

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 19-October-2025



St. Mary & St. John

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Mission Sunday

The enemies of Jesus try to put him on the horns of a dilemma. Would he offend the Roman occupiers or the sensitive Jewish nationalism?

Jesus rises above the situation by reminding them, that God is the supreme authority but yet we all have duties to the civic society in which we live.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

World Mission Sunday - "Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples"

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith was founded in 1822 by a French laywoman, Pauline Jaricot. She wished to help not only French missions and missionaries but all missions and missionaries especially the poorest. In 1922 The Society for the Propagation of the Faith became the primary organisation of the Church for supporting the activity of the missionaries. Pope Pius XI instituted Mission Sunday in 1926 and ordered that it be observed in all churches and oratories throughout the world as a day of prayer and material support for missionary activity.

It was Pauline who drew up the basic plan of the Society. It is one of prayer, offering up of suffering and making a financial contribution for the spread of the Faith. This year the motto chosen is "Make His Face Shine". "Holiness and mission are inescapable aspects of the vocation of every Baptised person. The commitment to become more holy is clearly linked to that of spreading the message of salvation. Every member of the faithful is called to holiness and to mission."

Mission is not over. Many of the young churches evangelised are now producing missionaries to other young churches. Many of these Young Churches are rich in vocations but poor in financial resources. All financial contributions for Mission Sunday go directly to the Missions. It assists missionaries to "Make his face shine" before the millions who have never had the opportunity to hear about or see the face of Christ

Urgent Appeal for Blood Donations

The Irish Blood Transfusion Service has issued an urgent appeal for blood donors as national supplies have fallen to critically low levels, with stocks across most blood groups now under three days.

Despite strong collection numbers over the past two months, a combination of high hospital demand and increasing respiratory illness in the community has severely impacted blood donation rates. The IBTS is now calling on the public to help restore supplies to safe levels.

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.

The November Novena for the Holy Souls

Sunday 2nd – Monday 10th November inclusive - There will be weekday morning Masses as usual (excluding Monday and Tuesday morning at Christ Our Light): in both churches during the Novena 8.30am in Christ our Light and 9.30am in St. Mary & St. John. There will also be evening Mass at 7.30pm in St. Mary & St. John's church each day except Saturday and Sunday.

Reflection for Parents

What happens when our children pester us long enough for something? If it's not life threatening and they've bugged us long enough, we usually find a way of giving in without losing face. We know just how the judge in Luke's Gospel felt! Let the story of the persistent widow strengthen your prayers. Even if they are not answered in just the way we ask, God hears our prayers and cares for us.

Prayer for Strength

Every day I need you, Lord, but today especially, I need some extra strength to face whatever is to come. This day, more than any other day, I need to feel you near me to strengthen my courage and to overcome my fear. By myself I cannot meet the challenge of the hour. We are frail human creatures and we need a Higher Power to sustain us in all that life may bring, and so, dear Lord, hold my trembling hand. Be with me, Lord, this day and stretch out your powerful arm to help me. May your love be upon me as I place all my hope in you. Amen.

Blessed Pope John XXIII

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Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

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

Mabel Giltinan, Maglin.
Mary O'Brien, Inniscarra.
Ivor Duggan, Killarney / Ballincollig.
Brian Mulcahy, Elm Lawn.
Killian Lee, Aylsbury
Sheila Barrett, Coachford.
James Wall, Ballincollig.
Donal Horgan, Kilcorney.
Dan O'Callaghan, Ballincollig / Galway.

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

John O'Flynn, Powdermills.
Olive O'Leary, Beech Road.
Joe Kavanagh, Parknamore Heights.
Neil O'Donoghue (Snr), Inniscarra View.
Rita, Michael & David Barry, Ladysbridge.
Noel O'Connell, Ballingulley.
Kevin Rooney, Park Road.
Mary Brennan, Ovens.
Gertrude & Michael Riordan, Glasheen Road.
Jack & Kathy Foley, Waterfall.
Lawrence Renshaw, Muskerry Estate/Castlepark.
Mary O'Sullivan, Glenleigh, Kilcorney.
Denis and Mary O'Regan, Farran,
Denis O'Regan (Jnr), Farran.
Breda O'Mahony, Riverstick.
Phil and Oliver Doyle, Greenwood Estate, Togher.
Ted O'Regan, Muskerry Estate.
Orla Murphy O'Mahony Limerick & Ballincollig.

First Reading: Exodus 17: 8 - 13
The first reading for today gives an example of persistence in prayer. As long as Moses continued to pray, the Jews were victorious in battle; when he stopped praying, they began to lose.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:2
In the second reading, Paul tells Timothy, the bishop, to remain faithful to his teachers and to Scripture. We, too, must be faithful to tradition and revelation.

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8
Like a relentless child, the widow in Jesus' parable wouldn't give up. She continually begged the judge for justice against her opponents. Not because the judge wanted to see justice done, but because he grew tired of the woman's pleading, he granted her request. The point Jesus wanted to make with this story is how much our loving God will answer our prayers if we persist in our asking.

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.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Twenty Ninth Week In Ordinary Time

19 Sunday Ex. 17:8-13. Ps. 120. 2 Tim. 3: 14-4:2. Lk. 18: 1-8. Lect I: 922
20 Monday Rom. 4:20-25. Ps. Lk. 1 :69-75. Lk. 12:13-21. Lect II:376
21 Tuesday Rom. 5:12,15,11-19. Ps. 39. Lk. 12:35-38. Lect II:378
22 Wednesday Rom. 6: 12-18. Ps. 123. Lk. 12:39-48. Lect II:380
23 Thursday Rom. 6:19-23. Ps. 1. Lk. 12:49-53. Lect II:382
24 Friday Rom. 7:18-25. Ps. 118. Lk. 12:54-59. Lect II:384
25 Saturday Rom. 8:1-11. Ps. 23. Lk. 13:1-9. Lect II:386

Next Sunday's Readings 26-October-2025

Eccles (Sir) 35: 12-14, 16-19. Ps 32. 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18. Lk 18:9-14. Lect I: 925

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 which took place last weekend amounted to €1,930. Your support for this collection is greatly appreciated.

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.

Envelope Collection Mission Sunday

The envelope collection for the propagation of the faith will be taken up at all churches this weekend 18th & 19th October.