

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road



Sunday 17-October-2004

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Persevering Prayer

In 1937 Antonio Tamburro of Naples, Italy became totally blind as a result of a railroad accident. "Completely incurable," the eye specialist declared. The 50 year old Antonio, father of eight children was determined to ask God for a cure. Every day for 5 years he attended mass. One day, after communion, he felt a great inner joy. As he rose to leave the Church, his sight was restored. With tears streaming from his eyes, he dropped to his knees in gratitude. Who can measure the power of persevering prayer?

Jesus tells us that we must pray always and 'not lose heart'. He tells us of a judge who feared neither God nor man. A widow came seeking justice. Again and again the judge turned her down. Again and again the widow came back, until finally, to get rid of her, the judge heard her case and gave her justice. How much more will God hear our plea if we but continue asking?

Some people do not see the value of regular prayer. They think it is enough to pray when and as they feel inspired to. Why is prayer important? What does it do? Prayer clarifies our hope and our intentions. It helps us to discern between the important and the trivial. It helps us to discover our true hopes, the pangs we ignore and the longings we forget.

Prayer teaches us what to aspire to. It helps to implant in us the ideals we ought to cherish. Prayer is no substitute for action. It is rather like a beam of light thrown from a flashlight before us into the darkness. It helps us to go forward. It encourages us to act.

Prayer is not an escape from life but a journey into the heart of life. We learn to stand on our two feet before God and the world to accept full responsibility for our lives. Its main purpose is to foster and improve our relationship with God. This, and not our work, is the most important thing of all.

And don't forget, asking is not the only kind of prayer. We must praise God, thank Him, and beg His pardon. Keep on offering all kinds of prayer and God will answer in His good time. As He answered the prayers of the blind Antonio in Naples many years ago.

Prayer is its own reward. It enriches us. It enables us to live not only more spiritually but more deeply and more fully too. Let us pray today for the grace to make more room for prayer in our daily lives.

John O'Donovan

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.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

We are encouraged, in today's readings, to pray with faith and confidence.

Reader

That all who preach the Gospel may be refreshed by God's Spirit.

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

That the lives of contemplative men and women may inspire and encourage everyone.

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

That parents may discover appropriate ways of making family prayer possible.

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

That all who are sad or discouraged may find strength through prayer.

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

For all who have died in Christ, that they may be part of God's flock forever.

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

We pause to remember those who asked us to pray for them.

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

Priest

Loving God, hear the prayers we make to you this day in the name of our Lord Jesus.

Amen.

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

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BAPTISMS

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

Mikeila Louise O'Driscoll, 43 Carriganarra.
 Tadhg Michael O'Connell, 7 The Avenue, Bridewood.
 Emer Meixue Conway, 89 Shamrock Drive.
 Ella Mary Margaret Donovan Kenna, 2 The Close Coolroe Meadows.

MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Mark Murphy Rosewood & Amber Dickinson at St. Boneventure Church, Massachusetts U.S.A.
 Robert Bornemann, Beverly Ovens & Sandra Lee 2 Aylsbury Mews.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :

Jim Seymour, Friary Gardens Friars Walk.
 James Sexton, Castlehaven.
 Cathleen Murray, Model Farm Road.
 Brendan Sheehan, Greenfields.
 Pat Walsh Bishopstown.

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

Mary O Sullivan, Carriganarra.
 Ciaran Brennan, Shamrock Drive.
 John O Callaghan, Fr Sexton Park.
 Deceased Members of the Carroll Family, Knockanour Crookstown.
 Nora Maverly, Quaker Road.
 Mary O Keffe, Maglin View.
 Mary Buttimer, Kilmichael.
 Paddy Fitton, Ballyshoneen.
 Rita Fouhy, Eastgate.
 Deceased Members of the Murphy Family, Ballyhaunis.
 Mary Dunne, Blarney.
 Maureen Burke, Southern Road.
 Mary Dwyer, LeoMurphy Terrace.
 John Sexton, Bweeing.
 Denise Wang, Kilkenny.
 Richard & Joan Murphy, Clash.
 Mary Teresa Kelleher, Inniscarra.
 Deceased Members of the O Sullivan Family, Boonane
 Cathy Foley, Waterfall.
 Deceased members of the Hallihan, Family.
 Lill O'Mahony, Bandon.
 Patrick & Nola Riordan, Ballingearry.
 John & Pat Sheehan, Coachford.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Twenty Ninth Week in Ordinary Time

17 Sunday Ex. 17:8-13. Ps. 120. 2 Tim. 3: 14-4:2. Lk. 18: 1-8. Lect I: 922
 18 Monday 2 Tim. 4:10-17. Ps. 144. Lk. 10:1-9. Lect II: 1233
 19 Tuesday 19 Tuesday Eph. 2:12-22. Ps 84. Lk. 12:35-38. Lect II: 828
 20 Wednesday Eph. 3:2-12. Ps. Is. 12. Lk. 12:39-48. Lect II: 830
 21 Thursday Eph. 3:14-21. Ps. 32. Lk. 12:49-53. Lect II: 832
 22 Friday Eph. 4: 1-6. Ps. 23. Lk. 12:54-59. Lect II: 834
 23 Saturday Eph. 4:7-16. Ps. 121. Lk. 13:1-9. Lect II: 836

Next Sunday's Readings 24-October-2004

Eccles (Sir). 35: 15-17, 20-22. Ps. 33. 2 Tim. 4:6-8, 16-18. Lk. 24:46-

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.

Training Course

For local actors/drama groups etc, or anyone interested, who would like to be trained in Acting for Camera, for film and TV work, (drama & commercials,) will take place in Jury's Hotel, Cork city, on Tue. 19th Wed. 20th & Thur. 21st October from 7 pm to 11.30 pm each evening. Minimum age 16 (over 30's especially welcome!). This practical, intensive and enjoyable course includes training in audition techniques for film and TV; handouts with info on Agents/Show reels Casting Directors etc. Only 8 places on the course so early booking essential. Beginners & experienced welcome. Course Director is Shane Munro. For enquiries /bookings please telephone 074 91 26994 or email filmactorsworkshop@eircom.net.

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

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.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Paul of the Cross 19-October-2004

Paul Danei, the founder of the Passionists, was born in 1694 at Ovada, inland from Genoa. He briefly joined the Venetian army in 1714 but then spent several years in prayerful contemplation before setting out with his brother John to found the new congregation to be known as the Passionists. Beginning in 1727 with a site at Monte Argentario, a promontory on the west coast of Italy near Grosseto linked to the mainland by a causeway, two other houses were added by 1747, and definitive approval from the Pope was given in 1769. The principle of deep devotion to the Passion of Christ, which fuelled the congregation's members, was to be transmitted to parishes by missions and retreats. The Passionists, their habit emblazoned with a distinctive heart-shaped symbol 'PASSIO IESU XTI', were soon notable for work among the sick and dying, and for reconciling sinners and lapsed, though many novices left, finding life in the houses too severe. St. Paul, who was a notable preacher and writer, was especially interested in the mission to England, and encouraged various members of the congregation in their work there, notably Blessed Dominic Barberi, who received Cardinal Newman into the Church in 1845. St. Paul of the Cross died in 1775 and is buried in the basilica of SS. John and Paul on the Caelian Hill in Rome, a church handed over to the Passionists by Pope Clement XIV in 1765.

It seems curious that this Italian saint, who never left the country of his birth, should have been preoccupied with the conversion of England, about which he knew very little. 'England is always before my eyes,' he said, 'and if ever again it becomes Catholic the benefit to the church will be immeasurable.' Although in person he was never able to take any active steps to help forward this cause, it is worth recalling that sixty-five years after his death a Passionist, Fr. Dominic Barberi, came to England and was instrumental in reconciling with the church John Henry Newman and many others, thus contributing to the revival of Catholicism in that country.

Autumn Dues

Envelopes have now been 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.

Envelope Collection

Propagation of The Faith (Missions)

This 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.

Hymns This Sunday

12 noon Mass St. Mary & St. John

Please join in with the Cantor.

Entrance Praise to the Lord - 4

Offertory Ag Christ an Síol

Ar nAthair

Communion The Lord is my Shepherd - 9

Nearer my God to Thee - 3

He's got the whole world in His hands

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

Monastic Experience Weekend

The Cistercian sisters at Glencairn, Co. Waterford, Ireland, invite single women, aged 22 to 40, to spend the weekend of Fri 29th - Sun 31st October 2004 with them, to join in their prayer, worship and work, and to explore the possibility of monastic vocation.

For details, visit www.glencairnabbey.org, email vocations@glencairnabbey.org, or contact Sr. Eleanor, St Mary's Abbey, Glencairn, Co Waterford, phone 058-56168, fax 058-56616

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 Mended Hearts

An affiliation of people who have had heart surgery
20th Annual

Thanksgiving Mass

Will be held on Wednesday 20th October 7:30pm

At the Church of Christ our Saviour

University Hospital Cork

Celebrant Fr. Robert Brophy Homily by Rev. James Good
Soloist Stephen O'Connor

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Oct-23 & Oct-24-2004

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Aine Sheehan
8:30 am
Triona Collins
10:00 am
Dave Murphy
12:00 Noon
Miriam Maunsell

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Michael Greene
11:00 am
Catherine Cronin
12:30 pm
Marie Groarke
5:30 pm
Michaela O'Connor

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

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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

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Oct-23 & Oct-24-2004

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Patsie Murphy
Breda Foley
Mary Walsh
Geraldine Hegarty
Betty Sheehan
Ann O'Reilly

8:00 pm Jim Cahill, Kit Cahill
Sheila O'Connor
John Canty

8:30 am Theresa Lucey
Rita Murphy

11:00 am Brid Healy-Harris
Angela Cunningham
Laurence Cunningham
Nell Cantillon Murphy

10:00 am Tadgh Murphy
Mary Murphy
Joan Tobin
Tony O'Leary

12:30 pm Anne O'Connell
Eileen Garvey
Sally Power
Breda Callanan
Marie O'Brien

12 Noon Michael Crowley
Breda Lenihan
Noel Hennessey
Marie O'Callaghan
Rena O'Connor
Angela Roche

5:30 pm Neil O'Donoghue
Lucy O'Callaghan
Phil O'Connell

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Thursday	9:45 - 5:00 pm
Friday	9:45 - 7:00 pm
Saturday	9:45 - 12:00 pm

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