

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



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

Sunday 09-October-2005

Twenty Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time
Emigrant Sunday

God promised his people a future of great blessings where death and mourning would be no more. Christ came to issue God's final invitation to this future. Some rejected it, others accepted it but then made light of it. What have we done with our invitation?



**Christ Our Light
Innishmore**

Cherishing the Evening of Life

Those who are sick or frail, and older people deserve our particular respect. They are our brothers and sisters in Christ. Earlier this year in his Lenten Message, Pope John Paul II asked us to "deepen the awareness of the role that older people are called to play in society and in the Church" and in so doing to 'prepare our hearts for the loving welcome that should always be reserved for them'.

The Pope's message was particularly forceful, as it was written by an elderly man showing the world every day that all life is worth living. John Paul II reminded us with his own painful witness, that we can never say that a person, weakened by sickness or age, is useless and is no more than a burden to society. We are challenged to love the life of older people with a reminder that in scripture, reaching old age is a sign of God's benevolence and longevity is prized as a special divine gift.

Thanks to the contribution of science and medicine, one sees in society today a lengthening of the human life span and a subsequent increase in the number of elderly. This demands a more specific attention to the world of so-called 'old' age, in order to help its members to live their full potential by placing them at the service of the entire community. It is necessary to raise the awareness in public opinion that older people represent a resource to be valued.

Pope John Paul II

Human life is a precious gift to be loved and defended in each of its stages. The Commandment 'You shall not kill' always requires respecting and promoting human life, from its beginning to its natural end. It is a command that applies even in the presence of illness and when physical weakness reduces the person's ability to be self-reliant.

Pope John Paul II

People who are dying want to know that, even though there is no prospect of recovery, they will not be abandoned. It is important that the kind of care a sick person receives is not dictated by the fears or the convenience of others.

Pastoral Letter from the Irish Catholic Bishop's Conference.

Reflection for Parents

Sometimes our children drag their feet and say they don't want to go someplace where they've been invited. Many times we whisper to ourselves, "If only she would get there, she would have a great time." And sometimes she does get there and, sure enough, she does have a great time. If we're honest with ourselves, we may find that the same is true when we have gone reluctantly to an event that turned out to be quite a pleasure. Wouldn't those who received the original invitation to the wedding feast have enjoyed a splendid party! The words of today's gospel caution us not to miss out on a great celebration. We need to say "yes" to God's invitation.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us pray with confidence to the great and almighty God who always wants what is best for God's people.

Reader

We pray for the entire Christian family, remembering those who have left this country to live and work in other lands, as well as those who come from other nations to live among us.

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

We pray for those who feel excluded in any way, for those who cannot find work, and for those whose circumstances separate them from family and friends.

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

We pray for all missionaries and for those who teach and preach the Christian faith.

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

We pray that our generation may be generous in answering the call of Jesus to go out and make him known.

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

We remember those peoples and nations who have been made poor because of human greed.

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

We pray especially for migrants who are suffering at this time. We remember our beloved dead, may they join the company of the saints at the heavenly banquet.

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

Priest

Gracious God, you invite us to be filled at your banquet table. Hear the prayers we make to you in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, Our Lord.

Amen.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

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BAPTISMS

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

Steven Gerard Naughton, 28 The Elms, Classis Lake.
 Rachel Anne O'Shea, 10 The Vale, Coolroe Meadows.
 Conor Michael Donovan, 2 Wellfield, Dripsey.
 Ciaran Michael Buckley, 52 Willow Grove, Coolroe Heights.

MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Jennifer Wall, The Square, Cahir & Iain Patrick Moore, 37 Wyndham Downs, Ballincollig.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Christy Deasy, 'La Verna', Ballinlough Road.

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

James Dillon, Sunday's Well.
 James O'Sullivan, Kilmichael.
 Michael Dineen, Coachford.
 Joan & Patrick Howe, Kildare.
 Francis Hickey, Ballinhassig.
 Joan O'Keefe, Bantry.
 Cathy Foley, Waterfall.
 Deceased Members of Legion of Mary.
 Eily Lucey, Station Road.
 Liam Farrell, Maglin.
 Joan Coakley, Muskerry Estate.
 Michael Barry-Murphy, Carriganarra.
 John & Hannah Cronin, Drimoleague.
 Julie & Michael Healy, Cathedral Road.
 Maura Creed, Ballingeary.
 Deceased members of the Callanan family.
 Poor Souls.
 Denis Kelleher, Upton.
 Marie Kelleher, Upton.
 Tony & Judy O'Sullivan, The Crescent.
 Nellie O'Leary, Kilmichael.
 John Forde, Curraheen.
 Francis Hickey, Ballinhassig.
 John Kenny, Fr. Sexton Park.
 Con & Mary Nagle, Coachford.
 Mary O'Sullivan, Glenleigh.

Condolences

The death has taken place this week of **Christy Deasy**, 'La Verna', Ballinlough Road, Cork. We extend our sincere sympathy to his daughter Sheila Walsh, 21 Holly Road, Muskerry Estate, Ballincollig, Co. Cork..

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Twenty Eighth Week In Ordinary Time

- 09 Sunday Is. 25:6-10. Phil. 4: 12-14, 19-20. Mt. 22: 1.14. Lect I: 711
- 10 Monday Rom. 1:1-7. Ps. 97. Lk. 11:29-32. Lect II: 364
- 11 Tuesday Rom. 1:16-25. Ps. 18. Lk. 11:37-41. Lect II: 366
- 12 Wednesday Rom. 2:1-11. Ps. 61. Lk. 11:42-46. Lect II: 368
- 13 Thursday Rom. 3:21-30. Ps. 129. Lk. 11 :47-54. Lect II: 370
- 14 Friday Rom. 4: 1.8. Ps. 31. Lk. 12: 1.7. Lect II: 372
- 15 Saturday Rom. 4:13,16-18. Ps. 104. Lk. 12:8-12. Lect II: 374

Next Sunday's Readings 16-October-2005

Is. 45: 1,4-6. Ps. 95. 1 Thess. 1: 1-5. Mt. 22: 15-21. Lect I: 714

The Parkinson's Association of Ireland

Invites you - a person with Parkinson's, a carer, relative, health professional or friend - to a

PARKINSON'S PATIENT INFORMATION UPDATE

on

Sunday October 23rd, 2005

from

2.00 pm. to 6.00 pm. in

University College Cork (Aula Maxima Theatre)

Cost: (including tea/coffee/refreshments): € 10.00 person

Prior Registration is Necessary

To Attend This Event Phone the Association on

1800 359 359, or e-mail us at parkinsonsireland@eircom.net

Registration closes on Tuesday 18th October

Early booking is recommended to avoid disappointment

Ballincollig Secular Franciscan Order

The monthly Mass and meeting will be held

on Thursday 13th October at 11.00 am

in St. Mary & St. John Church

Rosary will be recited at 10.40 am (Sharp)

Inniscarra / Ballincollig ICA

Would like to remind past members that they are holding their 70th Anniversary Dinner on November 22nd 2005

at the Lee Valley Golf Club.

We would be delighted to see you all there.

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between 7 - 9 pm

Tickets limited - Book early

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10
The prophet Isaiah presents a vision of a feast prepared for us by the Lord.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20
St Paul tells us confidently that anything is possible for him because his strength comes from God.

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14
Matthew dealt harshly with the wedding guests who made excuses for not attending the king's son's wedding. Not only did they refuse the invitation, but they beat the servant who went in search of them. The king knew that there would be those who appreciated the banquet and sent more servants out to the crossroads to find anyone willing to come. Matthew ended his Gospel with what was probably a separate parable. Someone dressed inappropriately was removed from the banquet. Most likely, Matthew intended his listeners to respond appropriately to God's invitation.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Teresa of Avila 15-October-2005

In every age women of extraordinary holiness appear in the Church. The saint of our time is undoubtedly Mother Theresa of Calcutta renowned for her humility, service of the poor, personal poverty, kindness and holiness.

St. Teresa of Avila was such a woman in her time, which spanned the middle of the sixteenth century. Born in 1515, she died in 1558 at the age of sixty-seven. The city of Avila is located in central Spain, not far from the capital Madrid.

As a young person, Teresa wasn't all that interested in religion. She preferred romantic novels and beautiful clothes. When she entered the convent, it was like a club for young women filled with gossip, games and good food. After twenty years of this easygoing convent life she wanted more. She yearned for a place where the real Carmelite life would be lived - with prayer, silence and fasting. She set about creating such a place for herself. She founded such a convent at Avila at the age of forty-seven. Further foundations followed all across Spain. There was no shortage of vocations to this life of austerity.

St. Teresa is remembered not only for her work in reforming convent life but also for her writings, which related her personal mystical experiences. She was the first woman to be known as a doctor of the Church and is patron of lace makers and headache sufferers.

Healing Retreat

Fr. Jim Bourke OP
Weekend 14-16 October.
St Dominic's Retreat Centre
Booking 021 4502520

Parish Photography / Video Project

Wanted four or five amateur Videographers and Photographers Professionals welcome too. Also people who are good at interviewing You don't have to be brilliant. For Details: - Contact 4872828

**Muskerry Local History Society
October Lecture**

Subject:- The Clarks Of Farran.
The Tobacco Dynasty (The Perfect Plug).
Speaker:- Mr. Donal O'Flyim, Local Historian.
Venue:- Ballincollig Rugby Club Function Hall.
Date & Time:- 18th October 2005 @ 8 pm.
Admission:- €2.00 for non members.
Everyone most welcome.

Children's Mass in Christ Our Light

The 11:00 am Mass in Christ Our Light welcomes children of 2nd and 3rd class. Before the readings, the children are invited to the Crying Room. Parents prepare and present the Liturgy of the Word in an appropriate way. Parents are welcome to come along and observe the Liturgy and take part in it.

NAOMI

National Association of the Ovulation Method of Ireland Ltd.

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The paradox of our time in history is that ...

We have taller buildings, but shorter tempers.
Wider roads, but narrower viewpoints.
We spend more, but we have less
We buy more, but enjoy less.

We have bigger houses and smaller families.
More conveniences, but less time.
We have more degrees, but less sense.
More knowledge, but less judgement.
More experts, but more problems.
More medicine, but less wellness.

We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values.
We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often.
We've learned how to make a living, but not a life.
We've added years to our life, not life to years.

We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet the new neighbour.
We've conquered outer space, but not inner space.
We've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul.
We've split the atom, but not our prejudice.

We have higher incomes, but lower morals.
We've become long on quantity, but short on quality.
These are the times of tall men and short characters.
Steep profits and shallow relationships.

These are the times of world peace, but domestic warfare.
More leisure, but less fun.
More kinds of food, but less nutrition.

These are the days of two incomes, but more divorce.
Of fancier houses, but broken homes.
It is a time when there is much in the show window and nothing in the stockroom.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Oct-15 & Oct-16-2005

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Aine Sheehan
8:30 am
Aisling Moore
10:00 am
Elaine Murphy
12:00 Noon
Oliver O'Donovan

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Rebecca Feely
11:00 am
Chide Ebili
12:30 pm
Marlyn O'Connor
5:30 pm
Brian O'Donoghue

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-15 & Oct-16-2005



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
12 Noon Joan Barrett
Sheila Carroll
Marsie Curling
Will Casey
Geraldine Graham

8:00 pm Geraldine Lynch
Charlie Vaughan
Joan Stephenson
11:00 am Marie Ui Chrualaof
Neil Jeffers
Eileen O'Donoghue
Bridie O'Donnell
Bridie Hanrahan
12:30 pm Con O'Connell
Denis O' Mahony
Christine O'Mahony
Tom Murray
John O'Regan
5:30 pm Patsy Galvin
Bernard Curran
Clare Curran

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