

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 18-January-2004



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road



Second Sunday In Ordinary Time
A wedding is a time for joyful celebration; it is a time of hope and promise. According to John the wedding at Cana marked the beginning of Jesus' ministry. It showed the joy and plenty that his coming brings because in him, God's promised love is present reality.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

The Beatitudes – Attitudes Necessary To Be God's People

The Beatitudes are the most powerful expression in the Gospels of Christ's love for the poor in spirit. The poor, the hungry, the victimised and the persecuted are the privileged ones in His kingdom.

It is a big occasion: the crowds are still excited and over-awed after the healings, the twelve, newly-named Apostles are at Jesus' side. He is starting something, a new community for spreading the news of God's kingdom. These are the sort of people He is looking for, they have some unexpected qualifications:

Blessed are the poor in spirit – whether enduring poverty with good heart, or using their possessions in good faith as God's stewardship for right living.

Blessed are the gentle – not the aggressive, but the good-spirited, good-natured, the patient, those who encourage.

Blessed are – not those who seek after their own pleasure alone – but those who mourn – for the sins and sorrows of all mankind and open their hearts to neighbours in trouble.

Blessed are the merciful – not the unforgiving or the bully – but the understanding, those who listen, who rebuke, but do not condemn, who give good example.

Blessed are the pure in heart – not the mean and the greedy, but the sincere, whose motives are unselfish, who are honest with themselves and others if they do wrong.

Blessed are the peace-makers – not merely the non-violent, but those who spread peace by their reasonableness, their control of passions, their good sense.

Blessed are those who are persecuted – not those who deliberately set out for the glory of martyrdom as a bitter revenge – but in the cause of right, the genuine witnesses to conscience and truth. Jesus is telling them ... You may die forgotten in a prison or be ridiculed by those around you because you took an unpopular stand, but 'rejoice and be glad, your reward will be great in Heaven.'

If you believe in your heart that those words are addressed to you, just as much as they were addressed to that new community 2000 years ago, then you are truly part of that community that builds up the kingdom of God on earth.

John O'Donovan

Reflection for Parents

The point Jesus wanted to illustrate by performing this sign was to introduce a change. Many scholars interpret the wedding as the new age and the huge stone jars represent the magnitude of the wonder. There is great abundance in the story and that is the message of the new order Jesus promises - God lavishes us with his abundant love and we come to know that love through Jesus.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us raise our prayers to God, who works wonders among all the peoples.

Reader

For all who are members of the Christian family, that the Spirit may draw us all into greater unity.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the people of this community, that the gifts and talents of each parishioner may be used in the service of all.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those preparing to celebrate marriage this year, that the Lord's presence at their wedding may bring them joy.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

For all married couples, that their witness of love may show the world God's continuing presence.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the widowed, the separated and divorced, that the support of the, community may help them in difficult times.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

For our people who have died that they may sing God's praises for eternity.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

Priest

Loving God, we proclaim to the nations, 'God is king!' let your power be seen as you answer the prayers we make, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

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BAPTISMS

WE WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY ALL THOSE WHO WERE BAPTISED RECENTLY :

Colm Niall O'Driscoll, 61 Fernwalk, Greenfields.
Elijah Vincent Kennedy, 10 Parknamore Rise.

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

Mary O'Driscoll, Lee View Terrace.
Rita Brown, Frankfield.
Ian Keane, Tower.
Sr. Fintan McAuliffe, Drishane & Lixnaw.

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

The Deceased members of the Ahern family, Fr. Sexton Park.
The Deceased members of the Moran family, London.
Hannah Moore, late of Cork and Co. Kerry.
Pat McGrath, The Lough.
Jim Maverly, Quaker Road.
Mona Hourigan, Co. Limerick.
Martin Murphy, Rockchapel.
Jer and Mary Buttimer, Kilmichael.
Donal Coughlan, Schull.
John McKechnie, Tower.
The Deceased members of L&N Staff, Ballincollig.
Sheila O'Connell, Aisling Close.
Catherine O'Donnell, Drimoleague.
Jack McCarthy, Ballintemple.
Jack Lynch, Kilmurry.
Esther Lynch.
Michael Carroll, Coolroe.
Amelia Greaney, Greenmount.
Joseph Sheehan, Kilcorney.
Frank Collins, Ballingully.
Michael O'Connell, Ballingully.
Jack Delaney, Ballingully.
Nellie Looney, Coachford.
Connie Creedon, Coachford.
Jim Isaac.
Vincent Osborne, Blarney.
Margaret O'Keeffe, Kileens.
Nora Carroll, Millstreet.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SECOND WEEK IN ORDINAERY TIME

18 Sunday Is. 62: 1-5. Ps. 95. 1 Cor. 12:4-11. In. 2: 1-11. Lect I: 838
19 Monday 1 Sam. 15:16-23. Ps. 49. Mk. 2:18-22. Lect II: 470
20 Tuesday 20 Tuesday 1 Sam. 16: 1-13. Ps. 88. Mk. 2:23-28. Lect II: 472
21 Wednesday 1 Sam. 17:32-51. Ps. 143. Mk. 3:1-6. Lect II: 475
22 Thursday 1 Sam. 18:6-9,19:1-7. Ps. 55. Mk. 3:7-12. Lect II: 477
23 Friday 1 Sam. 24:3-21. Ps. 56. Mk. 3:13-19. Lect II: 479
24 Saturday 2 Sam. 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27. Ps. 79. Mk. 3:20-21. Lect II: 482

Nature is the living visible garment of God
Goethe

*Recipe for Living
Life may not be a piece of cake
When we haven't the
dough to rise!
But it will never be
as flat as a pancake,
If we remember to add
A spoonful of sugar
to sweeten our desserts.*

Parking Arrangements

Churches of St. Mary & St. John and Christ our Light
Please note that all vehicles should drive in a clockwise

Mass Missalettes

To assist in the collection following the last Masses (12 noon St. Mary & St. John & 5.30 pm - Christ our Light), please leave at the end of the seat.

The Marriage Feast of Cana is our invitation to what the Book of Revelation calls, the *Wedding of the Lamb*. We are not only children of God. We are invited to be in a spousal relationship with Him. From this bond there arises the security of knowing that we are in a covenant relationship with the King.

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Is 62:1-5
 God's people will be shown to be right; this will be their day of vindication. God will take his people to himself, like a bridegroom, like a new husband.

Second Reading: Cor 12:4-11
 People have many different gifts. Nevertheless, the Church is united, because all these gifts come from the one God.

Gospel: John 2:1-11.
 While the Wedding in Cana is a familiar story, it only appears in John's Gospel. Scholars call it the first of Jesus' signs. Mary, Jesus' mother, observed that the wine was running low at a wedding feast she and Jesus were attending. She didn't specifically ask Jesus to do something about the situation, but he understood the implication. He instructed the servants to fill six stone jars with water and then take some to the waiter in charge. The waiter was surprised that the bridegroom had saved the best wine for last. The servants were surprised because they knew the jars were filled with water and they had witnessed something remarkable.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Agnes 21-January-2004

During the first century Christianity was, in the eyes of the Romans, confused with Judaism which was a legally permitted religion. Because of that there were few persecutions. When Christianity was better understood as a belief incompatible with pagan ideas charges were brought against Christians. They were seen as dangerous to the Emperor and the State. Trajan ordered that those who refused to offer sacrifice to the pagan gods should be executed. From then until the Edict of Milan in 313 A.D. there were ten major persecutions of Christians in which many faced terrible torture and martyrdom. St. Agnes died in one of these. St. Agnes was only thirteen or fourteen years of age when an Imperial Edict was promulgated against Christians. She immediately voluntarily declared herself a Christian and suffered torture by fire before being decapitated by the sword. Around her tomb grew up a large catacomb that bore her name. The original slab that covered her remains is now in the museum at Naples. On the feast of St. Agnes two lambs are solemnly blessed and from their wool are made the "palliums" or white stoles that are sent by the Pope to Archbishops throughout the world on their appointment to that high office.

Ballincollig Confirmations 2004

Dates for your diary

Scoil Mhuire	Thursday 1 st April
Scoil Barra	Tuesday 27 th April
Our Lady of Good Counsel	Tuesday 27 th April
Scoil Eoin	Thursday 29 th April
Gaelscoil Uí Ríordáin (SMA Wilton)	Tuesday 4 th May

Suicide Helpline
 1800 742 745
 6 to 10 pm daily

The Southern Health Board will provide advice, support and assistance to individuals who are feeling suicidal and to family members, friends, professionals and others who know someone who is showing symptoms of depression, anxiety or who is threatening suicide or self-harm.

Notice to former Alter Servers
St Mary & St. John

If you still have your Alter Server's Gown at home, it would be appreciated if you return it to the sacristy

Sick Or House Bound?

If you have a friend or relative who is sick, house bound or in hospital, please let the Priests of the Parish know, so they may visit.

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**IF GOD
 HAS YOUR HEART**

*St. Therese of Lisieux used to say
 "If God has your heart he has everything;
 If he hasn't got your heart, he has nothing."*
 Parents may give their children many things but if they don't give them love they are deprived. The same is true of children towards their parents when the parents are old. They can put them into fine nursing homes and see that they are materially well looked after but if they don't give them love the most important thing is missing. It is the same with Jesus. He wants our friendship, our company, more than anything else.
 Come, Holy Spirit.
 Come in love and power
 and bring us life.

*The Bible should fill the memory, rule the heart,
 and guide the feet.
 The Bible is meant not to inform, but to transform.
 Men do not reject the Bible because it
 contradicts itself but because it
 contradicts them.*

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Jan-24 & Jan-25-2004

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Karen Sheehan
8:30 am
Elizabeth Daly
10:00 am
Elaine Murphy
12:00 Noon
Tony Hegarty

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Pauline Collins
11:00 am
Liam Hayes
12:30 pm
Marie Groarke
5:30 pm
Tom Reck

MASS TIMES

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

8:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon

Sunday

11 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm

9:30 am

Monday

8:30 am

9:30 am

Tuesday

8:30 am

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Wednesday

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Thursday

8:30 am

9:30 am

Friday

8:30 am

10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)

Saturday

9:00 am & 8 pm (Vigil)

CONFESSIONS

After 10:00 am Mass & before 6:00 pm Mass

Saturday

After 9:00 am Mass

BAPTISMS

5:00 pm

Saturday

7:15 pm

12:45 pm

Sunday

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Jan-24 & Jan-25-2004

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Aisling Kelly
Tony O'Leary
Eileen Murphy
Ted Nelligan
Angela Murphy
Ann O'Connell

8:00 pm John O'Donoghue
Eleanor O'Donoghue
Kathleen Daly

8:30 am Helen Kelly
Roddy Martin

11:00 am Mary O'Mahony
Margaret Brown
Rose Cotter
Billy Barry

10:00 am Miriam Maunsell
Mary Buckley
Breda Ring
Jerry O'Connor
Mary O'Regan

12:30 pm Mary Twomey
Terry O'Driscoll
Bernie O'Driscoll
Maura O'Driscoll

12 Noon Louie O'Leary
John Walshe
Pat Kelleher
Irene O'Brien
Ellen O'Sullivan
Imogen Ryan

5:30 pm Garreth Irish
Shelia Curran
Bridie O'Donnell

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