

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John

Sunday 05-October-2025

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our faith is so often put to the test not just by intellectual doubts but by the difficulties of life. The paradox is that it is only faith that will bring us to life through these trials. It is only faith that allows us to see beyond what we give to what we have already been given by God himself.



Christ Our Light
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Increase Our Faith

The context for today's gospel is Christ talking about the evil of scandal and bad example. He said to his disciples "Obstacles are sure to come, but alas for those who provide them. It would be better for them to be thrown into the sea with a stone around their neck, than to lead astray one of these little ones. Watch yourselves."

"If your brother does something wrong and says sorry, forgive him. And if he wrongs you seven times a day and seven times comes back to you and says I am sorry, you must forgive him." Lk 17; 4.

The disciples must have been shattered, difficult enough to forgive once a day but expected to forgive seven times! The disciples had left the familiar to walk with Christ every week their faith is tested.

Faith is not an object or a thing but a relationship with God. The expression to lose one's faith as we might lose a key or mobile phone is rather silly. Faith is not something one loses, rather we cease to shape our lives by faith.

Each of us should make the prayer of the apostles our own "Lord increase my faith," because it is not enough to keep the faith, we need to grow in faith. Faith has to grow and as it grows it changes. Faith does not grow static no more than any of our relationships remain static.

Faith grows when exercised, faith also grows through regular nourishment. How do we nourish faith, by prayer and contact with the believing community.

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/Wednesday October 8th:
10am - 1pm. Fáilte roimh chách/All Welcome.
Enrolment opens 1st October/Naíonáin Bheaga '26/'27.
Telephone 021-872752 runai@gaelSCOILUIRORDAIN.IE
Clárú Enrolment Naíonáin Bheaga '26/'27. Junior Infants
1/10/25-31/10/25 www.gaelSCOILUIRORDAIN.IE

Scoil Barra Open Night
Scoil Barra is now accepting enrolment applications. All details can be found here: <https://www.scoilbarra.ie/admissions-junior-infants/> Please join us for our Open Night on Thursday 9th October!

Masses to call on God's Blessing for our School Communities
Bishop Fintan Galvin invites you to join him at Mass to celebrate everything that is good in our Catholic schools throughout the Diocese of Cork and Ross on:
Monday, 13th October 2025 in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Clonakilty at 7.30pm followed by refreshments in Clonakilty Parish Centre.

Tuesday 14th October 2025 in the Cathedral of St Mary and St Anne, Cork at 7.30pm followed by refreshments in the Cathedral Visitor Centre.

Reflection for Parents

We often fall into bed at night declaring to the empty darkness, "No one appreciates all I did today." Perhaps it's the lot of parents to spend most of their years in a state of exhaustion, but when those little legs climb up to our laps and tiny hands clutch our necks in a hug, we don't feel quite so weary or burdened. The smile that crosses our lips shows our true appreciation for God's gift and the service we offer is our gift in return.

Parish Number for Priest on Duty is: 087 4021357

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

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† IN SYMPATHY †
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :
Kieran Manning, Sunningdale, Ballincollig.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS:
Kathleen O’Sullivan, Ballyvolane.
Declan Lynch, Ballymacthomas.
Michael Creagh, Castlepark.
Patrick Barry, Rosewood.
Sheila & William O’Dwyer, Kilmichael.
Oliver O’Donovan, Beech Park.
Audrie Wiseman, Cranford Pines.
Dr Timothy O’Connell, Ballingulley, Ballinhassig.
Kitty Sheehan, Coachford.
Margaret, David & Frank (John) Rea.
Martin Muldoon, Crossbarry.
Pat Whelan, Listowel.
Mike Wolfe, Finuge, Listowel.
Christy Buckley, Bakers Rd.
Kathleen Dalton, Flynn’s Cross.
Susan O’Driscoll, Carrigdena.
Joe Guerin, Knocknagree.
Thade & Hannah Guerin Knocknagree.
Timothy Murphy, Skibbereen.

First Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4
In the first reading, Habakkuk cannot understand why God does not intervene to save his chosen people from their enemies. God himself gives the answer: they need faith.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14
In the second reading, Timothy, a bishop in the early Church, is told to bear witness to his faith.

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10
Parents often live this Gospel well. Better than most people, they know what it means to "serve" without expecting a reward. For many, parenthood is reward enough. Jesus explained to the disciples in this passage that service was a requirement of discipleship. When the disciples asked how they could have more faith, Jesus explained that faith was a gift. Faith is not something we control, but only something we can appreciate as a gift from God. To show our appreciation, however, Jesus demonstrated through a lesson of service how we could show our thankfulness to God for the gift of faith. When we share our faith with others and demonstrate it by showing the love of God to those we meet, we proclaim our gratitude.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage from Cork Airport
With Spiritual Director Group Leader Jim Keogh
This pilgrimage travels to Medjugorje from Cork with Aer Lingus on 3rd June 2026. please contact Jim Keogh 021 4885371 / 0872678793 Please note €100 off per person for bookings paid in full before 3rd November 2025! N.B. Our places are limited and can only be allocated on a first come first served basis.

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 Seventh Week In Ordinary Time		
05 Sunday	Hab. 1 :2-3, 2:2-4. Ps. 94. 2 Tim. 1: 6-8, 13-14. Lk. 17:5-10. Lect I: 917	
06 Monday	Jon. 1: 1-2: 1, 11. Ps. Jon. 2:3-8. Lk. 10:25-37. Lect II:350	
07 Tuesday	Acts 1: 12-14. Ps. Lk. 1. Lk. 1: 26-28. Lect II: 1217	
08 Wednesday	Jon. 4:1-11. Ps. 85. Lk. 11:1-4. Lect II:355	
09 Thursday	Mal. 3: 13-20 Ps. I. Lk. 11 :5-13. Lect II:357	
10 Friday	Joel 1:13-15. 2:1-2. Ps. 9. Lk. 11:15-26. Lect II:359	
11 Saturday	Joel 4:12-21. Ps. 96. Lk. 11:21-28. Lect II:362	
Next Sunday's Readings 12-October-2025		
2 Kg 5:14-17. Ps 97. 2 Tim 2:8-13 Lk 17:11-19 Lect I: 919		

MASS TIMES		
St. Mary & St. John		Christ Our Light
8:30 am, 10 am	Sunday	11 am, 12:30 pm
No Mass	Monday	No Mass
No Mass	Tuesday	No Mass
No Mass	Wednesday	No Mass
No Mass	Thursday	No Mass
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.

Collection for seminarians and deacons
The annual collection for the Priesthood Education Fund in the Diocese which was taken up on the weekend of 20th/21st Sept. amounted to €2,440. We appreciate your continued generosity.

Envelope Collection
The quarterly diocesan collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend 11th/12th October. We appreciate your continued generosity.

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.