we love ourselves. The proof and measure of how we love God is shown in how much we love others.

Youth Ministry Collection

The collection to support Youth Ministry will take place on the weekend of November 9th and 10th. It is not easy to be a young person of faith today. It is important for us to support and encourage our young people in every way we can and encourage them to take part in their local Parish. Sheila Kelleher has begun working as our Diocesan Coordinator for Youth Ministry and there are many youth ministry events planned for the year including Connect 5 (for young adults), Maranatha March 2025 (a faith-based high-energy music event for Post-Primary school students), the launch of the new Youth Alpha (for teenagers), Altar Server training videos and gatherings to support local Parish ministry. In order for this to happen we need to be able to fund this. Please be as generous as you can as we cannot do this without your support. Investing in our young people is vital for the future of the Church.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Thirty First Week In Ordinary Time

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

04 Monday Phil 2:1-4. Ps 130. Lk 14:12-14. Lect II: 850

05 Tuesday Phil 2:5-11. Ps 21.1k 14:15-24. Lect II: 852

06 Wednesday Eccles (Sir) 44:1-15. Ps 125. Lk 6:20-26.

07 Thursday Phil. 3:3-8. Ps. 104. Lk. 15: 1-10. Lect II: 856

08 Friday Phil 3:17-4:1. Ps 121. Lk. 16:1-8. Lect II: 858

09 Saturday Ez. 47:1-2, 8-9, 12, Ps. 45. 1 Cor.3:9-11,16-17. In. 2:13-22. Lect II: 1250 or Lect I:1006

Next Sunday's Readings 10-November-2024

1 Kgs 17:10-16. Ps 145. Heb 9:24-28. Mk 12:38-44. Lect I: 822

MASS TIMES

St. Mary & St. John	Christ Our Light
8:30 am, 10 am	Sunday 11 am, 12:30 pm
9:30 am & 7:30 pm	Monday 8:30 am
9:30 am & 7:30 pm	Tuesday 8:30 am
9:30 am & 7:30 pm	Wednesday 8:30 am
9:30 am & 7:30 pm	Thursday 8:30 am
9:30 am & 7:30 pm	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.

Cemetery Masses

Mass in St. Mary & St. John's Cemetery Saturday 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.

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

Death is not extinguishing the Light, but putting out the Lamp because the Dawn has come.