

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John

**Sunday 23-November-2025**

**Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King**

*We belong to the rule of Christ who rules not by being served but by his service of people, a service so radical that it led to his death. The cross is Christ's throne: on the cross he is lifted up and makes peace between God and humankind. Those who follow his rule of service will share in his kingdom of peace.*



**Christ Our Light  
Innishmore**

## ***The Feast of Christ the King***

My dear Ballincollig parishioners,

A year has passed since I left the parish. These twelve months have been a very different time for me compared to what I had been used to. I had to focus more on myself than on serving others. I believe that nothing in our lives happens by accident, and that even this experience – which, I will not hide, has not been easy for me – has its purpose. I spent some time in the hospital, and even more undergoing various tests and examinations, as well as different consultations. I was able to see many suffering, very ill people; with some of them I managed to talk a little, trying to lift their spirits and assure them that everything would be alright. At the same time, I tried to gain the inner conviction that everything would be alright for me as well. As most of you know, on the 25th of October I had a kidney transplant. The surgery and the treatment process have gone very well so far. May it continue this way. I would like to thank you all once again for every prayer you offered for me. Your support was truly felt. I am deeply grateful to you for it.

And as proof that Jesus works in our lives in surprising ways and listens to our prayers, I will mention just two facts. Firstly, I arrived at the hospital by ambulance exactly at 3:00 p.m. Secondly, nine days later, I received my hospital discharge summary also at 3:00 p.m. The Hour of Mercy. For me, this is reassurance that the Merciful Jesus truly watches over me and over each of us!

Let us not forget this as we honor Him this Sunday as our King. May today's Gospel – the one that describes His death on the cross precisely at 3:00 p.m. – strengthen us even more in this truth.

A blessed Sunday to you all.

Taking this opportunity, I also wish you a good and hope-filled Advent, and a wonderful Christmas filled with the love of the Newborn Jesus and the presence of your loved ones.

Greetings to everyone, and of course, we stay in touch.



**Fr. Kamil.**

## ***Why become a member of Ballincollig Parish Pastoral Council (P.P.C.)?***

'...Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!' we hear at end of each Sunday mass. However, doing this in practise is not so obvious for many. Even if we wish to offer some of our spare time, skills and energy, we might not know where to start. Fortunately, our parish has the answer to your dilemma – join the Parish Pastoral Council! A group of people who volunteer to help our priests implement God's words in action. Many events that you experienced over the years are organised by anonymous, humble and joyful people that you can be a part of. We assist with and steward various public events in the parish, e.g. cemetery Masses, the Good Friday procession, 'Darkness into Light' event and the Corpus Christi procession. The P.P.C members are often involved in subgroups e.g. organising the 'Family Mass' and liaising with the Family of Parishes. The members also provide hospitality for the various parish events. Being a member of the Parish Council, you will make new friends and you will represent the people of your parish and help to build up the church community of Ballincollig. We are a group of ordinary parishioners who wish to be involved in serving God, and their fellow parishioners here in Ballincollig. The members of the P.P.C include the priests of the parish, and a diverse group of national and international parishioners, who work together for the parish. Each of us has unique skills to serve, and together we do our best for our community. We meet once a month and help accordingly to our capabilities. If you feel encouraged and wish to join our joyful group, please leave your name and mobile number in the Parish Office. Peter and Nora, members of PPC

### ***Advent Reflection Day***

On Saturday, November 29th join the Office for Mission and Ministry from 10.00am to 3.30pm in Frankfield and Grange Parish Centre for a peaceful Advent Reflection Day. "Waiting in Hope: Listening for God's promise through the Word" invites you to step away from the busyness of the season and enter a time of prayer, reflection, and renewed trust in God's promises. Places are limited so booking is essential by contacting us at <https://tinyurl.com/mission-ministry> or by phoning 021-7355517.

### ***Annual Prayer Gathering For Funeral Ministry Teams***

The annual gathering for Funeral Ministry Teams will be held on Wednesday, November 26th at 7.30pm in St. Patrick's Church, Dunmanway, offering a valuable opportunity for Funeral Ministry Teams to come together for prayer, nourishment, and mutual support. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Parish Number for Priest on Duty is: 087 4021357**

***I rejoiced when I hear them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'***

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† IN SYMPATHY †  
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :  
Teresa O’Sullivan, Allihes.  
Tony Ahern, Ballincollig/Kerry Pike.  
Seán Cotter, Ballincollig/Glanmire.  
Margaret Cahalane, Leap.  
Sr. Margaret Hanrahan RSJ, Limerick/Cork/Clare.  
Ann Gallagher, Mayo.  
Betty Casey, Muskerry Estate.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS OR OTHERWISE REMEMBERED:  
Teresa & Timmy Devane, Annascaul.  
Phil Coughlan, Tower St.  
Brendan Lawlor, Inniscarra View.  
Dec. mem. of Boyce, Ahern & O’Keeffe families.  
Dec. mem. of the Reilly & Hanney families.  
Brendan O’Sullivan, Glendower.  
Kathleen Murphy, Glounthane.  
Martin, Joan & Brendan Hennigan, Inniscarra View.  
Stephen & Mary Murray, Pinecroft.  
Joan Murphy, Clash.  
Hugh Collins, Innishmore/Dunmanway.  
Kevin McCarthy, Rosewood.  
Clair O’Sullivan, Ovens.  
Cormac & Bridie O’ Donovan, Upton.  
John O’Connor, Powdermills.  
Mary Harrington, Douglas Street.  
Chris Sheehan, Westcourt.  
James O’Donovan, Enniskeane.  
John O’Mahony, Leeview, Carrigrohane.  
Michael & Julia Healy, Cathedral Rd.  
John Herlihy, Inchigeela.

Advent Lectio Divina

The Office for Mission and Ministry will be offering three online Lectio Divina sessions for Advent on Wednesday, December 3rd, 10th and 17th from 7.30pm to 8.30pm. These will be an opportunity to pause, pray with Scripture, and prepare for the coming of Christ. These online sessions are open to everyone. With limited places available, registration is essential. Contact us via <https://tinyurl.com/mission-ministry> or by ringing 021-7355517.

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

Happy 100th Birthday

The Parish wishes Teresa Lucey, O'Donovan Crescent a very Happy 100th Birthday.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Last Week In Ordinary Time

23 Sunday 2 Sam. 5:1-3. Ps. 121. Col. 1:12-20. Lk. 23:35-43. Lect I: 936  
24 Monday Dan. 1:1-6,8-20. Ps. Dan. 3:52-56. Lk. 21:1-4. Lect II: 439  
25 Tuesday Dan. 2:31-45. Ps. Dan. 3:57-61. Lk. 21:5-11. Lect II: 442  
26 Wednesday Dan. 5: 1-6, 13-17, 23-28. Ps. Dan. 3. Lk. 21: 12- 19. Lect II: 444  
27 Thursday Dan. 6:12-28. Ps. Dan. 3:68-74. Lk. 21 :20-28. Lect II: 447  
28 Friday Dan. 7:2-14. Ps. Dan. 3. Lk. 21 :29-33. Lect II: 449  
29 Saturday Dan. 7: 15-27. Ps. Dan. 3. Lk. 21 :34-36. Lect II: 452

Next Sunday's Readings 30-November-2025

Is. 2:1-5. Ps. 121. Rom. 13:11-14. Mt. 24:37-44. Lect I: 3

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.

Autumn Dues

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

An Invitation to All Family of Parishes

Ovens & Farran, Ballincollig, Ballinora, Kilmurray, Cloughduv and Canovee in the Church of the Immaculate Conception Farran, on Monday, 8th December from 7.30pm – 8.10pm. "Oh Come Let Us Adore Him". Help us Prepare for the Birth of Jesus with Songs of Praise.

Sunday November 23rd The Feast of Christ The King

Ballinora Parish will have Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament from 5.00pm until 7.00pm. All are welcome to come and sit awhile. Name: Lucia Ley. Email: [Ballinoracouncil@gmail.com](mailto:Ballinoracouncil@gmail.com) Telephone: 0868518539

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](http://www.gov.ie/primary-school-survey) The IEC message regarding this survey is available on the Cork and Ross Social media platforms.