

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 11-May-2025



St. Mary & St. John

Fourth Sunday of Easter

(World Day of Prayer for Vocations)

Like Paul and Barnabas, those whose vocation it is to preach the gospel, will meet opposition. Today we are encouraged by the thought that the Christ we serve knows his people intimately and promises them eternal life--no opposition can snatch them from the Father's love.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Good Shepherd Sunday

All of us are members of the Body of Christ and there is no such thing as a member who does not share in the mission of Christ. When we follow God's call, the result is joy and fulfilment, whether our vocation is an overtly religious one or not. Today is Good Shepherd Sunday, the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Today in spite of sceptical attitudes, a decline in priestly and religious vocations, in spite of the scandals and troubles in the Church, people still follow faithfully and joyfully their lay or religious vocations, enriching their own lives and the life of the Church community to which they belong.

Jesus asks us to recognise his voice and follow him, and he promises us eternal life, and a peace in this life that the world cannot give. There are different vocations, different ways of living out our Christian calling. The vocation to a married or single lay life is the norm, and such vocations are the mainstay of the Church. The men and women who are members of religious orders, congregations and societies spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ through a variety of ways, whatever you want to do in your life you can do as a religious Sister, Brother or Priest. The ordained priest is to be a fellow disciple and a brother among brothers and sisters in the family of God and at the same time pastor and teacher. The first task of priesthood is to announce the Gospel of Christ. Priests are available to all, encouraging those whom they advise to live not only for themselves, but for others. We are all called to give witness to joy and life in our individual vocations, to witness to the love of God for all his people and especially those who are weak, hurt or vulnerable. The signs of a true vocation include deep friendship with Christ, the generous gift of oneself, joyful communion with brothers and sisters in Christ, a life which proclaims the love of Christ.

Jesus promises he will lead us to springs of living water, as we are filled with the Holy Spirit whose fruits in our lives include peace, gentleness and joy, and the awareness of being fully alive. The Lord has a plan for each of us, he calls each one by name. We are called to witness, to love and to serve, vocations are about following Christ. A generous response to a vocation is a source of happiness and joy, as we realise and experience that "it is in giving that we receive."

Family Mass

Our next Family Mass will be celebrated at 12.30p.m. in Christ our Light church on Sunday, 18th May. 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

Supporting Mission and Ministry in Our Diocese

The annual collection for the Office for Mission and Ministry will take place this weekend 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

Our culture has changed since the days of our parents and grandparents when just about anyone dropped in at any time. We now call ahead and make arrangements for our children to visit friends. In comparing our own day to 50 years ago, we begin to really appreciate the invitation of Jesus to follow him, just as we are, anytime of the day or night. Where would we be if we had to call ahead to see if Jesus was available. Today, we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday, which is also the Day of Prayer for Vocations. We rejoice that we are God's people, the sheep of his flock, and we pray that the Lord will send labourers to the harvest.

Parish Number for Priest on Duty is: 087 4021357

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

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† IN SYMPATHY †

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :

Phyllis Gowan, Killeens/Dunmanway.

Liam O'Shea, Castlepark.

Una O'Rourke, Dublin/London.

Marie Hartnett, Youghal.

Jane Dinneen, Shewsbury.

Tom O'Mahony, Douglas/Barrack Street.

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

Dan & Peg Lordan, Inniscarra View.

Michael & Carmel Naughton, Glasheen.

Joan Philpott, Aisling Close.

Nora O'Leary, Bishopstown/Grange.

Ben Sweeney, Island Way.

Ellen McDonald, Donoughmore.

Dec. Mem's. of the Kelleher, Murphy & Kiely families, Macroom & Muskerry Est.

Leela Joseph, India.

Mike Cullinane, Coolroe/Cloghane.

Denis Dwyer, Ballincollig.

Phonsie O'Sullivan, Ivy Circle.

David Ross, Wyndham Downs.

First Reading: Acts 13:14. 43-52

Paul and Barnabas preach the gospel with courage and with joy.

Second Reading: Apoc. 7.9. 14-17

We are given a vision of a heavenly scene, where the redeemed are gathered around the throne of The Lamb.

Gospel: John 10:27-30

There are two notions that need to be taken on faith as they are presented in the Gospel passage where Jesus identifies himself as the Good Shepherd. The first mystery is that those who are given the gift of faith to hear the invitation Jesus presents, will follow him. The second mystery involves the unbreakable bond that exists between the Shepherd and the person who hears the invitation. Once a person responds to the invitation, he or she belongs to God forever.

*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@msmissions.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 next 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

Fourth Week Of Easter

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

12 Monday Acts 1:1-18. Ps 41. Jn 10:1-10. Lect I: 496

13 Tuesday Acts 11: 19-26. Ps. 86. Jn. 10:22-30. Lect I: 499

14 Wednesday Acts 1: 15-17. Ps. 112. Jn. 15:9-17. Lect II: 1023

15 Thursday Acts 13:13-25. Ps 88. Jn 13:16-20. Lect I: 503

16 Friday Acts 13:26-33. Ps. 2. Jn. 14: 1-6. Lect I: 505

17 Saturday Acts 13:44-52. Ps. 97. Jn. 14:7-14. Lect I: 508

Next Sunday's Readings 18-May-2025

Acts 14:21-27. Ps. 144. Apoc. 21:1-5. Jn. 13:31- 33, 34-35. Lect I: 517

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 is cancelled for Tuesday, 13th May. It will resume on Tuesday, 20th May in the Ballincollig Community Hall after 9.30am Mass. New members welcome.

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the boys in Scoil Eoin and the boys and girls in Gaelscoil an Chaisleáin who received the sacrament of Holy Communion this weekend. Please pray for the boys and girls in Gaelscoil Uí Ríordáin who will receive their Holy Communion on Saturday, 17th May. Sincere thanks to the parents and dedicated teachers who work diligently preparing young people for the sacrament.

Ballincollig Alzheimer Café

The Ballincollig Alzheimer Cafe will take place on Thursday the 15th May from 3:00PM to 5:00 PM at Chapel Gate Café, Ballincollig, Cork P13 XP38. This month's guest speaker is Gemma Cox, Advanced Nurse Practitioner ICPOP, Memory Clinic who will discuss "Supporting people with Memory loss". Alzheimer Café's provide a warm and welcoming space for people with dementia, their families, friends, and healthcare professionals to meet, exchange ideas, and learn from one another.