

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 12-January-2025



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

The Baptism Of The Lord

At his baptism Jesus was revealed as the Son of God and began his work of bringing the vision of God, his justice and his liberation to people. At our baptism each of us is given a share in this mission, so we become children of God.



Christ Our Light
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The Baptism of Jesus

The baptism of Jesus provides an opportunity to reflect on the meaning of my own Baptism and what difference does it make to be baptised. The ceremony of baptism is a beautiful ceremony. We are welcomed formally into the family of Christ and given our name. There are many parts to the ceremony. The formal welcome of the child by the priest, parents and wider family to the family of Christ with the sign of the Cross is a special moment. This reminds us that Baptism introduces us to a way of life, a way of living and behaving in the family of Christ. The water in baptism symbolises life, the everlasting life of God. This share in the life of God is a gift to be treasured, a gift to be nurtured and an inspiration in our daily living.

The anointings in baptism remind us of our dignity as God's family and encourages us to live accordingly. The lighted candle reminds us of the Christ, a light to guide and inspire us. The white robe reminds us that we are blessed with the gift of faith and called by Christ to commit ourselves to his way of life and Gospel.

Baptism is the first and most important sacrament we receive. Just as a child is precious and priceless to parents so also at baptism we are reminded that we are precious to God. The giving of a name to us emphasises our dignity and uniqueness. Parents are entrusted with the privilege of being the first teachers in the ways of the faith. "God welcomes you into his holy people, may you live always as a member of his body." Baptism is a ritual but much more, when we are invited to a baptism ceremony, try to take part as best we can at least in the responses and perhaps as a reader. May the Holy Spirit give us the strength to live our baptism in our everyday life.

Family Mass

Our next Family Mass will be celebrated at 12.30 p.m. at Christ our Light church on Sunday, January 19th next. Our Family Mass gives all family members an opportunity to attend and enjoy Mass together as a Family on a regular basis. It gives everyone the opportunity to experience the strength and support that God gives us through Mass and in particular through the Eucharist in which Jesus comes to us in a very real way. We look forward to welcoming everyone and families to this Mass.

In God's Tomorrow There Is Eternal Spring

All nature heeds the call of spring as God awakens everything, and all that seemed so dead and still experiences a sudden thrill as springtime lays a magic hand across god's vast and fertile land. Oh, the joy in standing by to watch a sapphire spring-time sky or see a fragile flower break through what just a day ago or two seemed barren ground still hard with frost, for in god's world, no life is lost, and flowers sleep beneath the ground, but when they hear spring's waking sound, they push themselves through layers of clay to reach the sunlight of god's day. and man and women, like flowers, too, must sleep until called from the darkened deep to live in that place where angels sing and where there is eternal spring.



Reflection for Parents

Most parents know what it means to be pleased with our children. Even when they do things that annoy, challenge, or disappoint us, we love our children. Although we experience some notion of unconditional love with our own children, it is difficult for us to grasp the magnitude of God's love for us, even when we annoy, challenge, or disappoint Him. Through our baptism, we are members of God's family and will know the unconditional love of a parent.



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

The Lord Will Bless His People With Peace.

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

- Esther O'Driscoll, Castlepark.
- Freddie Strahan, Dublin.
- Mary Barrett, Inniscarra View.
- Oliver Delaney, Inniscarra View.
- Eleanor Horgan, Parknamore Rise.
- John Creedon, Carriganarra.
- Mary Agnes Prendiville, West Village.
- Christine (Chris) Kavanagh, Beech Park.
- Nuala Murphy, Manor Hill.
- Hetty Lee, Bishopstown.
- Derek Mannion, Roscommon.
- Standish O'Grady, Coolroe Heights.

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

- Patrick & Margaret Kenneally, Curraheen.
- Veronica O'Dwyer, Castlepark.
- Sr. Joan Vallely, Manchester.
- Frank Collins, Ballingulley.
- John O'Brien, Muskerry Est.
- Jeremiah Walsh, Barley Grove, The Maltings.
- RI Raj, India.
- Orla Flavin, Rushbrooke, Cobh.
- Peter Healy, Beech Park.
- Alison Murphy, Wyndham Downs.
- Dermot & Nel Cronin, Pouladuff Rd.
- Dan O'Connor, Farnanes Nth.
- Jack McCarthy, Ballintemple.

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7
"Here is my servant whom I uphold. I, the Lord, have called you for the victory of justice," said Isaiah. "To open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners," and to make you a light for the nations.

Second Reading: Acts 10: 34-38
God does not play favourites. All who fear the Lord are justified. God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and the power to do good works and heal all in need.

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17
Jesus came to the Jordan River to be baptised by John. At first John objected and said that it was he, John, who should be baptised by Jesus. Jesus indicated a future baptism when he responded to John saying that it was fitting for John to baptise Jesus. John acquiesced and at the conclusion of the baptism, the Spirit came down from heaven in the form of a dove and clearly announced Jesus as his son. God was pleased with His son.

Muskerry Local History Society

Muskerry Local History Society is organising a very interesting presentation on early 20th century Cork politics on Monday, 13th January at 7.00 pm in Ballincollig Rugby Club. This concerns the political battles between the O'Brienites and the Redmondites which often turned into real street battles. The lecture will be given by John O'Donovan, UCC, who did his doctorate on the All-for-Ireland League.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

First Week In Ordinary Time

- 12 Sunday Is. 42:1-4, 6-7. Ps. 28. Acts. 10:34-38. Mt. 3:13-17. Lect I: 179
- 13 Monday Heb. 1:1-6. Ps. 96. Mk. 1:14-20. Lect II: 3
- 14 Tuesday Heb. 2:5-12. Ps. 8. Mk. 1:21-28. Lect II: 5
- 15 Wednesday Heb. 2: 14-18. Ps. 104. Mk. 1:29-39. Lect II: 7
- 16 Thursday Heb. 3:7-14. Ps. 94. Mk. 1:40-45. Lect II: 9
- 17 Friday Heb. 4:1-5/ 11. Ps. 77. Mk. 2:1-12. Lect II: 11
- 18 Saturday Heb. 4:12-16. Ps. 18. Mk. 2:13-17. Lect II:13

Next Sunday's Readings 19-January-2025

Is. 62: 1-5. Ps. 95. 1 Cor. 12:4-11. Jn. 2: 1-11. Lect I: 838

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	No Mass
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.

Diocesan Envelope Collection

The quarterly collection in aid of the Diocesan Funds will be taken up this weekend 12th/13th January at all masses.

Ballincollig Alzheimer Café

The Ballincollig Alzheimer Café will take place on Thursday the 16th of January in The Chapel Gate Café in Ballincollig P31 XP38 from 3pm to 5pm. This month's Topic is "Money and Advice on Budgeting" and our Guest speaker is Jennifer Boyton.