

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



**St. Mary & St. John
Station Road**

Sunday 25-September-2005

Twenty Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

It takes at least two to make a friendship. God loves us, but there is no relationship between him and us unless we return his love. In this relationship there can be no pretence nor living on the past. Our response to God must continue every day to be real, just as his love for us is a daily reality.



**Christ Our Light
Innishmore**

New Beginnings

This September 2005 we move on with a new school year and the beginning of another year for the Parishioner. For many it is getting back to routine but for other people it is a new adventure. For the schools of the parish new pupils are settling in to infants or to first year; many are settling in to school in Ballincollig, and settling in to new home, a different culture and a strange climate. I take this opportunity to wish all those making a new start every blessing and good wish. This time of year many young adults are taking the first steps to third level education, others are delighted to have secured an apprenticeship and even more are delighted to have secured employment, again the best of luck to one and all.

September 2005 is a new beginning for Scoil Eoin, I wish Mr. Donal Conway well as the incoming principal. Donal's job as principal is demanding but as a parish we are lucky to have some one so capable and willing to apply his talents and gifts to the task. I take this opportunity to wish all the school principals and their staff every blessing and good wish.

I am also thinking of the many children and young people preparing to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion during this year. Already teachers have begun preparing the children, I hope that all of us and especially the children's parents will continue to play our part in deepening the children's faith, helping them to grow in prayer and come to know the Lord as a loving, caring God.

This year also the expansion of Ballincollig continues in many areas, a new town centre, remodelled shops and many new estates providing homes for families and individuals.

The parable for this Sunday concerns two sons, of very different temperament, one says "I will not go" but thinks better of it, the second says "certainly, sir," but does not go.

We have all lived through the experience of receiving repeated messages that we should change things in our lives. The messages come from different quarters, a member of our family, a friend, our bodies or the failure of someone close to us. We celebrate the final call when we eventually listen. The passage also reminds us that true conversion is a humbling experience that does not leave our ego intact.

George O'Mahony

Reflection for Parents

It may be difficult for parents of our time to think of children as "non-persons." They are probably the most important people in our lives! Parents in ancient times loved their children just as parents do today. While children in our time are protected by many laws, still very few children carry any authority or power in our culture. So the difference is not in children and parents of two different times, rather the point is how children are unencumbered by status. Their love for God is fresh and uncomplicated. This is a quality in our children we should consciously observe and emulate.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

With confidence in our good and gracious God, we bring our prayers today:

Reader

We pray for the church throughout the world, that it may be a humble and serving church following the example of Jesus.

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

We pray for those who have been alienated from the church, that they may know that they are always welcome in their Father's house.

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

We pray for those who are sick or in pain, for all who suffer because of neglect or violence, and for in the medical and caring professions.

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

We pray for all who work on the land, that the fruit of their labours may be rewarding, and that this year's harvest may be plentiful.

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

We pray for ourselves and for the needs of this community.

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

We remember with love those who have died, May they be raised to life as Jesus promised.

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

Priest

God of all kindness, hear the prayers we make to you this day. These and all our prayers we make in the name of Jesus, your Son, our Lord.

Amen.

Remember your mercy, Lord.

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BAPTISMS

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

Andrew J. O'Donnell, Dublin.
 Leah Veronica Downey, Castlepark.
 Caoimhe Olive O'Driscoll, Fern Walk.
 Nikita Anthon Yuk, 5 The Heathers, Classis Lake.
 Nathan James O'Doherty, 17 The Sycamores, Classis Lake.

MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Sharon Meaney & Kieran Doyle, 26 The Willows, Classis Lake.
 Aoife Hegarty, 20 Westcourt & Turlough O'Brien, Coachford.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Jim Bowen, Hazel Grove.
 Michael Cummins, Kinsale.
 Michael Bogue.
 Margaret French, Dublin Hill, Cork.
 Eleanor Crowley, Avoncourt.
 Matthew & Margaret O'Sullivan, Bantry.

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

Patrick & Joe Linehan, Courtbrack.
 Patrick & Denis Goggin, St. Lukes.
 Frances Buckley, West Village.
 Dan Keohane, Model Farm Road.
 Daniel & Margaret Murphy, Knockburden.
 Jack Griffin, Junction View, Carrigrohane.
 Daniel Burke, Whitechurch.
 Florence Kelly, Fr. Sexton Park.
 Paddy & Rose Wall & daughter Rosemary, Navan.
 Michael Cosgrove, Galway.
 Margaret O'Mahony, Carriganarra.
 Michael & Bobby Linehan, Inniscarra.
 John Farmer, Blackpool.
 David Hussey, St. Anthony's Road.
 Joan Coakley, Muskerry Estate.
 Jack, Essa & Ursula Lane, Blarney Street.
 John Lucey, Gillabey Street.

Condolences

The following deaths have occurred this week:-
Eleanor Crowley, late of Avoncourt. We extend our sincere sympathy to her husband Jerome and her sons Bryan, Niall, Eoin and Conor.
Margaret & Matthew O'Sullivan, late of Bantry. We offer our sympathy to their son Kieran, their daughters Claire and Susan and their brothers and sisters.

**Society of St. Vincent De Paul
 Monthly Collection**

Next Weekend
 1st & 2nd October 2005 Please Support

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Twenty Sixth Week In Ordinary Time

25 Sunday Ez. 18:25-28. Ps. 24. Phil. 2: 1-11. Mt. 21:28-32. Lect I: 705
 26 Monday Zech. 8:1-8. Ps. 101. Lk. 9:46-50. Lect II: 337
 27 Tuesday Zech. 8:20-23. Ps. 86. Lk. 9:51-56. Lect II: 339
 28 Wednesday Neh. 2: 1-8. Ps. 136. Lk. 9:57-62. Lect II: 341
 29 Thursday Dan. 7:9-10, 13-14 or Apoc. 12:7-12. Ps. 137. Jn. 1 :47-51. Lect II: 1205
 30 Friday Bar. 1: 15-22. Ps. 78. Lk. 10:13-16. Lect II: 346
 01 Saturday Bar. 4:5-12 27-29. Ps. 68. Lk. 10:17-24. Lect II: 348

Next Sunday's Readings 02-October-2005
 Is. 5:1-7. Ps. 79. Phil. 4:6-9. Mt. 21:33-43. Lect I: 708

Ballincollig Rosary Group

Annual Pilgrimage

To

Gouganebarra

Sunday 9th October 2005

For information

Please contact 021-4872611

St. Dominick's Retreat Centre

A series of 6 sessions on Human & Spiritual Growth
 Starting Wednesday 5th October from 7:30 to 9 pm

Sr. Geraldine O'Mahony O.P.

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Booking Tel: 021-4502520

Children's Mass

The children's Mass at 11 am in Christ Our Light church has resumed. During the readings the children are invited to the crying room where parents present the Readings of the Mass to them in a way that children can understand and apply to their lives. Parents are invited to please come along and support the work being done. Parents are also welcome to come along and observe the children working with the word searches, quizzes and painting in the crying room.

Envelope Collection

Education of Students for Priesthood

This Weekend 25th & 26th September 2005

CROWLEY

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28
The prophet Ezekiel listens to God's word and has his views challenged.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11
St Paul pleads for unity in the church at Phillippi.

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32
Jesus pointed out to chief priest and elders that they had not believed John nor had they changed their hearts after seeing Jesus. They were like the son who said "yes" to his father's request to work in the vineyard. Even though he said he would, the son did not work. The father's second son (representing sinners) said "no" to his father's request, but went to the vineyard and worked after all. Jesus said it would be those who are like the second son who would enter the Kingdom first.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Vincent De Paul 27-September-2005

St. Vincent was born of poor parents in the village of Pouy in Gascony, France, about 1580. He enjoyed his first schooling under the Franciscan Fathers at Acqs. Such had been his progress in four years that a gentleman chose him as sub preceptor to his children, and he was thus enabled to continue his studies without being a burden to his parents. In 1596, he went to the University of Toulouse for theological studies, and there he was ordained priest in 1600. In 1605, on a voyage by sea from Marseilles to Narbonne, he fell into the hands of African pirates and was carried as a slave to Tunis. His captivity lasted about two years, until Divine Providence enabled him to affect his escape. After a brief visit to Rome he returned to France, where he became preceptor in the family of Emmanuel de Gondy, Count of Goigny, and General of the galleys of France. In 1617, he began to preach missions, and in 1625, he lay the foundations of a congregation which afterward became the Congregation of the Mission or Lazarists, so named on account of the Priory of St. Lazarus, which the Fathers began to occupy in 1633. It would be impossible to enumerate all the works of this servant of God. Charity was his predominant virtue. It extended to all classes of persons, from forsaken childhood to old age. The Sisters of Charity also owe the foundation of their congregation to St. Vincent. In the midst of the most distracting occupations his soul was always intimately united with God. Though honoured by the great ones of the world, he remained deeply rooted in humility. The Apostle of Charity, the immortal Vincent de Paul, breathed his last in Paris at the age of eighty. His feast day is September 27th. He is the patron of charitable societies.

Please Donate Your 'Unwanted' Shoes And Clothing

The HOPE FOUNDATION was set up in February 1999 in response to the growing problem of street children in Calcutta. The estimated population of children living on the streets in Calcutta is approximately 200,000. It is higher in India than in any other developing country. The foundation provides formal and non-formal education, food, healthcare and shelter for these children. The term street children refers to children for whom the street, rather than their family, has become their real home. These children live where there is no protection, supervision, or direction from responsible adults. They are abandoned and exploited children who rely completely on the streets for survival, food and protection. By supporting this 'unwanted clothing' appeal regardless of how little you can give you are ensuring that much needed funds are generated each month to help support the ongoing work carried out by the Foundation. Please leave your donated goods at the Recycling Center, Car Park, Ballincollig on Wednesday 28th September 2005 between 9.00 am – 12 noon. Thank You.

Congratulations to Tidy Towns Committee

	Max. Marks	Marks 2005	Marks 2004
Overall Development Approach	50	44	43
The Built Environment	40	34	33
Landscaping	40	35	34
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	28	28
Tidiness	20	14	13
Residential Areas	30	28	27
Road, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	25
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	235	228

Last week at the 2005 national Tidy Towns Awards Ceremony in Dublin Castle Ballincollig received a SuperValu Endeavour Award for Cork (South). These awards are presented in recognition of the increase of the areas marks since last year. This year Ballincollig scored 235 points an increase of 7 points since last year. Since 1998 Ballincollig's standing has increased year after year. In total Ballincollig has increased its marks by 63 points since 1998 and this years increase was unexpected by the committee as they had aimed to try and improve by 2 points. Given the amount of development throughout the area the committee felt that this would have been all they could have hoped for.

Ballincollig's appearance is changing daily and in October of this year the opening of Ballincollig Shopping Centre will further enhance the area. Other areas that were possible black spots throughout the town have now been developed and are now very presentable. There are a few more to be dealt with and the committee aim to tackle these before the 2006 competition begins.

In category F (10,000 & Over Population) Ballincollig leads the group with 235 marks followed by Carrigaline with 224 marks then Douglas with 205 marks and Glanmire with 165 marks.

Judges report in full can be viewed on our website www.ballincolligparish.ie

Stress Release – A Spiritual Approach

A one day Retreat to help us to heal the patterns of stress in our lives
Martina Lehane
Saturday 8th October 2005
Time 10:00 to 4:00 pm
St. Dominick's Retreat Centre
Booking Tel: 021-4502520
€20 (€30 including Lunch)

Alpha 2005

Alpha Program commences on Thursday 6th October, 2005 at the Church of the Resurrection, Blarney. This is an interdenominational course which is open to anyone from any background.
Contact Bill Lane at (021) 4874055 or the Parish Office at (021) 4877260.

All Ireland Football Final

Wishing all our parishioners from Kerry / Tyrone best of luck. May the best team win

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Oct-01 & Oct-02-2005

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Derval Spillane
8:30 am
Triona Collins
10:00 am
Dave Murphy
12:00 Noon
Tony Lynch

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Pauline Collins
11:00 am
Joseph Manning
12:30 pm
Con O'Connell
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
9:30 am	Wednesday	8:30 am
9:30 am	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

Oct-01 & Oct-02-2005



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
Mona Bowen
Billy Barry

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

5:30 pm Garreth Irish
Shelia Curran

PARISH CLERGY

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Tues 9:45 - 5:00 pm
Wed 9:45 - 5:00 pm
Thurs 9:45 - 5:00 pm
Fri 9:45 - 7:00 pm
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