

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 16-February-2025

Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

God's blessing is for those who trust in him. It is especially promised by Jesus to the poor, the hungry, those who mourn and all those who are able to turn to God in their need.



Christ Our Light
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Liturgy of the Word

The following were some of the issues that concerned the Christian community during the period that Luke came to write his gospel. They desired to be viewed as good citizens of Rome and wished to show that Christianity was not a threat to the empire.

How could Jesus' words half a century earlier be appropriate to a gentile audience living in a very different situation? Why would Greeks / Gentiles accept a religion with such a Jewish core?

The people of Israel are the chosen people of God, where do gentiles fit into God's plan of salvation?

Luke addressed these questions in a number of ways; he carefully portrayed Roman officials in a positive way. Jesus heals the Centurion's (a Roman official) servant in Luke and also praises the official's faith. Pilate declares Jesus innocent three times in this gospel. The Roman centurion at Calvary, declares that " Truly this man was innocent". The combined effect is to seek to assure Roman citizens that there is nothing to fear in Christianity.

Luke's gospel presents Christianity as a universal faith by assuring its gentile readers that they are included from the very beginning in the salvation that God brings in Jesus. Christianity is a religion that is intended for "all nations". The angels announce a message of joy for all peoples. Simeon speaks of the salvation that the child is to bring to all peoples and that will be a light of revelation to the gentiles. Luke wants his readers to know that they had been included in God's plan of salvation from the beginning.

Week of Guided Prayer

Some years ago, Father George O'Mahony organised a Week of Guided Prayer in the parish. I'm planning on doing the same for the First Week of Lent (Sunday 9th to Friday 14th of March). The week involves an initial gathering followed by individual spiritual direction once per day for 30 minutes until Friday. Participants will be given a piece of Scripture to pray with each day. The spiritual directors are trained in this area and will meet with participants in Ballincollig at a time suitable to both. They include Fr Joe Coghlan (a retired priest of the diocese), Sr Jennifer McAleer (a religious sister), and Anne Kelly (chaplain to the Mercy hospital).

We will conclude the week on Friday 14th with a second gathering of all participants.

All you need is a Bible, a willingness to spend some time in prayer each day, and an open heart. Previous experience of spiritual direction isn't necessary. There's no cost but places are limited.

Please email me by Monday February 24th with an expression of interest or any follow-up questions: fr.ronan2022@gmail.com

Those who have engaged with the Week of Guided Prayer in Ballincollig speak highly of it. Please God, many will find the same this time also.

God bless, Fr Ronan



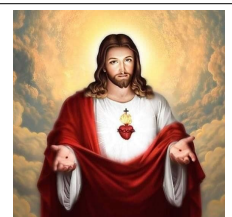
An Invitation to All – Ballinora – Ballincollig – Ovens - Farran & Kilmurry Family of Parishes

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



Reflection for Parents

Even in hard times the tree by the river receives water and food from the soil. So the people Jesus praise, the poor, the peacemakers, those who hunger for justice have deeper roots than the rich, who value what is on the surface. What makes us happy in our family? Talk about the love you share, the love God gives because we are close to him, like the tree by the river.



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

Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

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

Peggy Farrell, Glincoool & Dublin.
Michael Gallagher, Muskerry Est & Tipperary.
Theresa Kenneally, Aisling Lawn & Kerry.
Myrna Billanvera, Philippines/Chicago, USA.
Mary Brennan, Inniscarra/Ballincollig.
Terry Connolly, Elm Lawn.

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

Kathleen & Sonny Murray, Carrigrohane Rd.
Michael Buckley, Castlepark.
Sheila Walsh, Castlepark.
Kieran Collins, West Village.
Frances Donovan, Inniscarra/Beech Road.
Fr Richard Cronin, former P.P.
Maria Henchy, Ballyburden.
Maura Butler, Carlow/Inniscarra /Ballincollig.
Mamie Quinn, Powdermills (Former Sacristan).
Margaret Connolly, Elm Lawn.
Jackie & Noreen Duggan, Dunmanway.
George Chambers, Dunmanway.
Elizabeth Cronin, Kilmichael.
Sean Ryan, Coolroe.
Margaret White, Lr. Coolroe.
Tim Sheehan, Aylsbury Avenue/Kilbarry, Bandon.
Tim & Teresa Cagney, Gardiners Hill.

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8
Those who trust in the things of this life will soon perish. But those who trust in the Lord will remain, bearing fruit even in the worst of seasons

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 1-6
If we do not believe that Christ has been raised from the dead, then our faith is worthless. He has opened the gates of heaven for us that we might live forever.

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26
Jesus taught his listeners that some values in God's Kingdom will be the opposite of what they are in our earthly society. Those with no power or material possessions, but who trust completely in God will be first in the Kingdom of God. But people who value the luxuries of this world will be last in the Kingdom.

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.

Ballincollig, Ballinora, Ovens & Farran:

On the Weekend of 22nd / 23rd February 2025, the Parish of Kilmurry will become part of the Family of Parishes of Ballincollig, Ballinora, Ovens & Farran. This Family of Parishes will be served by Fr Alan O'Leary Co-PP, Fr John McCarthy Co-PP, Fr Ronan Sheehan CC, Fr John Collins AP and Deacon Frank McKeivitt. Fr Kieron O'Driscoll will join this team as Co-PP and be resident in Cloughduv in the Parish of Kilmurry.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sixth Week In Ordinary Time

- 16 Sunday Jer 17:5-8. Ps I. I Cor 15:12, 16-20. Lk 6:17, 20- 26. Lect I: 853
- 17 Monday Gen 4:1-15, 25. Ps49. Mk 8:1 1-13. Lect II: 68
- 18 Tuesday Gen 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10. Ps28. Mk 8:14-21. Lect II: 70
- 19 Wednesday Gen. 8:6-13.20-22; Ps. 115. Mk 8:22-26. Lect II:72
- 20 Thursday Gen 9:1-13. Ps 101. Mk 8:27-33. Lect II: 74
- 21 Friday Gen 11:1-9. Ps 32. Mk 8:34-9:1. Lect II: 76
- 22 Saturday 1 Pet 5:1-4. Ps 22. Mt 16:13-19. Lect II: 962

Next Sunday's Readings 23-February-2025

Sam. 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23. Ps. 102. 1 Cor. 15:45-49. Lk. 6:27-38. Lect I: 856

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

The special envelope collection which was taken up last weekend 8th/9th February for the Lourdes sick/assisted Pilgrimage Fund amounted to €2,880. We appreciate your continued generosity.

Confirmation

Congratulations to the boys in Scoil Eoin who received 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.

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.