

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 17-November-2024

Thirty Third Sunday In Ordinary Time  
*Some of the images in today's readings, may appear incomprehensible to many but they give us hope. God had promised to bring about the transformation of this fallen world, the resurrection of the dead. The timing belongs to God. Our part is to live in hope, through the difficulties of our life and history.*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

## Preparing for God's Kingdom

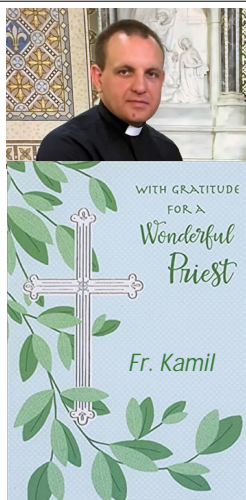
As we come towards the end of the liturgical year, the readings remind us of an important truth of our Christian Faith - when Christ will return in glory to gather the chosen to share in his everlasting glory. The first reading taken from the Prophet Daniel tells us of the protective power of God over all creation and over all people when he took care of his people all through the years of persecution and oppression. In the Gospel Jesus is telling his disciples that although the end of the world is being described with such terrible signs, they are to look forward to the end of time when the chosen will be gathered into his Kingdom. All of us are called upon to be prepared. No one, says Jesus, not even he himself knows when the end will come. The end of time is intended to be a happy event when we will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory and he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the ends of the world'. In the second reading we are reminded that 'Christ offered one single sacrifice for sins by which he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying'. Jesus opens to us the gates of Heaven.

The readings today are a reminder and an invitation for us to reflect and prepare for our own death. We know for sure that each one of us will face death one day. All we can do is be prepared. For all of us it is the most significant moment of our lives. What a beautiful moment that will be when we'll meet our God face to face. It is the moment for which everything in this life is a preparation - all that we say or do to others Jesus takes as done to himself. The day of judgement is each day - my final 'yes' or 'no' to God is how I respond to the little situations of today. God is the ultimate judge of anyone's life and we know that he, who sees our innermost thoughts, struggles and actions, is a compassionate and merciful God. We may be living in uncertain times with a lot of fear and anxiety but as we prepare for the coming of God's Kingdom, let us take with us today the message of hope and trust in the words of the Psalmist: "I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever".

## Shalom World

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## With Gratitude for a Wonderful Priest - Fr. Kamil

To a wonderful priest and friend Fr. Kamil, last weekend we published a very sincere message from you outlining the reasons for you returning home to your native Poland. It was a little sad to read that a health diagnosis is the grounds for you returning home.

You will be deeply missed by all of us in The Family of Parishes and by the Polish community with whom you also shared your ministry.

Today's 12:30 Mass in Christ our Light is your last Eucharist to celebrate with us and it will be poignant moment for you. We will miss your singing voice and all the short stories you occasionally gave preceding your homilies. Even though English is not your first language, you always spoke so proficiently and warmly to your congregation. The choir were also competing with you in singing "He is Lord" in Polish!

We were all sorry to learn of your ill-health and we are sending our best wishes to you as you begin your treatment. May the light of "Christ our Light" shine on you always.

Lord grant Fr. Kamil strength, patience, and a spirit of resilience during this time of recovery  
May God's love surround you and your family.

*The Parishioner Team*

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

*Preserve Me, God, I Take Refuge In You.*

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† IN SYMPATHY †  
 PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :  
 Majorie Kinsella, Ballyshoneen.  
 Patrick O’Hara, South Douglas Rd.  
 Maura O’Neill, Westmeath.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS OR OTHERWISE REMEMBERED:  
 Michael & Mary Costello, Greenfields.  
 Tim Lyons, Inniscarra.  
 William Barry, Ballyvolane.  
 Jim Walsh, Beech Park.  
 Jim Hickey, Cranford Grove/Aherla.  
 Cliona Thuillier (nee Cummins), Kinsale/Douglas.  
 The Barry-Murphy family, Carriganarra.  
 Michael Twohig, Sweetbriar Lane.  
 Denis & Kathleen Murphy, The Crescent.  
 Ellis McDermot, Poulavone.  
 Gary Yelverton, Ballincollig / Inniscarra.  
 Vincent, Bridget & Frankie Moran, London & Cork.  
 Kathleen O’Keeffe, Aylesbury.  
 Mary Delaney, Inniscarra View.  
 Dan Kidney, Muskerry Estate.  
 Anne Hartnett, Ovens.  
 Charles O’Leary, Minister’s Cross,  
 John O’Shea, Innishannon.  
 Hugh Collins, Innishmore Drive / Dunmanway  
 Matt & Gertie Treacy, Dunmanway.

**THE SUNDAY READINGS**  
 First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3  
 The Book of Daniel is filled with special images of what the future will be like. This passage gives the first hint in the Bible of the resurrection from the dead. It is not a description of what will happen; it is only a vision, like a work of poetry. Daniel speaks about Michael, the archangel of God, who will lead the just and those who work for justice into the everlasting life of heaven. Heaven is our future, where we will be with God forever. There every tear will be gone; we will have fullness of life forever with God and all those whom we love.  
 Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14, 18  
 Jesus, our High Priest, has taken his place at God’s right hand in heaven.  
 Gospel: Mark 13: 24-32  
 Jesus refers to the prophecy of Daniel, adding that only the Father knows when the end will come. Let us pray in today’s liturgy for ourselves and for the whole Church, that the Lord may find us ready when he returns. May we not be doing foolish things or be living in fear, but be awaiting the kingdom with hope as we strive to do God’s will.

**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/ boots 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].

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Thirty Third Week In Ordinary Time

- 17 Sunday Dan 12:1-13. Ps 15. Heb 10:11-14, 18. Mk 13:24-32. Lect I: 826
- 18 Monday Apoc 1:1-4, 2:1-5. Ps 1. Lk 18:35-43. Lect II: 875
- 19 Tuesday Apoc. 3:1-6, 14-22. Ps. 14. Lk. 19:1-10. Lect II: 877
- 20 Wednesday Apoc. 4:1-11. Ps. 150. Lk. 19:11-28. Lect II: 880
- 21 Thursday Zech 2:1417. Ps Lk 1:46-55. Mt 12:46-50. Lect II: 1271
- 22 Friday Apoc 10:8-11. Ps 118 Lk 19:45-48. Lect II: 885
- 23 Saturday Apoc 11:4-12. Ps 143. Lk 20:27-40. Lect II: 886

Next Sunday’s Readings 24-November-2024

Dan 7:13-14. Ps 92. Apoc 1:5-8. Jn 18:33-37. Lect I: 829

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.

**Youth Ministry Collection**

The collection to support Youth Ministry which was taken up last weekend amounted to €2,750. It is not easy to be a young person of faith today. We appreciate your continued generosity.

**Ballincollig Alzheimer Café**

The Ballincollig Alzheimer Café will take place on Thursday the 21st of November in The Chapel Gate Café in Ballincollig P31XP38, FRO, at 3pm to 5p.m.

This month’s Topic is “Citizen Information Service” and our Guest speaker is Helen Roche.