

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 10-November-2024

Thirty Second Sunday In Ordinary Time.

Our readings today show us two widows giving generously what they could hardly afford to give. Poverty need not lead to bitterness. It can lead to heroic generosity and courage. Such poor as these two widows, stand as a living condemnation of us who have so much. We give so little, as we watch the perpetuation of Injustice and poverty in our world.



Christ Our Light
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"You are with me"

Dear Parishioners,



As you know, for health reasons I will soon have to return to my homeland, Poland. I was wondering for a while what to write to you and finally decided to write only this: Each of us has our favorite sentence from the Bible. My favourite one is taken from Psalm 23: "You are with me". This sentence assures me that God is close to me in every situation. And I really feel His presence and closeness. Also now, when I am faced with the decision to return to Poland for health reasons, I trust that God has a plan for this and that it is for a reason.

The last almost 5 years in Ballincollig (including 2 years in Ballincollig – Ballinora – Ovens/Farran Family of Parishes) and before that the time in Clonakilty, have been a wonderful experience for me as a priest. I have received so much good, I have made many friends, I have met many people – children, adults, and the elderly. For this I am extremely grateful to God and to you, my parishioners.

I would like to express this gratitude publicly during my last Eucharist, which I will celebrate in Christ Our Light church in Ballincollig on Sunday, 17 November 2024, at 12.30pm. I cordially invite you all to pray together.

I hope that we will be able to meet in the church next Sunday. I ask you for prayers and I assure you of my prayers as well.

God bless

Fr. Kamil Bachara

Bishop Congratulates Ballincollig on its Tidy Towns win

Bishop Fintan Gavin, Bishop of Cork and Ross, has joined with local priests in congratulating Ballincollig on its historic first in the Supervalu Tidy Towns Awards.

Ballincollig has been named Ireland's Tidiest Town and overall winner of Ireland's Tidiest Large Urban Centre.

Bishop Gavin joins with Fr. Alan O'Leary, Co-PP, Ballincollig, and Moderator of the Family of Parishes which includes Ballincollig, Ballinora and Ovens, and the other priests in sending best wishes to Tom Butler, Chairman of Ballincollig Tidy Towns Committee and the many volunteers who have reaped the rewards of consistent dedication and community spirit.

"This only comes about," Bishop Fintan said, "because so many people have put their community and their place first. I congratulate everyone involved in putting Ballincollig deservedly on the list of towns with pride in their places".



Reflection for Parents

Sometimes we grow impatient when we read the scriptures that anticipate Christ's return. After all, it's been two thousand years and not a word! It's easy for all of us to be lulled into complacency by such silence. But we not only have a responsibility to ourselves to be prepared, we must impress upon our children the importance of being ready for Jesus when he returns. One way to do this is show our children how the Kingdom of God has already begun. Even though the Kingdom is not complete yet, we can point out signs where life today is in some ways already like the Kingdom. For example people loving one another, caring for one another, and reaching out to one another in kindness, are all ways that point toward the coming Kingdom.

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

My soul give praise to the Lord.

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

John Crowley, Muskerry Estate.
Joan Philpott, Aisling Close.
Hilary Murphy, Ballincollig / Cobh.

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

Nora O'Callaghan, Lee View, Carrigrohane.
John & Hanna O'Connor.
Steven Barry, Churchview.
John O'Sullivan, Curraheen Drive.
Lily O'Riordan, Beech Park.
Timmy Cotter, Leo Murphy Tce.
Mary Boast, Rochester/Youghal.
Maureen O'Connell, Ballingulley.
Therese & Hilary Browne, Frankfield.
Gerald & Chris Linehan, Ballyvolane.
Abbie McCarthy, Avoncourt.
Mary Dineen, Shandon View.
Larry Power, Wyndham Lawn.
Patsy Finn, Glincool Lawn.
Margaret Flanagan, Castlepark.

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16
'Do not be afraid!' Elijah says to the widow. In times of loss, in moments of struggle, on the day when all avenues of escape seem to be closed, we are called to stand firm and remember that God does not abandon his people to death and despair. God will always find a way. Trust in him.

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28
Christ does not measure himself out in terms of what he has to spare. He holds nothing back from the Father and he holds nothing back from us. He gives himself totally, once and for all, emptying himself so that we might be filled with the divine life forfeited by our first parents. Christ teaches us how to give so that we may receive the abundance of God's mercy.

Gospel Reading: Mark 12:38-44
If we make a show of holiness we make a mockery of God. It is in the hidden, ordinary acts of love that true heroism is most often shown. If we are lavish in our outward demonstration of piety or charity but have hearts turned in on ourselves, what do we hope to gain? God sees not only our actions but also the intentions which lie behind them and we will be rewarded not so much for how much we give but for how much it costs us to give. The more we hold on to, the less free we are to move forward. They achieve holiness who dare to risk everything for God.

Youth Ministry Collection

The collection to support Youth Ministry will take place this weekend 9th and 10th November. 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 Second Week In Ordinary Time

- 10 Sunday 1 Kgs 17:10-16. Ps 145. Heb 9:24-28. Mk 12:38-44. Lect I: 822
- 11 Monday Tit 1:1-9. Ps. 23. Lk. 17:1-6. Lect II: 862
- 12 Tuesday Tit 2:1-8, 11-14. Ps 36. Lk 17:7-10. Lect II: 864
- 13 Wednesday Tit. 3:1-7. Ps. 22. Lk. 17:11-19. Lect II: 866
- 14 Thursday Philem. 7-20. Ps. 145. Lk. 17:20-25. Lect II: 869
- 15 Friday 2 Jn. 4-9. Ps. 118. Lk. 17:26-37. Lect II: 871
- 16 Saturday 3 Jn. 5-8. Ps. 111. Lk. 18:1-8. Lect II: 873

Next Sunday's Readings 17-November-2024

Dan 12:1-13. Ps 15. Heb 10:11-14, 18. Mk 13:24-32. Lect I: 826

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.

Offertory Collection Boxes

The Offertory Collection is solely for the upkeep, maintenance, insurance, lighting, heating and related expenses of both churches. Could the people who have a box number allocated to them, please collect them from Sonas, Station Road. Mon. – Wed. 9.30am – 12.30pm? Postcode: P31 V443.

Cork Education and Training Board

Ballincollig Community School (BCS) is promoting awareness and opportunities to students on post-leaving Cert courses in the Cork area. We will have stands/booths from Colleges of Further Education and Apprenticeship from 6:30 PM on November 26th, followed by a presentation given by John Fitzgibbons, Director of Further Education and Training.

Special Remembrance Service

Farranree Parish will host a special Remembrance Service for Children lost during pregnancy or at birth at 7.00 p.m. on Friday evening, 29th November 2024, in the Church of the Resurrection, Farranree [T23 NV97].