

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 09-February-2025

## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*The vocation to serve God does not follow a standard pattern; it is as unique as the person who is called. It came for Isaiah while he was at prayer; it came for Peter in the middle of his work. For both men it meant a sense of unworthiness before the presence of God, but both learnt that the service of God does not spring from innate human goodness as much as from the forgiving power of God's love.*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

## Responding to God's Call

In today's Readings, we see where Isaiah, Paul and Peter were most grateful to God for having chosen them and they made a great effort to answer their calling as best they could. This is not to say that they were perfect! Isaiah saw himself as a sinner not worthy of being in the presence of Yahweh. St. Paul started on the wrong track by persecuting the Christians. St. Peter expresses his awareness of Christ's greatness and his own inadequacy: "Depart from me Lord, for I am a sinful man." All of them were weak. All of them made mistakes. But each of them placed their complete trust in God who filled them with his grace and gave them a mission to fulfil.

Like Isaiah, Paul and Peter, we are not perfect! There are times in our own lives when we realize our own human frailty, especially when faced with our shortcomings and failures. If Jesus could use the apostles with their obvious weaknesses, he can also use each one of us!

Having received the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, God has also given us a mission to fulfil. He calls us to make a difference in our world of today. God who created us for some special purpose here on earth, knows our potential and what we can do to reach out to others in his name. He gives us the grace we need to respond to the challenges and the opportunities that come our way. We are not alone - the Lord is with us and he reassures us as he reassured Peter: 'Do not be afraid'.

On Tuesday next The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, we celebrate 'World Day of Prayer for the Sick'. On this day we pray for all who are suffering, especially those in our Parish community: 'Compassionate and loving God we entrust our sick brothers and sisters to Your loving care. We pray your blessing on all those in hospitals, nursing homes, hospice care, palliative care, and the sick and elderly in their own homes. May You be their source of comfort when they are experiencing pain. May You be their source of hope, in moments of despair. May You be their solace and inspiration when they are unable to lift their hearts, minds and voices to You in prayer. May they experience Your healing touch and Your healing love as they put their faith and trust in You. Amen.

## Family Mass

Our next Family Mass will be celebrated at 12.30p.m. at Christ our Light church on Sunday, 16th February. 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.

## An Invitation to All – Ballinora – Ballincollig – Ovens and Farran Family of Parishes

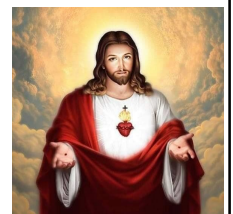


A Prayer service will take place in St James Church, Ballinora on Tuesday the 25th February from 7.30pm-8.15pm. Please help us celebrate Jubilee Year 2025 as Pilgrims of Hope. If you cannot attend, join us online on [www.churchservices.tv/ballinora](http://www.churchservices.tv/ballinora)

## Reflection for Parents



Jesus wants us to be active in spreading his Kingdom, but he will help us and guide us. We can start by considering with our children the good things in our lives, and thanking God for them. Just as Jesus called Peter and his friends through their fishing, so he calls us through the wonders of our daily lives. In today's Mass we hear the call of Jesus to 'put out into the deep'. We pray for the grace to recognise what the Lord is calling us to do and to answer, 'Here I am, send me'.



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

*Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.*

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

Louie O'Leary, Knockburden.  
Sr. Assumption, India.  
Dermot O'Sullivan, Ballincollig.

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

Tadgh, Maureen & John O'Regan, Poulavone.  
Tim Murphy, Glounthane.  
Timothy O'Keeffe, Muskerry Estate.  
Mairead & William Boyce, Milford.  
Michael Murray, Beech Park/Carriganarra.  
Thomas Scully, Castlemartyr.  
Christy Curran, Courtmacsherry.  
John & Joan Coughlan, Kilnamartrya.  
Patrick Goodwin, Glasheen & Tralee.  
Sheila, Ted & Paul O'Mahony, Barrack St.  
Madeline & Noel Lucy, Ballinlough.  
Donal & Eileen Walsh, Fair Street.

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-2,3-8  
The Lord comes to Isaiah and purifies him. Isaiah then begs the Lord to send him out to do the work of God.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
Some people began to deny the resurrection. Paul tells them the story of this miraculous happening to remind them of what they once believed in.

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11  
Luke connected the great fishing catch with the calling of the disciples. While it is an important miracle about the mission of the disciples, it appears here with the calling of Peter, James, and John. Apparently business partners, Peter called James and John to help him with the big catch Jesus provided. The invitation to these three was to "net in" people for the Kingdom as abundantly as they had netted in the fish.

**Breakthrough Cancer Research**

Have you ever dreamed of walking the Camino de Santiago? Breakthrough Cancer Research are taking on the 'Portuguese Way' from the 13th - 20th of June 2025. Starting in the charming town of Baiona, experience camaraderie and reflection as you walk toward Santiago de Compostela, creating lasting memories on this historic pilgrimage. You can enjoy this amazing adventure with our experienced guide and help Make More Survivors. For more information, please contact edel@breakcancer.ie or phone 021 422 66 55 for more details.

**St. Gobnait 11-February-2025**

Saint Gobnait is one of the best loved saints in West Cork but only traditions concerning her life survive. The main part of her life was spent in Ballyvourney, Co Cork, where there has always been a deep devotion to her, and which is a place of pilgrimage on February 11th and on Pentecost. Her gifts of caring for and curing the sick have been a significant part of her cult through the centuries. Happily her memorial coincides with the World Day for the Sick.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Fifth Week In Ordinary Time**

- 09 Sunday Is. 6:1-2, 3-8. Ps. 137. 1 Cor. 15:1-11. Lk. 5:1-11. Lect I: 849
- 10 Monday Gen. 1: 1-19. Ps. 103. Mk. 6:53-56. Lect II: 54
- 11 Tuesday Gen. 1:20-2-4. Ps. 8. Mk. 7:1-13. Lect II: 56
- 12 Wednesday Gen. 2:4-9, 15-17. Ps. 103. Mk. 7: 14-23. Lect II: 59
- 13 Thursday Gen. 2: 18-25. Ps. 127. Mk. 7:24-30. Lect II: 61
- 14 Friday Acts 13:-46-49. Ps. 116. Lk.10:1-9 Lect II: 957
- 15 Saturday Gen. 3:9-24. Ps. 89. Mk. 8: 1-10. Lect II: 65

**Next Sunday's Readings 16-February-2025**

Jer 17:5-8. Ps 1. I Cor 15:12, 16-20. Lk 6:17, 20- 26. Lect I: 853

**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.

**Lourdes Pilgrimage Collection**

Special envelope collection will be taken up this weekend 8th/9th February for the Lourdes sick/assisted Pilgrimage Fund. We appreciate your continued generosity.

**Confirmation**

Please pray for the boys in Scoil Eoin who will receive the sacrament of Confirmation on Friday 14th February. Sincere thanks to the parents and dedicated teachers who work diligently preparing young people for the sacrament.

**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.

**Ballincollig Alzheimer Café**

The Ballincollig Alzheimer Café will take place on Thursday the 20th of February in The Chapel Gate Café in Ballincollig P31XP38, FRO, at 3pm to 5pm. Eugene Mathews from WHO Healthcare will be there on the day speaking on Vision and Dementia Research.