

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 19-January-2025

Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

A wedding is a time for joyful celebration; it is a time of hope and promise. According to John the wedding at Cana marked the beginning of Jesus' ministry. It showed the joy and plenty that his coming brings because in him, God's promised love is present reality.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Wedding Feast

Jesus - The Invited Guest to the Wedding Feast

The best until last

Is He first or last on our guest list of life and its unfolding events?

No matter how popular or how unpopular we might feel we are at times most of us have experienced what it is like to be involved in organising and hosting a special occasion like a birthday party, a wedding reception, an anniversary party, a family reunion, a station mass, a school event.

Life provides us with due reason to remember and celebrate significant occasions and events in our lives.

Even when we are small we have our list of friends who we are eager to share our toys and our joys with and there are others who haven't quite managed to impress us and so we inevitably exclude them.

And we know too that there are some people who are very talented at organising these things and they are the sort of people you put on your invitation list straight away because you can rely on them and depend on them to help things run smoothly.

Today's Gospel reading reflects the interaction that took place with Jesus in the ordinary events of everyday life. He often revealed, taught, healed and transformed situations which made things that much better for those who encountered the dual effects of His divinity and humanity. Jesus and his mother Mary at a wedding reception in Cana.

They are invited guests and turn out to be guests with human understanding and consideration for their hosts who find themselves without the necessities. The miracle of Jesus changing water into wine at Cana is a statement regarding his giving of something of his humanity and his godhead to others.

This is the mystery of Jesus' embodiment of the human condition and the incarnation of Jesus as the word made flesh and evermore dwelling among us. The mixed response is of both a human and godlike nature. Jesus was able to fulfill a short term human need but also reveal the gifts of the infinite that he offers to all who would invite him to be their guest in the significant moments of our lives.

It is no coincidence that the sacraments of the Church run alongside and parallel with birth, childhood, adolescence, adulthood, sickness, old age, death. As I see it Jesus wishes to be in partnership with us throughout our lives. The readings today speak of Jesus' partnership with us in terms commonly applied to marriage. It is Jesus who is the eternal bridegroom joined to his people.

How is our partnership with Him going?

Family Mass

Our next Family Mass will be celebrated at 12.30 p.m. at Christ our Light church on today Sunday, January 19th. The 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.

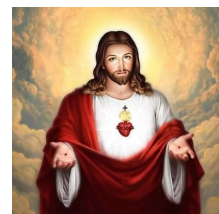
Celebrating Altar Servers Gathering

The gathering for Altar Servers, parents, priests and adult volunteers who look after them to celebrate Altar Serving in a fun atmosphere and to look at how we can develop this ministry together will take place on Saturday, January 25th from 2.30pm to 4.00pm in Frankfield & Grange Parish Centre. The parish centre is just behind the Church of the Incarnation, Frankfield/Grange, Douglas, Cork, T12 A660. Parking is available in the church car park.



Reflection for Parents

The point Jesus wanted to illustrate by performing this sign was to introduce a change. Many scholars interpret the wedding as the new age and the huge stone jars represent the magnitude of the wonder. There is great abundance in the story and that is the message of the new order Jesus promises - God lavishes us with his abundant love and we come to know that love through



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

Lawerence Cunningham, Rosewood.
Mary Brennan, Ballincollig/Inniscarra.
Tim Twomey, Kilcorney.

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

Joseph Sheehan, Kilcorney.
Kevin Byrne, Parknamore.
Marie Angelini, Beech Park.
DJ O’Shea, Maltings/Eeeries.
Jim Green, The Square.
Teresa Mulcahy, Westgate.
May Lyons, Cathedral Road.
Lyons & Holt families.
Patricia Goodwin, Killarney & Glasheen.
Bartholomew Murphy, Aylesbury.
Una Twohig, Sweetbriar Lane.
Deceased members of the Murphy family.
Haulie O’Mahony, Mains Street.
Matthew Matthew, India.
Jose Isaac Garcia Rodriguez, Mexico.
Sean Connolly, Skibbereen.
Daniel Morrissey, Ballyphehane.
Pat Sheehan, Coachford.
John Cotter, Wyndham Downs.
Michael Carroll, Coolroe Heights.
Patsy Coleman, Glasheen.
Mary Keohane, Model Farm Road.
May Keohane, Inniscarra.
Eily & Tom O’Riordan, Cloghroe.
Patricia Goodwin, Glasheen & Killarney.
Gerard Deasy, Aherla.
Peg O’Flynn, Fr Sexton Park.

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Is 62:1-5
God’s people will be shown to be right; this will be their day of vindication. God will take his people to himself, like a bridegroom, like a new husband.

Second Reading: Cor 12:4-11
People have many different gifts. Nevertheless, the Church is united, because all these gifts come from the one God.

Gospel: John 2:1-11.
While the Wedding in Cana is a familiar story, it only appears in John’s Gospel. Scholars call it the first of Jesus’ signs. Mary, Jesus’ mother, observed that the wine was running low at a wedding feast she and Jesus were attending. She didn’t specifically ask Jesus to do something about the situation, but he understood the implication. He instructed the servants to fill six stone jars with water and then take some to the waiter in charge. The waiter was surprised that the bridegroom had saved the best wine for last. The servants were surprised because they knew the jars were filled with water and they had witnessed something remarkable.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Second Week In Ordinary Time

- 19 Sunday Is 62: 1-5. Ps. 95. 1 Cor 12:4-11. Jn 2:1-11. Lect I: 838
- 20 Monday Heb 5:1-10. Ps 109. Mk 2:18-22. Lect II: 15
- 21 Tuesday Heb 6:10-20. Ps 110. Mk 2:23-28. Lect II: 17
- 22 Wednesday Heb 7:1-3, 15-17. Ps 109. Mk 3:1-6. Lect II: 19
- 23 Thursday Heb 7:25-8:6. Ps 39. Mk 3:7-12. Lect II: 21
- 24 Friday Heb. 8:6-13. Ps. 84. Mk. 3:13-19. Lect II: 23
- 25 Saturday Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22. Ps 116. Mk 16:15-18. Lect II: 928

Next Sunday’s Readings 26-January-2025
Neh 8:2-6, 8-10. Ps 18. 1 Car 12:12-30. Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21. Lect I: 841

MASS TIMES

| St. Mary & St. John | | Christ Our Light |
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| 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 which was taken up at all Masses last weekend amounted to €1,405. We appreciate your continued generosity.

Year of Prayer, Listening and Discernment

Family of Parish Gatherings – Next Steps: Over the next four months all the Parishes and Families of Parishes of our Diocese will be involved in the next stage of our Year of Prayer, Listening and Discernment. This will involve representatives of each Parish Leadership Team participating in 3 meetings over 3 weeks reflecting on the questions posed in Bishop Fintan’s invitation in September. Since September, people individually and in Parishes have been praying the Diocesan Prayer from the Boat. As we continue to pray this prayer together, we pray for the success of these gatherings and we pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us as together we try to pray, listen and discern God’s future for our Church.