

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 21-September-2025



St. Mary & St. John

## Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Jesus lamented the fact that the 'children of light' are not as astute at doing good as the wicked are at looking after themselves. It may be that some of our ineffectiveness in doing good arises from a lack of total commitment to God. We cannot have it both ways; self- concerned and love of God don't mix.*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

## *"He cannot be friend both of God and money"*

Teachers avail of many methods to teach and impart knowledge. Jesus had a favourite way of teaching, he tended to tell stories (or parables) about every day events and these stories always convey a message or had a moral. Jesus used stories as his favourite method of helping people to discover the truth. People can reflect on the story for themselves and deduce the appropriate lesson. Stories have an added advantage in that they are easily remembered and influence us for many years.

Today's story in the Gospel is an intriguing tale of the master and servant, money and sly dealing, the lesson is clear. As Jesus tells the story, the servant who loses his job knows exactly what he has to do to get himself into another job and a secure future, use his position to make friends with people who will then take care of him. Smart move, street wise, clever thinking.

So says the lord use your gifts and talents in a joyful and generous way with others and so prepare for yourself a highway to heaven. Learn that life is God's gift to you, a gift to be rejoiced in and shared with all. Life is not a private possession to be hoarded for one self.

The prophet Amos is a great champion of Justice and the poor. He assailed the oppressors of the poor as well as the judicial system which denied the poor any hope of getting justice. The short reading from Amos is a good example. Here he depicts the greed of the wealthy, who are in a hurry for the Holy day to end so that they can get back to their dishonesty and cheating and making huge profits at the expense of the poor.

It is difficult to change the habits of a lifetime. Dostoevsky says, "the second half of one's life is usually made up of the habits acquired during the first half."

## *Gougane Sunday 2025*

You are invited to the celebrations at Gougane Barra on Sunday 28th September. This year Gougane Sunday takes on a particular significance as it has been a place of Jubilee Pilgrimage in the Diocese during the year. It is possible for people to gain an indulgence by participating in Gougane Sunday. For that reason, Confessions will be available from 1.30pm followed by Rosary at 2.30pm with Mass at 3.00pm. Conditions for an indulgence are Sacramental Confession, Reception of Holy Eucharist, Prayer for the Intentions of Holy Father and Performing a work of Charity.  
(See [www.corkandross.org](http://www.corkandross.org) for more details).

## *It's The Jubilee Year 2025*

The Jubilee Year is a time of immense Grace and Hope. It's a Holy Year of Forgiveness, Conversion and Joy. In this year the Church encourages us to use this year to rediscover the Virtue of Hope. People can make a pilgrimage to Rome and pass through the Holy Doors of St. Peter's, St. Paul's, St. John Lateran or St. Mary Major. For those who can't travel to Rome they can participate in a local celebration or pilgrimage of the Jubilee where they can obtain exactly the same graces as those who travel on pilgrimage to Rome. One such event will take place in St. Mark's Centre (Opposite Christ Our Light Church, Ballincollig) beginning on Wednesday, September 24th at 7.30 p.m. Pope Leo XIV has repeatedly said "Do not be afraid" in his public addresses and messages and to "Aspire to great things, to holiness, wherever you are. Do not settle for less". Everyone is invited to Come and Listen to these talks. You won't be disappointed because Hope Does Not Disappoint.

## *Bewley's Big Coffee Morning for Hospice*

A coffee morning will be held in Ballincollig GAA on Thursday, 25th September from 9.30am until 2.00pm. All proceeds are for Marymount Hospice.

## *Reflection for Parents*

Children learn at a young age that "buying friends" is a possibility. Even we adults use our resources to entertain friends. How often do we do things with our friends that we think will build our relationships by spending money either on food, entertainment, or gifts? The point of this Gospel is to help us remember that the most important way we can use our resources is in the service of others. From time to time, as we see our children selecting elaborate birthday gifts for a friend, or wanting to include friends in an expensive form of entertainment, we may need to remind them and ourselves of the message in today's Gospel.

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

*Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.*

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

Mary Culligan, Ballincollig/Cooldaniel, Toames.  
Marie Minihane, Hazel Grove, Ballincollig.  
James Finnegan, Coachford.  
Jim Walsh, Muskerry Est.  
Patsy Buckley, Dunmanway.  
Margaret Carroll, Bandon.

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

Denis O'Riordan, Dunmanway.  
Tim O'Regan, Leemount.  
Eileen & James O'Donovan, Leap.  
Christine Coady, Rosewood.  
Frank & Josephine Joyce, Galway.  
Denis & Eileen O'Leary.  
Margaret Sheehan, Kilmurray.  
Mary O'Connor, Mayfield.  
Con & Eileen Murphy, Macroom/Muskerry Est.  
Kay Kavanagh, Tudor Grove.  
Bridget Cotter, Wyndham Downs.

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7  
We are called to act with justice.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8  
Paul reminds us to think of others and to pray for them.

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13  
At first, it would seem that this Gospel passage praises dishonesty, but in fact, it gives credit for a clever and quick response. There was a man who managed the land for his master. What his misdeeds were not quite clear, but something had gone wrong in their relationship and the manager was about to be fired. Not physically able to dig ditches and too proud to beg, the manager worried about how he would live. In a quick response, he went to all the people who owed his master produce and had them change their bills to reflect a lesser amount.

### *Charity Concert in aid of Crann*

Glaslinn Choir will hold a concert on 10th Oct. at 8pm in St. Mary & St. John's Church. Donations to The Crann Centre welcome.

### *Collection for fund which Supports Seminarians and Deacons*

The annual collection for the Priesthood Education Fund will take place across the Diocese this weekend the 20th/21st September. This fund plays a vital role in supporting the formation and ongoing education of those serving in priestly and diaconal ministry. Currently one seminarian returned to his studies for the priesthood in St Patrick's College, Maynooth last week and another candidate is pursuing formation for the Permanent Diaconate. A discernment group for men considering diocesan priesthood also began recently and will continue during the year ahead. In addition the fund also supports the ongoing training and education of priests in the Diocese. We are deeply aware of the financial challenges many individuals and families face at this time. Nevertheless, we kindly ask you to support this important collection as generously as possible. Your continued support in promoting vocations is sincerely appreciated.

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

##### **Twenty Fifth Week In Ordinary Time**

21 Sunday Am. 8:4-7. Ps. 112. 1 Tim. 2: 1-8. Lk. 16: 1-13. Lect I: 910  
22 Monday Ezra 1:1-6. Ps. 125. Lk. 8:16-18. Lect II: 325  
23 Tuesday Ezra 6:7-8.12.14-20 Ps 121 Lk 8:19-21 Lect II: 327  
24 Wednesday Ezra 9:5-9. Ps. Tob. 13:2-8. Lk. 9: 1-6. Lect II: 329  
25 Thursday Hag. 1:1-8. Ps. 149. Lk. 9:7-9. Lect II: 331  
26 Friday Hag. 1:15-2:9. Ps. 42. Lk. 9:18-22. Lect II: 333  
27 Saturday Zech. 2:5-9,14-15. Ps. Jer. 3:10-13. Lk. 9:43-45. Lect II:335

#### **Next Sunday's Readings 28-September-2025**

Am. 6:1, 4-7. Ps. 145. 1 Tim. 6:11-16. Lk. 16:19- 31. Lect I: 914

#### 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 has resumed and continues every Tuesday morning after 9.30am Mass in the Ballincollig Community Hall. New members welcome.

##### *Mass for Parish Volunteers*

A Mass to express appreciation to all those involved in volunteering for the parish will be celebrated in Christ our Light Church on Sunday September 28th at 12.30pm. All are welcome.

'Sycamore' formation series and the 'Foundations in Theology' programme will be returning for another 10 weeks, starting on Wednesday 24th September from 5.45pm - 8pm in Mardyke House, Cork, T12 W8RP. Both programmes are specifically designed for young adults aged 18-35 years and will run concurrently over the 10 weeks

#### **Vocations Afternoon**

with the Poor Clare Sisters, Cork on Saturday, September 27th from 2 - 4 pm. If you are considering a religious vocation, feel free to contact us anytime: vocationspoor-clarescork@gmail.com or write to us: Poor Clare Monastery, College Road, Cork. www.poorclarescork.ie