

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 08-June-2025



St. Mary & St. John

Pentecost Sunday

*The first coming of the Holy Spirit on the Church was wind and fire and the telling of God's wonderful deeds in many tongues. The Spirit also comes as many gifts for the common good, bringing peace along with God's forgiving power.*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

## Come Holy Spirit

Today, the Feast of Pentecost, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles who were gathered together in Jerusalem. On that first Pentecost, having heard the disciples speak in their own languages about the marvels of God, many people became believers. Ever since then, the Gospel message has been proclaimed throughout the world. As members of Christ's body we too are called to witness to God's life-giving Spirit dwelling in each one of us. In our parish many times during the year we experience joy and hope at witnessing children affirming their faith in God through the Sacrament of Confirmation; we experience it when parents bring their child for Baptism and when children come to the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist for the first time. Every time we gather around the Table of the Lord to celebrate the Eucharist we renew our faith and receive the nourishment of Word and Sacrament which strengthens us in our Mission.

Am I open to God's Spirit guiding my daily life? We pray for the grace to be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit and to recognize not only how the Spirit has gifted us in individual ways, but also to appreciate the Spirit's different gifts in other people. May we live out in our lives the fruits of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness and self-control.

In the two second readings for this weekend, St Paul reminds us that 'everyone moved by the Spirit is a child of God and since the Spirit of God has made his home in us, we are heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory'. We are also reminded that 'the Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our pleas in a way that could never be put into words - for God knows everything in our hearts'.

Let us pray today for ourselves and the entire Church that we may all be renewed by the power of the Holy Spirit. We pray too that the Holy Spirit will enlighten all those in our Parish who are preparing for Examinations. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in us the fire of your love!

### 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](mailto: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.

### Family Mass

Our next Family Mass will be celebrated at 12.30p.m. in Christ our Light church on Sunday, 15th June. 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.

### Reflection for Parents

Our children often come to us frightened about one thing or another. It is our job to calm their fears and generally we do a pretty good job. But sometimes, our doubts or concerns are the same as theirs. When this happens, we're not always sure how to answer them and after reading today's Gospel we may think that our faith is not strong enough. But doubt does not necessarily mean a lack of faith. Sometimes the best thing we can do is tell our children we wonder about the same things they do and then together think about how our faith helps us answer the concern. Generally, these conversations revolve around a serious illness or death in the family and what happens when we die. It's not "lack of faith" that causes us to not know. It is a "lack of knowledge," because it's true, none of us knows exactly.

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

*Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.*

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Feast Of Pentecost

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

09 Monday Rom 12:1-2, 9-13 or 2 Cor 5:14-21. Ps 33. Mt 19:27-29

10 Tuesday 2 Cor 1: 18-22. Ps 118. Mt 5: 13-16. Lect II: 126

11 Wednesday Acts 11:21-26, 13:1-3. Ps. 97. Mt. 10:7-13. Lect II: 1058

12 Thursday 2 Cor 3: 15-4: 1, 3-6. Ps. 84. Mt. 5:20-26. Lect II:130

13 Friday 2 Cor 4:7-15. Ps 115. Mt 5:27-32. Lect II: 132

14 Saturday 2 Cor 5:14-21. Ps 102. Mt 5:33-37. Lect II: 134

Next Sunday's Readings 15-June-2025

Prov. 8:22-31. Ps. 8. Rom. 5: 1-5. In. 16: 12-15 Lect I: 615

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.

**Examination Time**

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

**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.

*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.

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

Con O'Sullivan, Ballinora.  
Pascal Hedderman, Beech Park.  
John O'Sullivan, Westcliffe.  
John Cosgrove, Limerick.

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

John Kelleher, Rosewood.  
Fr George O'Mahony P.P.  
Maurice Galvin, Carriganarra.  
Patricia Murphy, Aylesbury.  
Nancy Manning, Farranree.  
Denis Horgan, St Teresa's Road.  
Pearl Collins, Dunmanway.  
Thomas O'Sullivan, Kanturk.  
Dermot Barry Rosewood,  
Catherine Moroney, Muskerry Estate.  
John Bowen, Sundays Well.

First Reading: Acts: 2:1-11

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Second Reading: Rom. 8:8-17

We are always faced with the choice between following our nobler or our meaner instincts in the conduct of our day-to-day lives. Paul calls this living according to the Spirit or living according to the flesh - and then he suggests that the most vital, life-giving choice we can make is to let the Holy Spirit be our guiding light.

Gospel: John 14:15-16, 23-26

If we obey god's commandments then we will be given the Holy Spirit and he will abide in us for ever. Jesus was saying that the Holy Spirit will be in us forever if we continue to obey god's commandments for our lifetime. God always travels with his people. We pray today for a new outpouring, come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of our faithful.

**Jubilee Year**

Bishop Crean will officiate at the Shrine Mass at St. Gobnait's Well, Ballyvourney this year on Sunday 8th June (Whit/Pentecost Sunday) at 3pm as it is a designated Pilgrim Site the Jubilee Year of Hope. Any questions: Norah on 021-4872253.

**Eucharistic Procession**

Please join us for the 99th Eucharistic Procession which takes place on Sunday, June 22nd leaving the Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Anne at 3.00pm. It would be great to continue the tradition of parishioners from parishes throughout the city and beyond to walk in the procession. Parking is available in the grounds of St. Anthony's Convent, St. Mary's Road (across from the Cathedral). This year to accommodate the growing large numbers it was decided to take the final prayer and Benediction outside onto a specially constructed platform down at the end of Grand Parade near the National Monument. For more details see [www.corkandross.org](http://www.corkandross.org)

**Open AI-Anon Meeting & AA Participation**

There will be an open AI-Anon Meeting & AA participation on Thursday, 12th June at 7.30pm in Ballincollig Community Hall.