

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 12-October-2025

Twenty Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Prisioners' Sunday

Eucharistic is the name that we give to our great act of worship; it is a name that means 'giving thanks.' Today's readings remind us that we owe God thanks not just for healing lepers two thousand years ago, but for blessing our lives with his love and restoring them with his forgiveness.



St. Mary & St. John



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Gratitude

The readings today speak about gratitude, the gratitude that Naaman the Syrian showed the prophet Elisha and the gratitude that one of the ten lepers showed the Lord. In the first reading we see Naaman healed of leprosy by the prophet Elisha. In gratitude, Naaman offered to reward Elisha with riches but he refused to accept these knowing that his power to heal was God's gift. When people contracted leprosy they could no longer live amongst the people in the community and had to leave their home, family, friends, and livelihood. While Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem, ten men who had leprosy met him on the outskirts of a village. They stood some way off calling out to the Lord, "Jesus, Master! Take pity on us!" Jesus heard their cries. He saw their disfigurement. He did not reject them but reached out in compassion to them. In their isolation and suffering, they had the faith to believe Jesus could and would heal them and so give them a sense of hope and belonging in their community once more..

Out of the ten lepers who were healed only one, a Samaritan, returned to express gratitude to Jesus and to praise God. We receive so much from the Lord. Maybe sometimes, we just take it for granted. How often do I thank God for his presence in my life? The word Eucharist means "to give thanks". Each time we participate in our Eucharistic celebration we come together as a community to do what Naaman and the Samaritan leper did: we give praise and thanks to God. In the introduction to the Preface of the Mass, we pray these words each time: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God:- it is right to give him thanks and praise'. We give thanks for all that God has done and continues to do for us personally and as members of the Body of Christ.

The readings today are challenging us to ask ourselves: Who are the 'lepers' or outcasts in our society today? Who are we keeping at a distance? Sadly there are people around us today who experience rejection, isolation and who perhaps are crying out to be accepted, to be given a sense of hope and belonging, who, in the words of the lepers, are pleading: 'take pity on us'? We remember with gratitude the goodness and compassion of the people in our community who are reaching out and ministering to those rejected by society. We thank God for always being there for us and for the many times we have the opportunity to experience his healing, especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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

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.

Family Mass

Our next Family Mass will be celebrated at 12.30p.m. in Christ our Light church on Sunday, 19th October. 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

It's unlikely that the lepers in today's Gospel weren't happy about being healed from a dreaded disease that isolated them from their family and friends. However, they never said thank you to Jesus. Maybe they were too busy, too excited, too preoccupied, or too thoughtless. As parents, we have certainly experienced a lack of gratitude from our children. We know they are truly grateful for their home, the food they eat, the bed they sleep in, the clothes they wear, the taxi service we provide and the hours we spend playing with them. But most kids are not often there with a big hug and "Thank You!" Yet, our love does not diminish in the carelessness of our children, just as God's healing did not disappear from the lepers. Likewise, even though we forget to thank God and praise him for all our rich blessing.

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

Angela O'Driscoll, Frankfield.
Kieran Manning, Sunningdale.
Nancy O'Sullivan, Kenmare, Co Kerry.
Angela Keaveney, Innishmore.
Paschal Cullen, The Stables.
Kerry Corcoran, Ballincollig/Kerry.
Brian Mulcahy, Muskerry Estate.
Killian Lee, Aylsbury.
Margaret Murphy, Ballincollig/Clare/UK.

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

Anne Kidney, Greenfields.
Rose Houlihan (nee Skidd), Redemption Road.
Noreen O'Mahony, Drimoleague.
John O'Callaghan, Fr Sexton Park.
Billy Kelly, Fr Sexton Park.
Marjorie Kinsella, Ballyshoneen.
Margaret (Peg) Collar, Manor Hill.
Dec. mem. of Active Retirement Association Ballincollig (BARA).
Beatie Barrett, Coolroe.
Pat Casey, Westcliffe.
Michael and Nora Cotter.
Nelius O'Regan, Aglish, Coachford.
Nora Hogan, Bishopstown

First Reading: 2 Kings 5:14-17
In the first reading, Naaman was healed from his leprosy. In those days, such sickness was thought of as evidence of sin. Therefore, to be healed was to be forgiven. Naaman's response is thanksgiving to the one true God.

Second Reading: 2 Tim 2:8-13
Paul says that Word of god cannot be chained. God's promise of final victory remains secure, no matter how great our suffering.

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19
Jesus healed ten lepers in today's Gospel, but only one (an unlikely one, at that!) came back to thank Jesus and give praise to God. Jesus wondered where the others were and why they didn't think to praise God for their healing.

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.

Eucharistic Adoration

The Diocese of Cork & Ross is renewing and developing its' Adoration Lay Committee in order to increase the practice of Eucharistic Adoration in Parishes throughout the diocese. You are welcome to attend and Information Meeting at one of these venues: on Wednesday 15th October, at 8pm, for one hour in Clonakilty Parish Centre P85 P793 or on Thursday 16th October, at 8pm, SMA Wilton Parish Centre, Cork, T12 AZ94. Registration from 7pm, includes light refreshments. Further details – see poster in the church.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Twenty Eighth Week In Ordinary Time

12 Sunday 2 Kg 5:14-17. Ps 97. 2 Tim 2:8-13 Lk 17:11-19 Lect I: 919
13 Monday Rom. 1 :1-7. Ps. 97. Lk. 11 :29-32. Lect II:364
14 Tuesday Rom.1:16-25. Ps.18. Lk.11:37-41. Lect II:366
15 Wednesday Rom. 2: 1-11. Ps. 61. Lk. 11 :42-46. Lect II:368
16 Thursday Rom. 3:21-30. Ps. 129. Lk. 11 :47-54. Lect II: 370
17 Friday Rom. 4:1-8. Ps. 31. Lk. 12:1-7. Lect II:372
18 Saturday 2 Tim. 4:10-17. Ps. 144. Lk. 10:1-9. Lect II: 1233

Next Sunday's Readings 19-October-2025

Ex 17:8-13. Ps 120. 1 Jn 4:11-16. Lk 18:1-8. Lect I: 922

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.

Envelope Collection

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

Cemetery Masses

Mass in St. Oliver's Cemetery Sat. November 1st at 2pm.
Mass in St. Mary & St. John's Cemetery Sat. November 8th at 12 noon.

Special Remembrance Mass

There will be a Special Mass to remember all our loved ones who died during the past year on Friday November 7th at 7.30pm in St Mary & St John. All those who died from the Parish will be remembered at this Mass. Families who wish to have deceased family members (who died during the past twelve months) included in this Mass are invited to hand in their names to the Sacristy or Parish Office during the week. Please include a contact name, phone number and an address. Families and individuals are invited to partake in the Mass.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Takes place October 1st-31st.

For further information, please log onto www.breastcancerireland.com.