

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 21-November-2004

**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.

Pope Pius XI introduced the feast of Christ the King in 1925. This was a period of great tension and stress in Europe; many nations were still badly divided and people were living their lives in fear. Throughout Europe totalitarianism and fascism had taken hold and their encouragement for intolerance, racism and persecution brought suffering and fear to many. In Russia communism had taken hold and restricted people's freedom in varied ways. The feast of Christ the King reminds us that for believers there is a real gospel value, an allegiance higher than any other, an allegiance which prompts us to question all the ideologies or loyalties that would claim us.

Christ can only be truly called King as the crucified one. That the group gathered around him could truly be the children of the kingdom undermines our assumptions about who is worthy and who is to be excluded. None of those who jeer at him or reject him are placed outside his concern or shepherding care. The promise to the good thief is a symbol of Christ exercising his kingly power to deliver his people from those who would deprive them of their freedom - just as the prime duty for a political king is to ensure the security of his people.

The qualities central to the kingdom of Christ are Love, Peace, Justice and Forgiveness. The central proclamation of Christianity is the victory of the Love of God. What does it mean in today's world to talk about the reign of Christ, when so many ideologies and things seem to reign. Certainly weapons seem to rule; power seems to rule at times; terrorism seems to rule in many areas; violence rules in other quarters. For some, economics with its twin advertising and marketing rules; for others an addiction may rule the roost. However on days like today let us reflect on the question **Who or what is my master? ?**

*George O'Mahony*

### Reflection for Parents

Today's children are not considered outcasts, but if you ask most children, they'll tell you they don't think adults really value their opinion. Jesus always reached out to the people that society generally found unimportant and that is a good thing for us to remember as parents. Even while he hung on the cross, Jesus preached the Good News to the criminals hanging with him. Sometimes we find ourselves living, witnessing, and teaching the Gospel message to our children even when the majority view is different. Jesus' words in today's Gospel give us the courage to share our faith with our children even when society doesn't count their input for much and even when the Gospel message is not the majority viewpoint.

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

### Priest

Let us bring our prayers before God, who reigns over all and cares for all:

### Reader

For all in leadership roles in the church, that they may reveal the reign of Jesus, our leader and guide.

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

For all individuals and groups who work for a more Just society.

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

For all who suffer under unjust regimes and for those who are oppressed in any way.

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

For all who are imprisoned, and for all who serve the needs of prisoners.

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

For the needs of all here present.

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

For our dead, those who died recently, and all those whose anniversaries occur, that they may share the glory of Christ.

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

### Priest

God of all glory, we confidently make our prayers to you in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

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

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**BAPTISMS**

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

Cara Ellen Murphy, Coolavin, Ballincollig.  
 Conor Liam Twomey, 12 The Cloisters.  
 Evan Myles Horgan, 79 Castle Park.  
 Niall William O'Driscoll, 42 Beech Park.

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

Donal O'Keeffe, New York.

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

John & Hannah Corkery, Aherla.  
 Ellen & Eugene Mohally, Lough Road.  
 Deceased members of the Ring family, Blarney Road.  
 Maureen Kenneally, Sarue, Reenascreena.  
 Noel Barrett, Dripsey.  
 Helen Harrington, Coolyduff, Inniscarra.  
 Maureen Callanan, West Village.  
 Deceased members of the O'Reilly & Hanney families.  
 Mary Emperor, Rockchapel.  
 William Vaughan, Kilnamartyra.  
 Sylvester Cotter, Poulavone.  
 Members of the Daly family, Gurranabraher.  
 Rita Kinsella, Carrigrohane.  
 Sheila, Sean and Gerald McCarthy, Coomhola, Bantry.  
 Con & Rita Jeffires, Blarney Street.  
 Thomas Farrell, 61 Beech Park.  
 Hannah O'Donovan, Ballyphehane.  
 Breda Griffin, Dingle.  
 William (Bill) Carroll.  
 Mary O'Keeffe, 1 Maglin View.  
 Hugh Collins, Innishmore Drive.  
 Pauline O'Callaghan, West Village.  
 Deceased members of the Mitchell family.  
 Margaret O'Connor, Ovens.  
 Timothy O'Callaghan, Inchigaggin.  
 Deceased members of the Daly family, Ballinagree.  
 Yva O'Donoghue, Ovens.  
 Deceased members of the Brennan family, Abbyleix.  
 William Buckley, Hill Side.

***Ballincollig Parish Pastoral Council***

The next meeting of the council will be held in the Annexe, Community Hall, on Monday November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7.30 pm

***Bookshop – Christ Our Light***

Now in stock Christmas cards, candles, cribs, rosary beads, crucifixes, CD's, tapes, children's bibles, books and a variety of religious objects.

Why not give a religious gift this Christmas!  
 Shop open weekends before and after all masses.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Last Week in Ordinary Time**

21 Sunday 2 Sam. 5:1-3. Ps. 121. Col. 1:12-20. Lk. 23:35-43. Lect I: 936  
 22 Monday Apoc. 14:1-5. Ps. 23. Lk. 21:1-4. Lect II: 889  
 23 Tuesday Is. 52:7-10. Ps. 95. Lk. 9:57-62. Lect II: 1277  
 24 Wednesday Apoc. 15:1-4. Ps. 97. Lk. 21:12-19. Lect II: 892  
 25 Thursday Apoc. 18:1-2, 21-23, 19:1-3, 9. Ps. 99. Lk. 21:20- 28. Lect II: 894  
 26 Friday Apoc 20:1-4.11-21:2. Ps 83. Lk 21:29-33. Lect II: 897  
 27 Saturday Apoc. 22:1-7. Ps. 94. Lk. 21:34-36. Lect II: 899

**Next Sunday's Readings 28-November-2004**  
 Is. 2:1-5. Ps. 121. Rom. 13:11-14. Mt. 24:37-44. Lect I:3

***Confirmation 2005***

Tuesday November 23rd the parents of sixth class pupils in Scoil Barra are invited to a pre - confirmation meeting in Scoil Barra at 7:30 pm.

***Thank You***

Thanks to the Ballincollig flower club who decorated Christ Our Light church this weekend. I hope that the flower decorations will enhance our awareness of some of the central mysteries of our faith

Fr. George

***Innishannon Food Fair***

At Christmas we all love home made fare but in to days world there is no time in busy schedules for its creation. But you can still savour the cake your mother used to make and the pudding that filled the kitchen with its rich aroma if you come to Innishannon Food Fair in the Parish Hall, Innishannon at 12 noon on Sunday 5th December. Last year it was a runaway success and the standard of the fare available was cordon bleu. Cakes rich and rare simply ran out the door and Innishannon plum puddings graced many a Christmas dinner table. Beautiful homemade jams and chutneys and all kinds culinary delights were on offer. It is wonderful that in Innishannon we have not lost the art of home baking and that these wonderful people will give away their endeavours to help our Church Fund. That is community spirit! This year as well you can get your Christmas arrangements at the food fair so if you want your Christmas to taste and look good come to Innishannon on Sunday December 5<sup>th</sup>.

Alice Taylor

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**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3

David was anointed King; he was designated as ruler by a solemn act of pouring oil on his head. The word "Messiah" means the "Anointed One." For this reason, David is a figure of Jesus Christ, his descendant.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:12-20

Paul speaks of the ways in which Christ is our King. In all the aspects of his rule, Christ is spoken of in his human nature, as a man.

Gospel: Luke 23:35-43.

Associated with Jesus' passion, today's Gospel brings us to the scene of the crucifixion. Jesus, on his own cross, is flanked by thieves on either side. One of the thieves jeers and taunts Jesus calling him a king and wondering why a king cannot save himself and them as well. Jesus responds telling the thief that his royalty is not like that of earthly kingdoms. He has no material wealth or armies. The second thief asks Jesus to remember him when he comes into his kingdom. We know today that he is with Jesus in heaven.



**SAINT OF THE WEEK**

**Saint Columban 23-November-2004**

St. Columban, also widely known as Columbanus, was born around 543 and became a monk of Bangor on the coast of County Down. He later set out with twelve companions for Burgundy in France where he established a monastery in Annegray. Owing to the incursions of the barbarians and the laxity of the clergy, the Church in France was at that time in a weak state. Wherever Columban and his Irish monks went the people were struck by their modesty, patience and humility. So many joined them in their hard monastic life that two further monastic foundations followed at Luxeuil and Fontaine.

Because the life of Columban was a rebuke to the royal life style he and his Irish monks were ordered out of French territory. After many difficulties they journeyed to Italy where they founded the monastery at Bobbio between Milan and Genoa. There the saint died. In 1482 his body was placed in a new shrine and laid beneath the altar in the crypt where it is still venerated.

After Columbanus many Irish monks went to work on continental Europe where they are credited with keeping both Christianity and learning alive during the Dark Ages following the collapse of Roman power.

***Envelope Collection***

Cork Marriage Counselling Centre  
This Weekend 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> November 2004

***Singing for Cork in 2005***

Do you watch You're a Star auditions and think - "I could do that".

FAS Community Services are introducing a Special Project Singing for Cork in 2005 to coincide with Cork 2005 - European Capital of Culture.

Many of the skills necessary to gaining access to such events, as 'You're a Star' are paralleled in the preparation for getting that good job or in being successful at a particular course of study.

**Programme Aim:**

To create a singing group that will have its roots in the spirit of Community and will be capable of contributing to the celebration of Cork 2005 - European Capital of Culture.

To help participants to optimise their singing potential and to develop a range of skills that will provide a path to permanent employment

**Duration:**

12 months Commencing November 2004

**Participants Profile:**

Long Term unemployed and young unemployed over 18 years, who will benefit from an opportunity to refocus on their career paths.

**Course Content:**

- Voice Production Skills
- Understanding Music Terminology
- How to read music
- Music Technology (equipment)
- Personal Development
- Interpersonal Skills
- Teambuilding Skills
- Presentation Skills

**Payment: Hours:**

Community Employment Rates 19.5 Hours a Week

So if you are unemployed and have an interest in developing your skills through becoming involved in Singing for Cork in 2005, contact:

**Marie Stack on 021 4856204 or  
FAS Information Service on 021 4856472 / 4856379**

**SMA PARISH CENTRE VACANCIES**

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52 weeks Lone Parent / Widowed Persons Benefit

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Long Term Disability Benefit.

Application forms available at

Southside Training & Development Ltd.

Tel. 021 4345583 or SMA Parish Centre, Wilton.

***Scoil Barra Parents & Friends Association  
Innishmore, Ballincollig***

Will host a Christmas Floral Demonstration with Mary O'Keeffe, Ballincollig, A.O.I.F.A.

Entitled

“Yuletide Reflections”

on

Thursday, November 25<sup>th</sup> 2004

In the School Hall at 8:00 pm

Tickets: €10 available at School Office

Refreshments will be served.

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Nov-27 & Nov-28-2004

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

6:00 pm (Vigil)  
Karen Sheehan  
8:30 am  
Elizabeth Daly  
10:00 am  
Declan Chalmers  
12:00 Noon  
Miriam Maunsell

8:00 pm (Vigil)  
Fiona Feely  
11:00 am  
Margaret Healy  
12:30 pm  
Marlyn O'Connor  
5:30 pm  
Christine O'Brien

**MASS TIMES**

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

8:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon	<b>Sunday</b>	11 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm
9:30 am	<b>Monday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Tuesday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Thursday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Friday</b>	8:30 am
10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)	<b>Saturday</b>	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**

Nov-27 & Nov-28-2004

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

6.00 pm Aisling Kelly  
Eileen Murphy  
Ted Nelligan  
Angela Murphy  
Ann O'Connell  
Sheila Walshe  
8:30 am Helen Kelly  
Annette Murphy  
10:00 am Miriam Maunsell  
Mary Buckley  
Breda Ring  
Jerry O'Connor  
Mary O'Regan  
12 Noon Louie O'Leary  
John Walshe  
Pat Kelleher  
Irene O'Brien  
Ellen O'Sullivan  
Chris Cotter

8:00 pm John O'Donoghue  
Eleanor O'Donoghue  
Kathleen Daly  
11:00 am Mary O'Mahony  
Margaret Brown  
Mona Bowen  
Billy Barry  
12:30 pm Mary Twomey  
Terry O'Driscoll  
Bernie O'Driscoll  
Maura O'Driscoll  
Bridie O'Donnell  
5:30 pm Garreth Irish  
Shelia Curran

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Saturday	9:45 - 12:00 pm

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