

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 26-January-2025

Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

*We come together on Sunday to listen to the scriptures and to have them explained. Here it is God who speaks to us through his Son. His Spirit continues to work on us to inspire us with his message of freedom and encouragement for all in need.*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

## Sunday of the Word of God

Saint Luke tells us that, just before his Ascension, the Risen Lord appeared to the apostles, and broke bread with them. 'He then opened their minds to understand the Scriptures' (24:45). This is how Pope Francis begins his apostolic letter, *Aperuit illis*, issued 30 September 2019, the feast of St Jerome, instituting the Sunday of the Word of God. 'The relationship between the Risen Lord, the community of believers and sacred Scripture is essential to our identity as Christians. Without the Lord who opens our minds to them, it is impossible to understand the Scriptures in depth. Yet the contrary is equally true: without the Scriptures, the events of the mission of Jesus and of his Church in this world would remain incomprehensible. Hence, Saint Jerome could rightly claim: "Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ."

At the end of the Year of Mercy Pope Francis had proposed setting aside 'a Sunday given entirely to the word of God, so as to appreciate the inexhaustible riches contained in that constant dialogue between the Lord and his people'. He declares the Third Sunday in Ordinary to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God. He notes this as a fitting time 'to strengthen our bonds with the Jewish people and to pray for Christian unity'. As well as highlighting the proclamation of the word of the Lord and emphasising it in the homily he suggests a celebration of the commissioning of readers, renewed efforts to provide them with 'training needed to be genuine proclaimers of the word' and the giving of the Bible or one of its books to the entire assembly 'as a way of showing the importance of learning how to read, appreciate and pray daily with sacred scripture, especially through the practice of *lectio Divina*.

### **Foundations in Theology and Sycamore Programmes for Young Adults**

The Diocese of Cork and Ross, in collaboration with UCC Chaplaincy and the Presentation Brothers LEAF Project, is offering two exciting programmes for young adults (18-35 years), starting on Wednesday 29th January from 6-8pm in Mardyke House, Cork, T12 W8RP. Both programmes will run concurrently over the next 10 weeks:

- ◆ **Foundations in Theology:** This introductory programme explores the fundamentals of our Christian faith. Sessions will be presented by various experts, including some of our own priests.
- ◆ **Sycamore Formation Series:** A welcoming and accessible starting point for young adults interested in learning more about the Catholic faith.

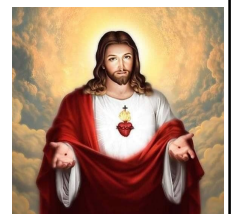
Each session will begin with food and refreshments, and provide participants with an opportunity to engage in meaningful discussion. To sign up or for more information, please email Sheila at [youthministry@corkandross.org](mailto:youthministry@corkandross.org)

### **Jubilee of Youth Pilgrimage to Rome Launch**

Bishop Fintan will lead a group of fifty young people (18 to 30 years) to Rome this summer from the 28th July to the 4th August for Jubilee of Youth Pilgrimage. It is a once in a life opportunity for our young people to not only meet the Pope, to experience the Eternal City, but also to be encouraged and inspired as they meet other young people of faith from all continents. Hundreds of thousands of young people are expected to travel and to experience this Jubilee Celebration, which only happens every twenty five years in the Church. The pilgrimage will cost €550 per person (plus fundraising) and will include seven nights half board at the Irish College, Travel Insurance, a 20Kg bag, and a pilgrim kit. There will be a special Launch Evening on Thursday 6th February at 7.30pm in Mardyke House (T12 W8RP).

### **Reflection for Parents**

Our children are really all the things listed in what Jesus read from Isaiah. They are poor because they really depend on us for their every material need. They are not free because they are too young and inexperienced to live on their own. While they're not completely blind, much of what they do see has been shaped by our own vision. When we think of all we do for our children, it becomes clearer all that Jesus is for us.



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

*Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.*

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

Terry Connolly, Muskerry Estate.  
Eddie Hogan, Carriganarra Estate.  
Agnes Theron O'Donovan, Station Road/France.  
Tom Singleton, Cathedral Road.

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

Timothy Dinneen, Curraheen Cross.  
Damien Lucey, Rosewood/Perth.  
Eddie O'Donovan, Station Road.  
Seán Nolan, Coolroe Meadows.  
Mary O'Mahony, Castlepark.  
Dec. members of the O'Mahony family, Clash.  
Dec. members of the O'Leary family, AGLISH, Farran.  
Dec. members of the Ryan family, Carrigtwohill.  
Dec. members of the Reilly & Hanney families.  
Eileen & Arthur Gardiner, Killmona, Grenagh.  
John Duggan, Parnell Terrace.  
Sheila O'Mahony, Coachford/Ballyvolane.  
Denis O'Donoghue, West Village.  
Michael Canty, Daffodil Fields.  
Frank Crowley, Greenfields.  
Ellen Buckley, Bakers Rd.  
Bernard Curran, Ballincollig.  
Myrtle Holloway, Limerick.  
Jerry & Maura Hurley, Ballinora & their grandson Tony Ahern, Farran.  
Kate Healy, Togher.  
Jeremiah McDonnell, Killeen, Donoughmore.

**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-4,5-6,8-10  
We become witnesses to a Sabbath service at which Ezra preaches on the law and reminds the congregation to rejoice and celebrate the Lord's Day.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30  
Paul tells the people of Corinth that Jesus came to unite the entire world into one family of faith. He wants them to understand the special part given to each in the Body of Christ.

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4. 4:14-21.  
The first part of today's Gospel introduces Luke's Gospel and Acts. Luke recalled for his readers that stories had been handed down by eyewitnesses and written down by others. He intended, however, to improve on the order of these earlier accounts. The lectionary moves us to another beginning and that is the beginning of Jesus' ministry. He had travelled throughout Galilee teaching in the synagogue. This day, he was in his home town of Nazareth where he unrolled a scroll and proclaimed the words of Isaiah. The Spirit of the Lord will come upon one who will free captives, favour the poor, and give sight to the blind. After Jesus rolled up the scroll, he told his listeners that those words had been fulfilled in him.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Third Week In Ordinary Time

26 Sunday Neh 8:2-6, 8-10. Ps 18. 1 Car 12:12-30. Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21. Lect I: 841  
27 Monday Heb 9:15, 24-28. Ps 97. Mk 3:22-30. Lect II: 27  
28 Tuesday Heb 10:1-10. Ps 39. Mk 3:31-35. Lect II: 29  
29 Wednesday Heb 10:11-18. Ps 109. Mk 4:1-20. Lect II: 31  
30 Thursday Heb. 10:19-25. Ps. 23. Mk. 4:21-25. Lect I: 34  
31 Friday Heb. 10:32-39. Ps. 36. Mk. 4:26-34. Lect II: 35  
01 Saturday Job 31:16-20, 24-25, 31-32 or Eph 3:14-21. Ps 106. Lk 6:32-38. National Proper

Next Sunday's Readings 02-February-2025

Mal 3:1-4 or Heb 2:14-18. Ps23. Lk 2:22-40. Lect I: 967 or II: 940

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.

**St. Brigid's Day**

St. Brigid's Day will be celebrated at 8.30am and 9.30am Masses on Friday, 31st January.

**The Feast of St. Blaise**

The Feast of St. Blaise is on Monday, 3rd February which is also a bank holiday. There will be 9.30am Mass in St. Mary & St. John's Church. There will be blessing of the throats at this Mass.

**Ballincollig Alpha Youth**

Ballincollig Alpha Youth group is starting on Wednesday 5th of February 8:00-9:30pm in The Carraig Centre - Ages: 12-18. Join a conversation on life, faith and purpose.

To register call: 085 240 0938.

**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.