

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 16-November-2025



St. Mary & St. John

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Day of the Poor

As we come towards the end of the Church's Year we are reminded of the end of all time. Before it comes there will be time of trial: for the believer who endures in faith the end will not bring condemnation but healing and life.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Modern Day Temples

In the context of Luke, today's Gospel appears near the end of Jesus' teaching in Jerusalem, just prior to the events that will lead to his crucifixion. His warnings and predictions are ominous but can be read in many ways.

To those who first heard Luke's Gospel, those may have been words of encouragement. The destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem by the Romans was history (70 A.D.); Luke's Gospel, Catholic scholars propose, was written between 80 and 90 A.D. His audience was probably Gentile Christians. Luke here tries to interpret the fall of Jerusalem for them and to locate it in God's plans for humankind (salvation history). At the same time, Luke is suggesting to his audience that there will be a considerable elapse of time before Jesus' final coming. Luke's listeners have likely seen much upheaval and are anxious to know if these are the signs of Jesus' coming. Luke is urging greater patience.

In the second part of today's Gospel, Jesus warns that his followers will face persecution for their beliefs. Luke presents persecution as an opportunity for the followers of Jesus for "It will lead to your giving testimony" (Luke 21:13). In persecution God's wisdom and power will be shown in the example of followers of Jesus. Perseverance in the face of persecution will lead to their salvation.

Here Jesus is assuring his followers that God is present to all believers, even in times of trouble. Ultimately, Jesus will witness to this with his own death. As disciples of Jesus, we try to follow his example, trusting in God's mercy and protection, even when we are facing difficulties.

Department of Education Survey about School Choice

The current Department of Education survey on the future of patronage in the primary sector is important in that it will shape the discussion on primary school divesting for the years to come throughout the Republic of Ireland.

While it is important that those who wish for a change in patronage would have their voice heard. It is equally important that those who wish for a Catholic Education for their children and for those who would wish for sacramental preparation within the school would have their voice heard also. For those reasons and to ensure that an accurate picture emerges, please participate in this survey if you are a parent, prospective parent of a Primary school student.

The survey can be accessed at www.gov.ie/primary-school-survey
The IEC message regarding this survey is available on the Cork and Ross Social media platforms.

Today is World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims

Lord, on this World Day of Remembrance for the Victims of Road Traffic Accidents we remember all those who have lost their earthly lives on our roads and all those who have been injured in body and in mind. May those whose earthly lives have been lost as a result of road accidents be brought into the light of your loving presence. We pray for those who have suffered injury as a result of a road crash; those who have suffered permanent injury, and those who care for them. May the Lord strengthen us to support and comfort them; that they may find the hope and peace that comes from God. Lord please always be with us and our families, May healing come upon the injured and May the souls of the dead rest in perfect peace Amen.

Singers Wanted!

Our church choir in the church of St. Mary & St. John is looking for new members. Men and women singers wanted. All levels welcome. Come sing, laugh, and make new friends in a fun, supportive group. Contact us after 10am mass on Sunday or join our rehearsals every Tuesday at 7pm in St Mary & John church. Love to sing?. Come give it a try, no audition needed.

Stand 4 Féile Fundraiser

"Blarney Brass & Reed Band" will perform a concert of Christmas & other Favourite Music on Sunday 14th. December at 7pm at Scoil Mhuire Gan Smal, Blarney, Co. Cork. Fabulous spot prizes, weekends away, and many other spot prizes on the night! Tickets €15 at the door! Doors open at 6.30 pm! Enquiries to Mary O'Shea Wrenne at 086 8461118.

Cork International Choral Festival

Presents Choral Christmas Cheer on Friday 28th November 7.30pm at Christ our Light Church, Ballincollig. Featuring: Mary Hegarty, Soprano with: Siomha Marrión and Ronan O'Leary. Guest Groups: Social an Spioraid Naoimh Cailini Choir, Bishopstown, CADA Performing Arts, Scoil Mhuire Choir, Ballincollig, Cantabile (12.30 Mass Group), The White Horse Gospel Choir. Directed by: Catherine Mahon- Buckley. Tickets €26.00 available at: www.corkchoral.ie Contact: Neil Bowen. Email: n.bowen1953@gmail.com Telephone: 087-2503609.

Parish Number for Priest on Duty is: 087 4021357

The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness.

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† IN SYMPATHY †
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :
John Joe Crowley, Copeen.
Noel Hegarty, Maple Lawn.
Killian Lee, Aylsbury.
Maureen Roche, Inniscarra View.
Padraig Sheehan, Douglas.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS OR OTHERWISE REMEMBERED:
William Barry, Ballyvolane.
Jim Walsh, Beech Park.
Jim Hickey, Ballincollig/Aherla.
Sheila & Billy Green, Station Rd./Carriganarra.
Denis & Kathleen Murphy, O'Donovan Cres.
Dec. Mem. of the Barry-Murphy family, Carriganarra.
Maureen O'Connell, Ballingully.
Theresa & Hilary Browne, Frankfield.
John O'Sullivan, Curraheen.
Abbie McCarthy, Avoncourt.
Timothy O'Callaghan, Inchigaggin.
Michael Twohig, Inniscarra View.
James Ellis McDermot, Poulavone.
Ann Hogan, Willowfield.
Siobhan Moynihan, Albert Rd.
Michael & Maud Glynn, Dunmanway.
Denis & Winnie Kelleher.
Charles O'Leary, Minister's Cross.
Bob Griffin, Lispole/Dingle.
Dec. Mem. of the Griffin family, Lispole/Dingle.
John O'Shea, Innishannon.
Michael & Mary Costello, Greenfields.
Garry Yelverton, Ballincollig/Inniscarra.
Dan Kidney, Muskerry Estate.
Kathleen O Keeffe, Aylsbury.
John O'Sullivan, The Paddocks.
Mary Delaney, Inniscarra View.

Irish Cancer Society Volunteer Drivers

The Irish Cancer Society is seeking compassionate volunteer drivers in our community. Your time can help to continue the vital service of providing transport for patients attending cancer treatment appointments. If you have a few hours to spare, a valid driving license, and a safe, reliable vehicle, you're the perfect candidate to make a significant difference. Your generosity can ease the journey for many during a challenging time, offering comfort and support when it's needed most. For more information and to become a volunteer driver, please contact Monica at volunteer@irishcancer.ie

First Saturday Conference in Knock

To mark the 100th anniversary of the First Saturday Apparition in Pontevedra, Spain, there will be a special conference in Knock on the first Saturday in December - December 6th. The day begins with adoration and confessions at 10am in the Reconciliation Chapel. There will be three talks from Bishop John Keenan, Antonia Moffat, and Fr Philip Kemmy in St John's Centre. There will also be the Rosary led by the Children's Rosary group, a 15 minute meditation led by Fr. Marius O'Reilly, as Our Lady requested for the First Saturdays, and time for lunch. At Fatima, Our Lady promised that there would be peace in the world and that many souls would be saved through this devotion. For more details please visit firstsaturdays.ie

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Thirty Third Week In Ordinary Time

16 Sunday Mal. 3:19-20. Ps. 97. 2 Thess. 3:7-12. Lk. 21:5-19. Lect I: 934
17 Monday Mac. 1:10-Med. Ps. 118. Lk. 18:35-43. Lect II: 425
18 Tuesday 2 Mac. 6:18-31. Ps. 3. Lk. 19:1-10. Lect II: 427
19 Wednesday 2 Mac. 7:1, 20-31. Ps. 16.1k. 19:11-28. Lect II: 430
20 Thursday 1 Mac. 2:15-29. Ps. 49. Lk. 19:41-44. Lect II: 433
21 Friday Zech. 2:14-17. Ps. Lk. 1:46-55. Mt. 12:46-50. Lect II: 1271
22 Saturday 1 Mac. 6:1-13. Ps.9. Lk. 20:27-40. Lect II: 437

Next Sunday's Readings 23-November-2025
2 Sam. 5:1-3. Ps. 121. Col. 1:12-20. Lk. 23:35-43. Lect I: 936

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

Youth Ministry Special Collection
The Youth Ministry Special Collection which took place last weekend, November 8th and 9th amounted to €1,615. We appreciate your generosity.

A morning of Talks & Meditation
With Fr. Donagh O'Shea, O.P. on Saturday, 22nd November in the Sacred Heart Missionaries Hall, Western Road, Cork. Donation €10. Registration at 9.30am. Beginning at 10am.

Autumn Dues
The priests of the Parish would like to thank you for returning the Autumn Dues Envelopes. Your continued support is much appreciated

Ballincollig Alzheimer Café

The Ballincollig Alzheimer Cafe will take place on Thursday the 20th of November from 3:00PM to 5:00PM at Chapel Gate Café, Ballincollig, Cork P13 XP38. This month's guest speaker is Tom Murray and will be giving advice on "Nursing Home, Fair Deal". Alzheimer Cafés provide a warm and welcoming space for people with dementia, their families, friends, and healthcare professionals to meet, exchange ideas, and learn from one another.