

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 10-October-2004



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road



Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

October Mission Month

The first message that Pope John Paul addressed to Ireland back in 1979, over 25 Years ago now, was a video recording for the National Mission Congress held in Knock just a few months prior to his visit that same year. In that address he said, "I call on the Irish people to transmit the treasures of their faith." The treasures of the faith that the Holy Father asks us to transmit are the same gifts that God bestowed on our forefathers, many generations ago. We recall them especially at this time of year.

October is Mission Month throughout the world. By means of Press, Radio and TV coverage as well as through mission sermons and lectures, people will be made aware of the needs of the millions of people who have not heard the Good News of Jesus Christ and of the Christian obligation to share the faith with them. Huge increases in world population together with dwindling priestly and religious vocations, have laid even greater stress on the role of every lay person to bring Christ to all the nations.

On Mission Sunday, the Society for the Propagation of the Faith asks us to respond once again to Pope John Paul's request calling on the Irish people to transmit to the non-Christian world the treasures of their faith. One of Ireland's greatest treasures is its missionary zeal and enthusiasm. In recent years however numbers have fallen greatly due to the great decline in vocations.

We know that Irish missionaries have gone out all over the world and wherever they have gone they have made the name of Ireland loved and honoured.

There is an obligation on all of us to pray for the missions of the church. In this month of October we will celebrate a special Mission Sunday mass. It is good to remember that St. Theresa/St. Thérèse of Lisieux, Patron of the Missions, did not go beyond the walls of her convent in Normandy, France. But her heart went out in prayer and she is numbered among the foremost of missionaries of all time. She used her talent, her great ability at prayer, and won a great reward.

We must see the propagation of the faith collection as an extension of this prayer. An appeal for the missions is reasonable if we profess to love God and believe in him. Few of us will ever see a 'Mission Field' much less work in one. Most of us, however, can make the sacrifice by making some contribution. The church is missionary. We are all missionaries. In this month of October let us try to make that real in our lives.

John O'Donovan

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 blessings, healings, and mercy, the gift of love keeps coming, just as our love continues for our children.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

With gratitude in our hearts for all God's gifts, we pray:

Reader

For all our brothers and sisters throughout the world, that they may live in peace and joy.

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

For those who have made their home in other lands, and for all those who now seek a home in our country.

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

For all those who are sick or distressed this day, that they may be healed and comforted.

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

For those who work in Emigrant and Refugee Services, that they may continue their service with courage and faith.

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

That those among us from other countries may experience true Christian kindness.

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

For Irish people who have died in foreign lands, and for all our beloved dead that they may be welcomed in their heavenly homeland.

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

Priest

God our Father, giver of all good gifts, we praise you as we make these prayers in faith, through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

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BAPTISMS

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

Dean Daniel Kidney Carey, 10 Castlepark.
 Alexandra Nell Keohane, 27 Church View.
 Chloé Gillian Forde Bernardi, 3 Castlepark.
 Dylan John Bradley, 12 Innishmore Lawn.
 Eoghan Aidan Desmond, 25 Bridgewater.

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

Conor Barrett, Cork & England.
 Donal O'Callaghan, Churchtown, Dublin.

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

Eileen Lucy, Station Road.
 Denis J. Callanan, Innishmore Crescent.
 Thomas & James McNamara, Powdermills.
 Mary O'Regan, Carriganarra.
 Con & Mary Nagle, Coachford.
 Mary O'Mahony, Clash Road.
 Deceased members of the Creed Family.
 Ned & Nellie O'Leary, Kilmichael.
 Betty Hickey, Los Angeles.
 John Forde, Curraheen.
 Nancy Hogan, The Crescent.
 Stella O'Connell, Model Farm Road.
 Liam Farrell, Maglin.
 Mary O'Sullivan, Glenbeigh.
 John & Elizabeth O'Callaghan, Ballygown, Killavullen.
 David & Margaret Rea.
 Christy Buckley, Bakers Road.
 James Dillon, Strawberry Hill.
 Catherine & William McCarthy.
 John Walsh.
 Michael & Bridie Barrett.
 Nora Maverly, Quaker Road.

Lectio Divina Group

Some of the participants at the recent Week of Directed Prayer expressed a desire to join a Lectio Divina Group.

We already have a few groups operating in the parish but there is room for more.

This method of praying the bible has become very popular in recent years in Ireland and in many other parts of the world.

We invite anyone who is remotely interested in joining a prayer group to come to an **Information Meeting on Monday 11th October at 8.00pm** in the **Annex** to the Community Centre.

Lectio Divina means Sacred Reading. It is always based on the gospel for the coming Sunday. The meeting lasts for one hour and is held weekly (morning or night).

Feel free to come along to the meeting for information only. There will be **no obligation** to join a group.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Twenty Eighth Week in Ordinary Time

10 Sunday 2 K. 5:14-17. Ps. 97. 2 Tim. 2:8-13. Lk. 17:11-19. Lect I: 919
 11 Monday Gal. 4:22-24, 26-27, 31. 5: 1. Ps. 112. Lk. 11 :2932. Lect II: 814
 12 Tuesday Gal. 5:1-6. Ps. 118. Lk. 11 :37-41. Lect II: 816
 13 Wednesday Gal. 5:18-25. Ps. 1. Lk. 11 :42-46. Lect II: 817
 14 Thursday Eph. 1: 1-10. Ps. 97. Lk. 11 :47-54. Lect II: 819
 15 Friday Eph. 1:11-14. Ps. 32. Lk. 12:1-7. Lect II: 822
 16 Saturday Eph. 1: 15-23. Ps. 8. Lk. 12:8-12. Lect II: 824

Next Sunday's Readings 17-October-2004
 Ex. 17:8-13. Ps. 120. 2 Tim. 3: 14-4:2. Lk. 18: 1-8. Lect I: 922

*A faithful friend is a sure shelter, whoever finds
 one has found a rare treasure.*

Ballincollig Secular Franciscan Order

The monthly Mass and meeting will be held on Thursday 14th October at 11.00 am in St. Mary & St. John Church
 Rosary will be recited at 10.40 am (Sharp)

Ballincollig Drama Festival

Ballincollig Hall Committee will be holding a Drama Festival of One Act Plays commencing on the 19th October with a cheese and wine reception in the Hall at 7.30 p.m. This is the 13th year of the Drama Festival, which is mainly sponsored by Suttons Oil and many Local Firms as well.

Many of the Groups taking part use the Ballincollig Festival as a launching pad for the upcoming season. This year we hope to have over twelve plays on stage during the Festival.

Festival Tickets are available from Benny Conway and Statia O'Callaghan or at the door on the night so why not come along to the Hall from the 19th October and see some live theatre.

If you need further information please contact Peter Healy at 087 2414818.

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

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.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Margaret Mary 16-October-2004

St. Margaret Mary, visionary and ascetic, revived devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, exemplary in her patience and trust. She was born on 22nd July 1647 at L'Hautecour, Burgundy, France, was sent to the Poor Clares School at Charolles on the death of her father, a notary, when she was eight years old. She was bed-ridden for five years with rheumatic fever until she was fifteen and early developed a devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. She refused marriage, and in 1671 she entered the Visitation convent at Paray-le-Monial and was professed the next year. From the time she was twenty, she experienced visions of Christ, and on 27th December 1673 she began a series of revelations that were to continue over the next year and a half. In them Christ informed her that she was His chosen instrument to spread devotion to His Sacred Heart, instructed her in a devotion that was to become known as the Nine Fridays and the Holy Hour, and asked that the feast of the Sacred Heart be established. Rebuffed by her superior, Mother de Saumaise, in her efforts to follow the instruction she had received in the visions, she eventually won her over but was unable to convince a group of theologians of the validity of her apparitions, nor was she any more successful with many of the members of her community. She received the support of Blessed Claude La Colombiere, the community's confessor for a time, who declared that the visions were genuine. In 1683, opposition in the community ended when Mother Melin was elected Superior and named Margaret Mary her assistant. She later became Novice Mistress, saw the convent observe the feast of the Sacred Heart privately beginning in 1686, and two years later, a chapel was built at the Paray-le-Monial to honour the Sacred Heart; soon observation of the feast of the Sacred Heart spread to other Visitation convents. Margaret Mary died at the Paray-le-Monial on 17th October 1690, and was canonised in 1920. She, St. John Eudes, and Blessed Claude La Colombiere are called the "Saints of the Sacred Heart"; the devotion was officially recognised and approved by Pope Clement XIII in 1765, seventy-five years after her death.

It is those small human gestures of friendship and support that are important: the greeting in the street, the smile across the crowd, the occasional helping hand.

The Rosary

During the month of October, the Rosary will be recited each evening Monday to Friday at 6:30 pm in the Church of St. Mary & St. John

All are welcome
 "Come pray the Rosary with us for Peace in the World"
 Fatima Apostolate

Envelope Collection

Propagation of The Faith (Missions)

Next Weekend 16th & 17th October

This Mission Sunday collection goes to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and is used to support the young churches throughout the world in the establishment of parishes, dioceses, training of catechists and building of seminaries, etc.

Annual Cemetery Masses

St. Oliver's

Will take place on Saturday 6th November 2004 at 2 pm

St. Mary & St. John's (adjoining cemetery)

Will take place on Saturday 13th November 2003 at 2 pm

Ballincollig Parish Pastoral Council

Next meeting of the council will be held in the Annexe Room, Community Centre on Monday October 18th at 7.30 pm

Harvest 2004

Sincere thanks to the members of the altar societies in St Mary and St John's and Christ Our Light who organised the harvest display. These displays highlighted our good fortune in being blessed with such fine food and provisions of all kinds, may we always be grateful to all who labour to provide wholesome food and to the good Lord who provides the growth.

Ballincollig Tidy Towns

Annual awards presentation
 Friday 22nd October 2004
 Ballincollig GAA Club at 8:30 pm sharp
**Awards will be Presented by Micheál Martin T.D.
 Minister for Enterprise, Trade & Employment**
 We request last year winners to return trophies to any member of the committee

Cork Simon Community

We urgently require volunteers to help with church gate collection on 16th and 17th October 2004 at Church of Christ Our Light
 Please contact Niamh
 @ 021 4377643 or telephone 021 4321166.

Autumn Dues

Envelopes are now being distributed to each household. Please return it by placing it in the Basket at Mass. Spare envelopes are available from the back of the Church.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Oct-16 & Oct-17-2004

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Muireann Nelligan
8:30 am
Elizabeth Daly
10:00 am
Margot Twomey
12:00 Noon
Oliver O'Donovan

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Fiona Feely
11:00 am
Liam Hayes
12:30 pm
Bernard Vallely
5:30 pm
Phil O'Connell

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

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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

PARISH CLERGY

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Oct-16 & Oct-17-2004



St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Vera Allen
Ber Bell
Oliver Delaney
Betty Casey
Frank Riordan
Siobhan Riordan
8:30 am Mary Buckley
Theresa Lucey
10:00 am Anne Cahill
Pat Lee
May Delaney
Seamus O'Shea
John O'Donovan

8:00 pm Geraldine Lynch
Charlie Vaughan
Joan Stephenson
11:00 am Marie Ui Chrualaof
Neil Jeffers
Eileen O'Donoghue
Lelia O'Brien

12:30 pm Con O'Connell
Denis O' Mahony
Christine O'Mahony
Tom Murray

12 Noon Joan Barrett
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Will Casey
Geraldine Graham

5:30 pm Patsy Galvin
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