

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 27-April-2025



St. Mary & St. John

Second Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday

We are all a bit like Thomas, unless we see we find it difficult to believe. However, faith is a way of seeing, seeing beyond the apparent problems of life to the hope given by the Resurrection of Jesus; the hope of sharing heaven with Him.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Francis, A Pope for all the People May you Rest In Peace



Following the announcement by the Holy See that Pope Francis has 'returned to the House of the Lord', Bishop Fintan Gavin invites the people of the Diocese of Cork and Ross to unite in prayer to God at this time.

"I invite the parishioners, priests, deacons and religious of our diocese to join as one with the faithful across the globe as we commend Pope Francis to the Lord.

We give thanks to Almighty God for the gift of Pope Francis as shepherd of the people of God and we thank God for his selfless service and dedication to the end of his earthly life.

We remember Pope Francis as one who challenged us to reach out to those on the margins and to bring God's mercy to all those we encounter.

We pray together that Pope Francis' call to all of us to make this Jubilee Year a Year of Hope may be fulfilled.

In what was to be his last pastoral message to the faithful on Easter Sunday, Pope Francis said:

'All those who put their hope in God place their feeble hands in his strong and mighty hand; they let themselves be raised up and set out on a journey. Together with the risen Jesus, they become pilgrims of hope, witnesses of the victory of love and of the disarmed power of Life.'

We pray together now that Pope Francis prayer will be answered and that his soul may be in eternal peace with God."

An online Book of Condolences has been opened by the Irish Bishops' Conference and people are invited to submit their messages of sympathy here <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/book-of-condolence-for-pope-francis/>

Bishop Fintan

TRÓCAIRE

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you most sincerely for your support for Trocaire's Lenten Campaign this year. We here in Trocaire are all aware that your support is absolutely vital to the success of our Campaign. Each year, we take encouragement from the wonderful efforts made throughout the country in distributing the Lenten boxes, in encouraging support amongst parishioners and also in collecting and counting the coins. This support will allow the agency to continue its work with the world's poorest people.

Caoimhe de Barra, CEO, Trócaire



Reflection for Parents

Parents are often the source of hope and encouragement for their children. When a child falls repeatedly while learning to walk or ride a bike, it is a parent who coaxes, encourages, and praises the child. Parents provide hope and comfort when a child falls short of a goal whether in academics, relationships, sports, or the arts. Parents can relate to the role of Jesus with his disciples. They were frightened and discouraged but they found hope and relief with the peace and presence of Jesus.

Parish Number for Priest on Duty is: 087 4021357

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

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

Jorge Mario Bergoglio, (Pope Francis)
Patrick (Joe) Carroll, Ballincollig / Aghabullogue.
Angus Sullivan, Ovens / Ballincollig.

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

Brien Twohig, Park Road.
John Meehan, Cork & Glasgow.
Mary Murray, Carrigrohane Straight.
Dec. Mem. of the Troy & O’Herlihy families, Thurles & Tara Lawn.
Margaret & Michael Murray, Greenhills.
Noreen Cronin, Bishopstown.
Maureen O’Brien, Cleburne Mews.
Michael & Mary McCarthy, Goleen.
Noel Murphy, Model Farm Road.

First Reading: Acts 5:12-16

The earliest days of the Christian community existed in a period of harmony and success in preaching the Gospel. Like Jesus, the followers are able to heal the sick and those possessed by demons. They continue to gather for prayer near the temple of Jerusalem.

Second Reading: Apoc. 1:9-13. 17-19

The vision of Christ is a source of joy; he brings us divine mercy in person. Like John the Apostle, we welcome the sight of the Lord. Jesus Christ is risen, our light and our life.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Following Jesus' crucifixion the disciples were still uncertain of his message. They lost hope, were filled with fear, and locked themselves in a room. Without entering through the door, Jesus appeared before them with a greeting of peace and a mission to spread the Good News. The disciple, Thomas, was not in the room. When he learned of Jesus' visit, he would not believe it. But about a week later, Jesus appeared in a similar way and Thomas was with the others. Jesus invited Thomas to touch the wounds in his hands and side. Thomas knew immediately that it was Jesus and believed in him.

Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi

13th June 2025, 7 nights ex Cork. Spiritual Director Canon Martin Keohane. For further details, Karen Callaghan Barter's Travelnet 021 4851700 or kcallaghan@travelnet.ie.

Totus Tuus pilgrimage to Fatima

August 27th-3rd September 2025. Flights from Dublin to Lisbon. Price €885. For more information, phone Damien @ 087-2049048 or Marian Pilgrimages @01-8788159.

Ballincollig Tidy Towns

We are pleased to advise that President Michael D. Higgins will be visiting Ballincollig on Sunday, 18th May at 12.00 noon to unveil a plaque celebrating our towns achievement on being named "Ireland's Tidiest Town" in 2024. This special event is being organised by the Department of Rural and Community Development.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Second Week Of Easter

27 Sunday Acts 5:12-16. Ps. 117. Apoc. 1:9-13, 17-19. In. 20: 19-31. Lect I: 444

28 Monday Acts 4:23-31. Ps. 2. In. 3: 1-8. Lect I: 447

29 Tuesday 1 Jn 1:5-2:2. Ps. 102. Mt. 11 :25-30. Lect II: 1009

30 Wednesday Acts 5:17-26. Ps. 33. In. 3:16-21. Lect I: 452

01 Thursday Acts 5:27-33. Ps. 33. In. 3:31-36. Lect I: 454

02 Friday Acts 5:34-42. Ps. 26. In. 6:1-15. Lect I: 456

03 Saturday 1 Cor. 15:1-8. Ps. 18. In. 14:6-14. Lect II: 1017

Next Sunday's Readings 04-May-2025

Acts 5:21-32,40-41. Ps. 29. Apoc. 5:11-14. In. 21: 1-19. Lect I: 468

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 & 7:30 pm	Friday	8:30 am
6:00 pm (Vigil)	Saturday	7:30 pm (Vigil)

Bulletin Board

Thank You

Sincere thanks to the many people who gave their time throughout the Easter period, Ministers of the Word, Ministers of the Eucharist, Altar Society, Altar Servers, Choirs, Cantors, Folk Group, Collectors, Cleaners, The Parishioner, Parish Council and Parish Council Subgroups. People who distributed dues envelopes and the various flyers, the Sacristans in both Churches. Thanks also to the many people who attended and participated in the Easter Ceremonies.

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 morning after 9.30am Mass. New members welcome.

First Friday

Friday 2nd May is the first Friday of the month. There is Mass in St Mary & St. John's church on Friday evening at 7.30pm. The priests of the parish visit the sick of the parish on the first Friday of each month; please let us know if you have a family member or neighbour who is sick or housebound.

Darkness Into Light

Darkness Into Light will take place on the morning of Saturday May 10th 2025. The walk will leave from Coláiste Choilm at 4.15 am. You can register online. All support will be greatly appreciated