

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John

Sunday 16-March-2025

Second Sunday of Lent

Today we are presented with two stories of God's appearance amongst us. They remind us that his presence is something awesome and mysterious, but for all that, it offers light for everyone at moments of crisis and doubt in life.



Christ Our Light Innishmore

This is my beloved Son, Listen to him.

In today's Gospel we hear the story of Jesus taking three of his disciples, Peter, James and John with him to a mountain to pray. It was during this time of prayer that He was transfigured before them. Moses and Elijah appeared and were speaking to Jesus of his forthcoming Passion and Death. The disciples were both overawed and fearful at the scene unfolding before them, when a voice from the cloud said: 'This is my beloved Son, listen to him.' Hearing those loving words from his Father must have given Jesus strength to face the painful journey to Jerusalem, taking the road that was to lead to his crucifixion and death on the Cross. Perhaps, we may hear Jesus speaking to us when we open our hearts to listen to Him in prayer, or when we reflect on his word in Scripture. He also speaks to us in the events of everyday life and through the voice of others around us.

Today's Gospel gives us an insight into the importance of prayer in our lives. Jesus's time of prayer, in preparation for his journey to Calvary, is a reminder for us to take time to turn to God in prayer whenever we are facing difficulties and painful situations in our own lives. When our faith is tested we can be filled with doubt and fear and we may question: where is God? Just as Jesus took his disciples up the mountain to pray, each of us can create a space in our own lives where we can spend some quiet time in prayer and being open to what God may be asking of us at this particular time. Prayer can transform our own lives and the situations we encounter.

In the second Reading, St Paul encourages us to remain faithful to the Lord. He goes on to remind us that our homeland is in Heaven and from heaven comes the Saviour we have been waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. The goal and destination of our life is to be with God forever. We ask you Lord to be with us in the 'ups and downs' of daily life. In the words of today's Psalm we pray: 'O Lord hear my voice when I call; it is your face O Lord that I seek; hide not your face'.

Cork and Ross Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2025

The diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes this year will take place from Friday 19th September to Wednesday 24th September. We will fly from Cork to Lourdes. Bookings are now open with Joe Walsh Tours on 01 2410 800 for anyone wishing as a pilgrim. Volunteers are also required: Doctors, Nurses, Care Assistants and Helpers (Adults and Young Adults aged between 18 to 25 years). For General Enquiries contact 085 2525 040 or Email: lourdes@corkandross.org

Family Mass

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

Funeral Ministry Team Formation

The Office for Mission and Ministry will be offering three formation sessions for new teams and for new members of existing teams in the Parish Room of St. Patrick's Church, Dunmanway, Co. Cork on Wednesdays, March 19th and 26th and April 2nd from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. To register please visit <https://tinyurl.com/mission-ministry> or by contacting the Office at 021-7355517.

Reflection for Parents

Parents are often in a privileged situation to see a radiant look on a joyful child's face. Maybe it's how they light up when special company arrives, or maybe the look of delight at a special gift or surprise. What kind of transfigurations have you seen this week, either in the faces of your children, co-workers, or even in yourself?. In today's First Reading we hear the story of God's covenant with Abraham; in the Gospel we listen to the story of the transfiguration, where the glory of Jesus is revealed. We pray today that we might find the way to God's glory.



Happy St. Patrick's Day to all our Readers and Parishioners.



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The Lord is my light and my help.

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

Jerry Donoghue, Australia/Mallow.
Finbarr Collins, Gurranaabraher

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

Eileen Foley, Cobh.
Joe & Bridie Heaton, Pearse Rd.
Joe O'Callaghan, Glendower.
Glenn Dempsey, Carrigrohane.
Padraig O'Murchadha, Manor Hill.
Helen Kenneally, Beech Park.
Frank Whelan, Maglin Vale.
Diarmuid Cashman, Glounthaune.
Patricia Murphy, Aylsbury.
Diarmuid Hickey, Coolroe Meadows.
Michael & Breda Burke, Avoncourt.
Bernard Leach, Carriganarra.
Dr. Cathrach McCarthy PP.
Pat, Billy, Johnny Coomey, Carriganarra.
Norah & Paddy Barry, Redemption Road.
Sheila O'Brien, The Meadows, Ballincollig.
James O'Connell, Holly Rd.
Colm Crowley, Skibbereen.
Kathleen & Dan Dorgan, Powdermills.
Kate & Fred Nash, Powdermills.
Terri, Joe & Declan Butler, Inniscarra View.
Nora Cotter, Togher.

First Reading: Gen 15:5-12. 17-18
God makes a covenant with Abram. ...a covenant never revoked.

Second Reading: Phil. 3:17-4:1
Paul assures us that our bodies, like the body of Jesus, will be transfigured.

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36.
Peter, James and John went with Jesus to pray on a mountain top. The disciples witnessed what we call the transfiguration where Jesus' face became radiant and his clothes dazzling white. Along with Jesus stood Moses and Elijah. The disciples had no idea what was happening and Peter, in his ignorance, suggested that they erect three tents to commemorate the event. As though to correct Peter's misunderstanding, a voice came from the cloud naming Jesus as his son and telling the disciples to listen to him. There was not to be confusion about Moses or Elijah being equal to Jesus nor should Peter have tried to assume control of a holy happening, but rather listen to this holy one.

Saint Sharbel's Relic

Saint Sharbel's Relic will be in St. Senan's Church, Cloghroe, Cork T23T934 on Sat. 15th Mar. 3pm – 9pm, Mass @ 7.30pm, Sun. 16th Mar. 10am – 9pm Mass @ 11.30am, Mon. 17th Mar. 10am – 3pm, Mass @ 11.30am. Saint Sharbel has the most amount of miracles ever recorded in Church history through the intercession of a Monk. Come along for an opportunity to learn more about this incredible Saint and receive a blessing with his relic. For more information please call: 083 815 9492.

Envelope Collection

The Irish Bishop's Commissions Collection was taken up at all Masses last weekend amounted to €1,110.
We appreciate your continued generosity.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Second Week of Lent

- 16 Sunday Gen. 15:5-12, 17 -18. Ps. 26. Phil. 3: 17 -4: 1. Lk. 9:28-36. Lect I: 228
- 17 Monday Eccles. (Sir) 39:6-10, Ps.115.2 Tim 4:1-8. Mt.13:24-32. National Proper
- 18 Tuesday Is. 1:10,16-20. Ps. 49. Mt. 23:1-12. Lect I: 232
- 19 Wednesday 2 Sam 7:4-5, 12-14, 16. Ps. 88. Rom. 4: 13, 16-18, 22. Mt. 1:16, 18-21 or Lk. 2:41-51 Lect I: 970 or II: 980
- 20 Thursday Jer. 17:5-10. Ps. 1. Lk. 16:19-31. Lect I: 236
- 21 Friday Gen. 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28. Ps. 104. Mt. 21:33-43, 45-48. Lect I: 239
- 22 Saturday Mic. 7:14-15,18-20. Ps. 102. Lk. 15:1-3,11-32. Lect I: 241

Next Sunday's Readings 23-March-2025

Ex. 3:1-8, 13-15. Ps. 102.1 Cor. 10:1-6, 10-12. Lk. 13:1-9.lect I: 255

MASS TIMES

St. Mary & St. John		Christ Our Light
8:30 am, 10 am	Sunday	11 am, 12:30 pm
8:30 am, 10 am	Monday	11 am, 12:30 pm
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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

There will be Adoration 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

Confirmation

Congratulations to the boys and girls of Gaelscoil Uí Ríordáin who received the sacrament of confirmation last Tuesday. Please pray for the boys and girls in Scoil Barra and Our Lady of Good Counsel and the girls in Scoil Mhuire who will receive the sacrament of Confirmation this week. Sincere thanks to the parents and dedicated teachers who work diligently preparing young people for the sacrament.

Mondays of Lent

There will be a short guided Meditation after Mass for approx. 10 mins. (for those who would like to remain in the church). Thank you to the Rosary group for allowing this to happen.

Trocaire Boxes

Trocaire boxes are available at the back of both churches. Parishioners are asked to please take one and to make a weekly contribution during lent. Boxes will also be distributed to the schools.

St. Patrick's Day Masses

St. Mary & St. John's Church
8.30am & 10.00am
Christ our Light
11.00am & 12.30pm (Will be celebrated in Irish)