

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 22-June-2025



St. Mary & St. John

The Body and Blood of Christ

Corpus Christi

*The sacrifice of Christ re-united us with God, once for all.
Every time we celebrate the Lord's Supper and receive his
body and blood then through him our union with God is
renewed.*



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Our Journey

During this week-end there will be Eucharistic Processions, not only here at Ballincollig but throughout Ireland and the rest of the world. As members of the Body of Christ we are giving witness to our faith and demonstrating our reverence and gratitude for the Blessed Sacrament.

So often in the Gospels we see Jesus walking with people, feeding, healing and nourishing them. One of my favourite stories is of the two Disciples on the road to Emmaus. I can identify with them at different stages of my own journey! Here are two disciples who are feeling sad, confused, 'let down', walking away in discouragement and disappointment. On the road they are joined by a person whom they do not recognize. So often in the 'dark' moments of our lives this too can be our experience. We feel that Jesus has abandoned us. As people of faith, we look for him but we don't see him or cannot find him.

When Jesus joins the two disciples, he first of all listens to their story, then he leads them through the scriptures explaining all the events leading up to Holy Week. All the time they were talking and searching, Jesus was touching their lives and drawing them to himself. As they later expressed 'did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road'. In our journeys through life, we learn more about Jesus and how He is working in our everyday lives when we walk the road with others, sharing our insights, our questions, and our relationship with Him.

Jesus continues to reveal himself to us when we hear and see others witness to their faith. These can be moments that we often take for granted. We have only to look around our own parish community to recognize Jesus living among us. Can we recall moments in our journey of faith when we experienced 'our hearts burning within us'? These can be moments when we experienced a deep relationship with the Lord, but they can also be moments when we witnessed the faith of others. For me it has been inspiring seeing young parents, many with their babies, coming to the Baptism preparation with a desire that their children begin their journey of faith; the enthusiasm and the joy of the many children who received the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation and the wonderful commitment of their parents and teachers in preparing them; seeing families participating together at Sunday Mass and the many people, young and old, who come to be nourished at daily Mass. There are so many other ways that Jesus is revealing Himself to us. He walks alongside us, revealing to us the meaning of events, of suffering and death, of joys and sorrows. Let us pray that we may always be open to recognizing Him in these encounters.

The disciples recognized Jesus in the breaking of bread. We meet the Risen Christ every time we receive the Lord in the Eucharist. We are called to become what we receive - the body of Christ.

Like the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, let us ask Him to 'Stay with us' on our journey.

We ask the Lord to accompany in a special way all the students doing examinations at this time. May the Holy Spirit guide and direct them.

Thank You

The editorial team of the Parishioner would like to thank our contributors for their support during the year. Publication of the Ballincollig Parishioner will resume after the summer break on Sunday 14th September 2025.

To all our readers have a safe & wonderful summer

Con, Diarmuid & Miriam.

Ballincollig Parish

Summer Weekday Mass Schedule

- Mon., Tues. & Fri. – 9.30am Mass
St. Mary & St. John's Church
 - Wed. & Thurs. – 8.30am Mass
Christ our Light Church
- Effective from Mon. 30th June until Fri. 29th August inclusive.

Ballincollig Parish Office

The Parish Office is now located in the Ballincollig Community Hall.

Opening Hours

9.00am – 12.30pm

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

Phone number : 089 400 8181.

Reflection for Parents

How many meals do we prepare not knowing exactly who will eat them? As the dynamics of our families change, there may be a few more or a few less at each meal. Sometimes we invite friends or neighbours at the last minute to join us for dinner, or our children may ask if "Johnny can stay for dinner!" We can be creative stretching a meal to feed a few more or have some really great leftovers for the next day's lunch! However they turn out, our meals are opportunities for sharing love--by our efforts in preparation, with those who gather at the table, and the conversation we share as we eat. Mealtime is important for all families, and we need to make every effort to help them become sacred moments of the day.

Parish Number for Priest on Duty is: 087 4021357

You are a priest forever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.

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

John Henchy, Ballyburden.
Lloyd Dalton, Highfield.
Oliver (Ollie) Morey, Beech Park.
Michael O'Mahony, Drimoleague.

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

Reenie O'Connor, Beech Rd.
PJ O'Mahony, Coolroe.
James O'Sullivan Tudor Grove.
Con Coughlan, Tower St.
Hannah O'Donovan, Castlevue House.
John & Peggy Dempsey, Beech Park.
Severo & Rebecca Queral, Philipppines.
Liam Murray, Carrigrohane Road.
Sheila Murphy, Model Farm Road.
Baby Cara Santry.
Tom & Rose Scanlan, Bishopstown.
Joseph O'Shea, Scotch Farm, Carrigrohane.
Dec. members of the Noonan family, Mitchelstown.
Finbarr Dalton, Flynn's Cross.
Paul Murray, Westcliffe.

First Reading: Gen 14:18-20
The story of Melchisedech, priest who offers bread and wine and receives God's blessing, is often understood as a foreshadowing of the Eucharist, which we celebrate.

Second Reading: 1 Cor 11:23-26
This is St Paul's account of Eucharistic celebration in the early Church.

Gospel: Luke 9:11-17.
Jesus continued to teach the crowds that had gathered until late in the day when his disciples came to him and said that Jesus should let the crowd go so that they might find food and a place to stay. Jesus told the disciples to feed the crowd themselves, but they knew it would be impossible because they only had five loaves of bread and two fish among them. Jesus instructed the disciples to divide the people into groups of fifty. Jesus took the five loaves and two fish, blessed and broke them and shared them among the people. Not only was this food sufficient for the crowd but they had twelve baskets of leftovers.

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 this.

Volunteers needed for CUH Volunteer Service

Are you friendly, compassionate, a fluent English speaker and engaging with up to 4 hours free a week? If yes, consider becoming a volunteer in CUH. For full details, phone 021 492 2822 or email: CUH.volunteerservice@hse.ie.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Tenth Week In Ordinary Time

22 Sunday Gen. 14:18-20. Ps. 109. 1 Cor. 11:23-26. Lk. 9:11- 17. Lect I: 625

23 Monday Gen. 12:1-9, Ps. 32. Mt. 7:1-5. Lect II: 149

24 Tuesday Is. 49:1-6, Ps. 138, Acts 13:22-26. Lk. 157-66, 80. Lect I: 976 or II: 1073

25 Wednesday Gen. 15:1-12, 17-18. Ps. 104, Mt. 7:15-20, Lect II: 153

26 Thursday Gen. 16:1-12, 15-16. Ps. 105. Mt. 7:21-29. Lect II:155

27 Friday Ez 34:11-16. Ps 22. Rom 5:5-11. Lk 15:3-7. Lect I: 634

28 Saturday Is. 61 :9-11. Ps. 1 Same 2. Lk. 2:41-51. Lect II: 1043

Next Sunday's Readings 29-June-2025

Acts 12:1-11. Ps. 33.2 Tim. 4:6-8, 17-18. Mt. 16: 13-19. Lect I: 981 or Lect II: 1082

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 in the Ballincollig Community Hall is cancelled until the end of June.

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.

Peter's Pence Envelope Collection

The Peter's pence envelope collection will be taken up at all Masses on the weekend of the 28th/29th. We appreciate your continued generosity.

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.