

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 18-May-2025



St. Mary & St. John

## Fifth Sunday Of Easter

*Part of the great revelation of the New Testament is the notion that God is coming among us to make all things new; that means removing all the causes of guilt and grief in human life. We show our acceptance of this renewal of our lives by our love for one another.*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

## *"Love One Another, Just As I Have Loved You"*

In today's Gospel Jesus is telling his disciples that he will not be with them much longer. Judas Iscariot has just left them to go out and betray Jesus. Jesus, knowing his death is imminent, says: 'now has the Son of Man been glorified and in him God has been glorified'. He then gives his disciples a new commandment to 'love one another just as I have loved you' - 'by this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples'. Just before this Jesus had given them an example of love in action when he washed their feet. This commandment to love one another is central to our Christian life. The love that we have for others is a reflection of the love that we have for God. Jesus loved even when others didn't love him in return. As we all know, it is not easy to keep on loving those who let us down or turn their back on us. Two of Jesus' closest friends did just that - Judas Iscariot betrayed him by handing him over to the authorities to be arrested; Peter denied even knowing him. Yet Jesus laid down his life out of his great love for them and for us. We continue to see the glory of God reflected in the lives of those who live out his commandment of love.

During the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles we see the great love of Paul and Barnabas as they continue on their mission from town to town, supporting and encouraging the followers of Jesus to persevere in the faith. They remind us that to reach Heaven is not easy; that 'we all have to experience many hardships before we enter the kingdom of God'. In the Book of the Apocalypse, St John tells us about his vision of a new heaven and a new earth described in today's second reading as the 'New Jerusalem'. St John gives us a picture of what heaven will be like - here God, who lives among his people, 'will wipe away all tears from their eyes, there will be no more death and no more mourning or sadness' and God will make his home among them. One of the greatest things we could hope for one another is that one day we will all be welcomed in to God's eternal home.

It is in our daily personal relationship with God, that we receive the necessary graces to face the hardships we encounter as we journey toward his Kingdom of love. We pray that the love of God within each one of us may shine forth on all whom we meet on our daily journey.

## *Thinking about the Diocesan Priesthood?*

There is a "Come and See" afternoon for men aged between 18 and 40 who may be thinking about Priesthood for the Diocese of Cork and Ross. It will take place from 2-5pm on Sunday May 25th in Mardyke House, Cork City (T12 W8RP). The afternoon will include time for prayer, reflection, discussion and a social dimension. For more information email [vocations@corkandross.org](mailto:vocations@corkandross.org)

## *Pray for Life Novena*

The Pray for Life Novena is an invitation to join thousands of people across Ireland to pray for the protection of human life, from Friday 23rd May to the Feast of the Visitation on Saturday 31st May. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life in Ireland. Visit [www.prayforlife.ie](http://www.prayforlife.ie) for the daily novena prayers and to sign up for daily reminders. The prayers will also be posted on [@PrayforLifeNovena](https://www.facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena) on Facebook and [@PrayforLife\\_ie](https://twitter.com/PrayforLife_ie) on X and [@prayforlifenovena](https://www.instagram.com/prayforlifenovena) on Instagram. This is an initiative of the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference.

## *Thought for Today*



We forget that the vine needs to be pruned. When Jesus was tempted in the desert, the temptation was to rely on prosperity, prestige and power. By resisting that temptation he showed us that we need to be pruned of our self-reliance in order to put our trust in God alone. In today's Second Reading we hear John tell us how he saw a new heaven and a new earth won for us by the resurrection. Today we pray that we may see the breaking of this new heaven and new earth into our world by following the commandment that Jesus gave us, 'Love one another as I have loved you!.

## *Family of Parishes Ovens*

Will meet on Thursday 29th May 7.30pm in Church of St. John the Baptist Ovens. Come help us to pray the rosary in honour of Our Lady of Hope during this Jubilee year. Hopefully if the weather is good we plan to be outdoors for part of this service. It will begin and end in the Church.

*Parish Number for Priest on Duty is: 087 4021357*

*You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.*

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Mary (Marie) Coleman, Poulavone.

Brid O'Donnell, Mitchelstown/Scoil Mhuire.

Kevin O'Sullivan, Keakil.

Donal Manning, Sunningdale.

John Finucane, Parknamore/Carrigadrohid/Birmingham.

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

John Coleman, Muskerry Estate.

Teddy Neville, Farnanes.

Phonsie Delaney, Ivy Circle.

Peggy Keane, Freemount.

Denis, Catherine (Babe) & Terence Murphy, Powdermills.

Con & Mary O'Donovan, Station Road.

Denis Jordan, Willow Drive.

Adrian Boyd, Coolroe.

Niall Purcell, Kilcrea Park.

James O'Donoghue, West Village.

Noreen McCarthy, Castle Park.

Eileen O'Mahony, Leeview, Carrigrohane.

Elizabeth Crowley, Poulavone.

Dan Butler, Clash Road.

Kathleen Quirke.

First Reading: Acts 14:21-27

Today, we hear how hard Paul and the apostles worked to build up the church. They tended the vineyard.

Second Reading: Apoc. 21:1-5

Only God knows for sure what will happen at the end of the world, but now John gives us some hints. There will be a whole new universe, a new heaven, and a new earth. Suffering and death will be no more; we will live happily with God. This is the future of the Church.

Gospel: John. 13:31- 33

While Jesus was with his disciples at the Last Supper, he pointed toward his future glory following his death and resurrection where he would be reunited with his Father in heaven. He also gave the disciples a command: to love one another. But the disciples didn't have to figure out how to do this on their own. Jesus told them to love one another in the same way he had loved them.

*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@mscmmissions.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.

*Knowing and Living our Catholic Faith*

Catechism/YouCat pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine, Knock on Sat 31 May, 2025. Guest speaker: Rev. Fr. John Harris O.P. Prior Provincial, Irish Dominican Province. See Church Notice Board for details of Pilgrimage. Further enquiries: Máirín 087 7950325.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Fifth Week Of Easter**

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

19 Monday Acts 14:5-18. Ps 113B.Jn 14:21-26. Lect I: 519

20 Tuesday Acts 14:19-28. Ps 144. Jn 14:27-31. Lect I: 522

21 Wednesday Acts 15:1-6. Ps 121. Jn 15:1-8. Lect I: 524

22 Thursday Acts 15:7-21. Ps 95.Jn 15:9-11. Lect I: 526

23 Friday Acts 15:22-31. Ps 56.Jn 15:12-17. Lect I: 528

24 Saturday Acts 16:1-10. Ps 99. Jn 15:18-21. Lect I: 531

**Next Sunday's Readings 25-May-2025**

Acts 15:1-2,22-29. Ps. 66. Apoc. 21:10-14,22-23. Jn. 14:23-29. Lect I: 539

**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***

Congratulations to the boys and girls in Gaelscoil Uí Ríordáin who received their First Holy Communion this weekend. Please pray for the girls in Scoil Mhuire and the girls and boys in Scoil Barra who will receive their First Holy Communion on Saturday, 24th May. Sincere thanks to the parents and dedicated teachers who work diligently preparing young people for the sacrament.

***Supporting Mission***

***And Ministry in Our Diocese***

The annual collection for the Office for Mission and Ministry which took place last weekend amounted to €2,365. 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.