

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John

Sunday 01-June-2025

The Ascension of The Lord
(World Communications Day)

Jesus ascended to heaven so that his influence and power might be felt not just in one place but in all the world. Today he is present everywhere through his Church, bringing all people to God.



Christ Our Light
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Feast of the Ascension

Today we celebrate the feast of the Ascension. In both the first Reading and the Gospel we hear two stories from St Luke about Jesus' final conversation with his disciples as he prepares to leave them and return to his heavenly Father. Having spoken to them about his death and resurrection, he then goes on to tell them about the mission he is entrusting to them. In His name, they are to preach repentance for the forgiveness of sins to all nations beginning from Jerusalem. Having given them his final instructions he takes them out to a place near Bethany where he blesses them before being taken up to Heaven. They return to Jerusalem full of joy and praising God, to await the promised coming of the Holy Spirit when they will be empowered to continue the mission of Jesus and to preach in his name. This is the beginning of the Church. The disciples have to face the fact that the physical loss of Jesus means he is present to them in a new way. They are being called to be his witnesses and to make Jesus' presence known throughout the world.

Each of the readings reminds us of our mission, a mission given to the Church and to each one of us by Jesus himself. As baptised Christians we too have received the gift of the Holy Spirit. As the apostles were told to bring the 'good news' of the gospel message to others, we too are challenged to open our hearts and witness to his presence in our lives in our everyday situations! There are times when we may find it difficult to feel Jesus' presence in our own lives. We may even feel that he has abandoned us, particularly in moments of life's deep pains, losses, disappointments, but he continues to look on us with love and he left us with a promise that he will always be with us.

Today is an appropriate opportunity to reflect on the prayer of St Teresa: "Christ has no body now but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks with compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good, Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, Yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now but yours."

Ballincollig Parish Eucharistic Procession

The Ballincollig annual Eucharistic Procession will take place on Saturday 21st June. The Procession will leave the church of St. Mary & St. John immediately after the 6pm Vigil Mass (approx. 6.40pm) and proceed down Station Road, on to the Main Street as far as Bank of Ireland, turn right down to the Ballincollig Credit Union and back to Church View for Benediction. You and your family are invited to take part in the Eucharistic Procession. Families of children who received their First Holy Communion and who celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation recently are especially invited to take part.

Please make every effort to attend.

Request For a Priest to Visit Sick People

Saint James tells us in the Bible, 'If any of you is sick, they should send for the priests of the church' (5:14). If you know someone who is sick or housebound, and would like a visit to their home from one of the priests of the parish, please send their details to me: fr.ronan2022@gmail.com. Alternatively, you can give the person's details into the sacristy at Saint Mary and Saint John's Church. This could be either a one-off call or a more regular visit, for example on First Fridays, and can include those in nursing home settings also. Thank you for your help in relation to this request.

Reflection for Parents

Jesus assures us in this Gospel reading that we belong to God's family. As parents we work hard to help our children know that they are loved and valued as members of our families. We are a living example of God's love when our children see how we treat them and others and how we forgive one another. It is this acceptance and living unity that shows our children the love God has for Jesus, his Son, and all of us, his children. Today we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. While we bid goodbye to Jesus' earthly form, we are strengthened because we are clothed with power from on high. We rejoice and give thanks for the coming of the Spirit.

Fundraiser in aid of

The Billy Riordan Memorial Clinic in Malawi

The White Horse Gospel Choir invite you all to attend their upcoming funding concert next Friday 6th June at 7pm in aid of The Billy Riordan Memorial Clinic in Malawi. Tickets are available via Eventbrite & the concert takes place in Gaelscoil Uí Riordáin, who have kindly offered to host the event.

All proceeds go to this amazing charity.

Parish Number for Priest on Duty is: 087 4021357

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

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Wishing everybody a safe and enjoyable long weekend

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Lloyd Dalton, Highfield Park.

Pascal Hedderman, Beech Park.

Maura Murphy, Glanmire & Farranree.

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

Patrick O'Leary, St Enda's Road.

Jennifer Forde, Carriganarra Estate.

Dec. members of the Kiely Family.

Nellie Collins, Ovens & Westgate.

Maurice Galvin, Carriganarra.

George Meade, Carriganarra.

Sheila Walsh, Holly Road.

Eileen Walsh, Holly Road.

Raymond Lockhart, Ovens.

Bernard Flanagan, Castle Park.

Martin Canny, Leesdale Drive.

Margaret McMahon, Model Farm Road.

Josephine O'Connell, Inniscarra View.

Frank Cleary, Muskerry Est.

Thomas (Tom) Cleary, Muskerry Est./Ontario.

Mary & Fergus Cadwell, Muskerry Est./Douglas.

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

At the very beginning of the Acts of the Apostles we are told of the promise of the Holy Spirit. Then follows an account of the Ascension of Jesus, his departure in a physical sense, from this world. But this is a guarantee of his presence powerfully with us by his Spirit.

Second Reading: Eph 1:17-23

Paul speaks concretely of life in Christ. It is an empowered life.

Gospel: Luke 24:46-53

Luke stresses that the disciples who witnessed the Ascension were 'full of joy'.

Examination Time

We ask for your support and prayers for our students as they prepare for their Leaving and Junior Certificate Examinations. May they be successful in their efforts.

Today is World Communications Day

World Communications Day was established by Pope Paul VI in 1967 as an annual celebration that encourages us to reflect on the opportunities and challenges that the modern means of social communication (the press, motions pictures, radio, television and the internet) afford the Church to communicate the Gospel message.

Radio Maria Ireland - Fundraising Appeal

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Seventh Week Of Easter

01 Sunday Acts 1: 1-11. Ps. 46. Eph. 1: 17-23 or Heb. 9:24-28, 10: 19-23. Lk. 24:46-53. Lect I: 556

02 Monday Acts 19: 1-8. Ps. 67. Jn. 16:29-33. Lect I: 576

03 Tuesday Acts 20:17-27. Ps 67. Jn 17:1-11. Lect I: 578

04 Wednesday Acts 20:28-38. Ps. 67. Jn. 17:11-19. Lect I: 580

05 Thursday Acts 22:30, 23:6-11. Ps. 15. Jn. 17:20-26. Lect I: 583

06 Friday Acts 25:13-21. Ps 102. Jn 21:15-19 Lect I: 585

07 Saturday Acts 28:16-20,30-31. Ps 10. Jn 21 :20-25. Lect I: 588

Next Sunday's Readings 08-June-2025

Acts 2:1-11. Ps. 103. Rom. 8:8-17. In. 14:15-16, 23-26. Lect I: 601.

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

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 6th June 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.

Trocaire Boxes

Could people kindly return their Trocaire Boxes before 1st June?

Year of Prayer, Listening & Discernment Continuing the Journey

"Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." (1 Samuel 3:10) The Diocesan Year of Prayer, Listening and Discernment continues to unfold. We are deeply grateful to all who took part in the recent sessions within our Families of Parishes. Your prayer, presence, and reflections have enriched this process. Over the coming weeks, the responses received are being carefully and prayerfully reviewed. This next stage—of reflection and discernment—will help determine the steps we are called to take together as a Diocese. We ask for your continued prayer that this next phase may be shaped by the wisdom of the Holy Spirit and a shared desire to respond to the call of Christ in our time.