

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 04-May-2025



St. Mary & St. John

Third Sunday of Easter

Peter, who denied the Lord three times, three times, affirms his love. He learns that his share in the Lord's care for his people will one day bring him to the martyrdom of death - the early Church was founded on those who joyfully bore witness with their lives.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Christian Mission

The Mass readings for the third Sunday of Easter speak to us of the worship of God, repentance and renewal, and of the mission to bring the good news of salvation to God's people. In John's vision we see the worship of God by the multitude of angels, ten thousand times ten thousand, echoing the Old Testament vision of the prophet Daniel. These together with all creation worship God, and glorify the Lamb who was slain, proclaiming the triumph of the cross of our redemption.

The mission of the Church includes the worship of God, whilst making known to his people their salvation. The mission is about repentance and forgiveness, about the renewal of humankind. Peter and the apostles tell the high priest that God gives repentance and forgiveness through the risen Jesus. There has always been opposition to the Christian mission. The apostles are faithful, obedience to God, faithfulness to his mission, takes precedence over earthly authorities. On their release from before the Sanhedrin the apostles rejoiced that they had been found worthy to suffer humiliation for the sake of the name of Jesus.

The men had fished all night, but caught nothing. When Jesus called to them they threw out the net for a huge haul of big fish. The beloved disciple who had stood by the cross with Mary and had stood in the empty tomb and believed he was risen, recognised Jesus from the boat and said "it is the Lord." Jesus says to each of us, "As the Father sent me, so am I sending you." In Peter's case he is to tend and feed the lambs and sheep of the Lord's flock. Peter had failed utterly as leader of those Jesus called apostles. Following Jesus' arrest, Peter denied that he even knew him. Sitting by a charcoal fire he disowned the Lord three times, and in today's gospel reading, at another charcoal fire he is given the opportunity to state his love for Jesus three times. He is renewed, and he receives the mission that will lead ultimately to the death by which he will give glory to God.

The way of renewal of the Church in our time and place is still through repentance and forgiveness, as well as worship of God and commitment to the mission which Jesus still offers us. We pray for the grace to recognise his call, we remember that without him we accomplish nothing, but in his presence we can indeed fulfil our mission.

Choir in Christ our Light Church

The Collegium Musicum Berlin Chamber Choir will perform at 11am Mass in Christ our Light Church this Sunday 4th May. The Choir travel from Germany to take part in this year's Cork City Choral Festival.

Supporting Mission and Ministry in Our Diocese

The annual collection for the Office for Mission and Ministry will take place on the week-end of May 10th and 11th. The office plays a vital role in supporting our priests, parishes and Families of Parishes in helping people grow in faith and live as missionary disciples. It offers formation for Parish Pastoral Councils, Baptism and Funeral teams, Ministers of the Word and Eucharist, and ministries involved in parish life. It also provides resources to support prayer, catechesis, and evangelisation. Your generosity in the past has helped this work to grow and reach more people. Thank you for your continued support.

Reflection for Parents

As parents we know a great deal about caring for sheep in the flock. We work long, hard, and diligently to make sure that our children receive the physical, emotional, and spiritual care they require. We are challenged by this Gospel reading to move outside our immediate "flock" and care for all of God's children. Our own children will learn the essence of this Gospel when they see us reconcile with others and go outside our small worlds to help others. Today, as we continue to celebrate Easter, we praise the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus. We worship the lamb who deserves praise, honour, glory and power for ever and ever.

(We wish all our Readers and Parishioners a safe and enjoyable weekend)

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I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

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† IN SYMPATHY †
 PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :
 Darren Gibbons, Ballincollig.
 Kitty Slattery, Fermoy.
 Michael (Mick) Herlihy, Blarney.
 Sr. Collette Stevenson, Turners Cross & Dublin.
 Denis Burke, Westcourt.
 Con O'Sullivan, Kenmare.
 Dan Murphy, Coachford.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS:
 Catherine & Jeremiah Cunningham, Dillons Cross.
 Olive Henchy, Ballyburden.
 Phil Collins, West Village.
 Julia O'Callaghan, Leemount.
 Pat Burke, West Village.
 Dave Linehan, Rosewood.

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32. 40-41
 Peter and the apostles continue to preach Jesus, even though the High Priest challenges them.
 Second Reading: Apoc. 5:11-14
 The risen Jesus is portrayed as Lamb of God enthroned in heaven.

Gospel: John 21:1-19.
 For the third time since his resurrection, Jesus appeared to the disciples. It seems that the disciples had returned to their former lives--those they had lived before they left to follow Jesus--because they were fishing in the Sea of Galilee. Jesus stood on the shore and called out to the men in the boat asking if they had caught anything. The disciples replied that they had caught nothing. Jesus then instructed them to cast their net on the right side of the boat. When they did, they had a huge catch of 153 fish. They knew from this sign that it was Jesus on the shore. When they came ashore, Jesus cooked their breakfast of fish. When they finished eating, Jesus asked Peter three times if Peter loved him. This was a great example of reconciliation because the opportunities for Peter to affirm his love of Jesus matched the same number of times he denied knowing him. It was then that Jesus commissioned Peter to care for the sheep in Jesus' flock.

*The Missionaries of the Sacred Heart
 Lourdes Pilgrimage*

The Missionaries of the Sacred Heart are going to Lourdes from the 25th-30th May 2025 from Cork. For more details please ring Mary at 021 454 6691 or email mary.morrish@mssmissions.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

Third Week Of Easter

- 04 Sunday Acts 5:21-32,40-41. Ps. 29. Apoc. 5:11-14. In. 21: 1-19. Lect I: 468
- 05 Monday Acts 6:8-15. Ps. 118. In. 6:22-29. Lect I: 472
- 06 Tuesday Acts 7:51-8: 1 a. Ps. 30. In. 6:30-35. Lect I: 474
- 07 Wednesday Acts 8:1-8. Ps. 65. Jn. 6:35-40. Lect I:476
- 08 Thursday Acts 8:26-40. Ps. 65. Jn. 6:44-51. Lect 1:479
- 09 Friday Acts 9: 1-20. Ps. 116. In. 6:52-59. Lect I: 481
- 10 Saturday Acts 9:31-42. Ps. 115. In. 6:60-69. Lect I: 484

Next Sunday's Readings 11-May-2025

Acts 13:14, 43-52. Ps. 99. Apoc. 1:9, 14-1.. Jn. 10:27-30. Lect I: 493

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.

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 Holy Communion

Please pray for the boys in Scoil Eoin and the boys and girls in Gaelscoil an Chaisleáin who will receive the sacrament of Holy Communion on Saturday, 10th May. Sincere thanks to the parents and dedicated teachers who work diligently preparing young people for the sacrament.

Holy Places Collection

The second collection taken up for Holy Places on Good Friday amounted to €2,230. We appreciate your continued generosity.

Thought for Today

"I encourage you to bear witness to Christ in your personal life and families: a witness of gratuitousness, solidarity, spirit of service."
 Pope Francis

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