

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 28-September-2025



St. Mary & St. John

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

One of the great preoccupations today is the maintenance of a high standard of living. Today's readings give us a prophetic warning - this life-style leads to complacency and indifference to the needs of the poor. Any such indifference can only earn us the condemnation of God whose mercy for the poor is linked to his judgement of the oppressed.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Repentance

Repentance for sin is a central theme of the Christian message. The word "repentance" is sometimes used in the Bible to mean regret and sorrow for having done some deed. This was the kind of repentance shown by Judas when he repented of his betrayal of Jesus but did not change his life. Repentance in its true sense means sorrow that will cause a complete changed of life such as was shown by Peter after his denial of Jesus.

In the fourth century, St. John Chrysostom preached a wonderful sermon on the five roads to repentance. First among these was the acknowledgement of sin. He quotes the prophet who said: "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord, then He will forgive the guilt of my sin." To acknowledge sins help us to stop committing them. The second royal road to repentance, according to the Saint, is one which we might not have thought of: forget wrongs, control one's temper, and forgive the trespasses of others. This puts into practice the well-known phrase in the Lord's Prayer: "Forgive us our trespasses we forgive those who trespass against us."

The third way to repentance is prayer - fervent and diligent prayer, prayer from the heart. So often we think of prayer in terms of asking God to do us some favour. Here we are asking God for something greater than an ordinary everyday favour: we are asking that he wipe away our sins and help us to change our lives.

St. John Chrysostom again surprises us with what he considers the fifth road to repentance: Alms- giving. Even if people are very poor, they can still take this way to repentance. Did not the widow in the Gospel prove this when she contributed he might?

Finally, the fifth way to repentance is modest and humble behaviour, - which annihilates sin as drastically as the other methods. In the parable of the Pharisee and the Publican, the Publican had no good deeds to list but instead he offered humility and the burden of his sins dropped off him.

"Here then are the five highroads to repentance: first acknowledging one's sins, second forgiving the sins of others, third prayer, fourth almsgiving, fifth humility."

The saint concludes with these moving words: "We have learned how our wounds are to be healed - we must now apply these remedies, so that we may recover our health and enjoy the blessings of the holy table with confidence and attain the happiness of everlasting life through the grace and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ".

Connect 7 is taking place on Saturday 18th October in the Cathedral of St Mary at St Anne's, Cork City. Connect is a gathering for young people of faith and for those who are searching between the ages of 18-35. Previous CONNECT events have been very successful in bringing young adults together to celebrate their faith and find support and nourishment for their faith journey today. This year's theme is: 'Finding purpose – God's plan for my life', which will centre around discernment and vocation. Our keynote speakers are Fr. Conor McGrath, Vocations Director in the Diocese of Down and Connor, and Lorraine Buckley, Faith Development Coordinator in the Diocese of Cork and Ross. The day will include a talk by the two guest speakers, Mass, Adoration, time for a panel discussion, confessions, pizza and more. To register, young people can visit Eventbrite and search for CONNECT 7

Gaelscoil Uí Ríordáin Lá Oscailte/Open Day

Dé Céadaoin 8th Deireadh Fómhair 10am - 1pm.

Fáilte roimh chách/All Welcome.

Enrolment opens 1st October/Naíonáin Bheaga '26/'27.

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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 today September 28th at 12.30pm.

All are welcome.

Gougane Sunday 2025

You are invited to the celebrations at Gougane Barra on Sunday 28th September. Confessions will be available from 1.30pm followed by Rosary at 2.30pm with Mass at 3.00pm.

Reflection for Parents

Most often we think of ourselves as rich people sharing our resources with those in need, and indeed, that is what we, as Christians, are called to do. But have we ever been the one being served? Perhaps we have not found it necessary to receive material goods from others, but what have others given us out of generosity in the form of time, energy, or actions. Maybe someone sat with us when one of our children was sick, or helped us with some physical chore when our burden was too heavy to carry alone. It might even be a coach or teacher who has helped our children in a generous way. How can the actions of these people help us better live this Gospel message today? What can we give of ourselves?

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My soul, give praise to the Lord.

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† IN SYMPATHY †
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :
Mary Susan Curran, Model Farm Road/Westcliffe.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS OR OTHERWISE REMEMBERED:
John Coughlan, Clash.
Frances Cashman, Glounthane.
Derry Barry-Murphy, Greenfields.
Philip Hall, Rosewood.
Kevin Lynch.
Patrick & Joan O’Keeffe, Bantry.
Peggy O’Driscoll, Carriganarra House.
Jim Purcell, Kilcrea Park.
Helen Keneally, Beech Park.
Layla O’Sullivan, Killarney.
Edward Durkin, Clash Road Carrigrohane.
Jerry & Chris O’Sullivan, Clash Road Carrigrohane.
James O’Sullivan, Kilmichael.
Ellis Cooper, Togher & the USA.
Dec. Mem. of the Thompson Family.
Katie Ellen & Jim O Grady, Co. Sligo.
Ellen & John Beamish, Clonakilty.
Michael Greene, The Paddocks.
Con Cagney, Beech Park.
Fr. Seán Murphy, Station Road.

First Reading: Amos 6:1, 4 - 7
The First Reading tells how Amos the Prophet criticized those who lived in luxury and neglected the poor. These were people who lived for pleasure and self-indulgence. Amos said these people would be the first to be punished.

Second Reading: Timothy 6:11 - 16
In the Second Reading, Paul writes to Timothy, a bishop. He asks him to fight the good fight and to keep God's command. Our calling is the same.

Gospel: Luke 16:19 - 31
As was often Jesus' message, today's Gospel reverses the rich and poor of this world and the next. Lazarus, a poor beggar who was most likely crippled and had open sores that dogs licked, sat every day beneath the window of a rich man. The rich man dined lavishly everyday and completely ignored Lazarus. Eventually, they both died and the angels carried Lazarus to heaven where Abraham held him. The rich man went to hell where he was parched and tormented. Looking up, the rich man saw Lazarus comforted by Abraham and still with arrogant behaviour, asked Abraham to send Lazarus down to dip water onto his tongue. Abraham explained that there could be no crossing from one place to the next and that the rich man was stuck with the consequences of his earthly behaviour. The man knew it futile then to argue for himself but begged Abraham to send someone to his brothers to warn them that they needed to change, or they would end up as he had. Abraham reminded the man that his brothers had already been told all that, and it was now up to them whether or not they believed it. Even the raising of a dead person would not convince them if their hearts were closed.

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.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month
Takes place October 1st-31st.
For further information, please log onto
www.breastcancerireland.com.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Twenty Sixth Week In Ordinary Time

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

29 Monday Dan. 7:9-10, 13-14 or Apoc. 12:7-12. Ps. 137. Jn. 1 :47-51. Lect II: 1205

30 Tuesday Zech. 8:20-23. Ps. 86. Lk. 9:51-56. Lect II: 339

01 Wednesday Neh. 2: 1-8. Ps. 136. Lk. 9:57-62. Lect II: 341

02 Thursday Ex. 23:20-23. Ps. 90. Mt. 18:1-5.10. Lect II: 1212

03 Friday Bar. 1:15-22. Ps. 78. Lk. 10:13-16. Lect II: 346

04 Saturday Bar 4:5-12,27-29. Ps. 68. Lk. 10:17-24. Lect II: 348

Next Sunday's Readings 05-October-2025
Hab. 1 :2-3, 2:2-4. Ps. 94. 2 Tim. 1: 6-8, 13-14. Lk. 17:5-10. Lect I: 917

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 every Tuesday morning after 9.30am Mass in the Ballincollig Community Hall. New members welcome.

First Friday
Friday 3rd October 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.

Funeral Ministry Team Formation

The Office for Mission and Ministry will be offering three formation sessions for new teams and for new members of existing teams in the Parish Centre of Sacred Heart, Western Road, Cork on Tuesdays, October 14th and 21st and 28th from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. To register please visit <https://tinyurl.com/mission-ministry> or by contacting the Office directly at 021-7355517.

Offertory Collection Envelopes/Boxes

Could the people who had the following boxes of envelopes last year (Jan. –Dec. 2024), please contact the parish office on 089 400 8181 Mon.- Wed. 9.00am – 12.30pm? Box No.s: 106, 112, 114, 116, 125, 127, 128, 134, 136, 142, 146, 152, 164, 165, 166.