

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



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

**Sunday 13-November-2005**

**Thirty Third Sunday In Ordinary Time**

*How often fear and anxiety prevent people from producing their best, from using their God-given talents to the full. In today's parable Jesus shows that a God who inspires fear may inspire little else. His image of God as a loving father inspires confidence and so enables us to develop what he has given us.*



**Christ Our Light  
Innishmore**

## The Talents

This Sunday's Gospel continues on with another passage from Matthew chapter 25. This parable seems to be very harsh and many people find it difficult because the master seems to be exceedingly angry. The third servant, the poor relation of the group, seems to get a very bad deal. If this is what the Kingdom of Heaven is like, it is indeed bad news.

However, I think the parable of the talents has a great deal to say to our modern world where power, wealth, possessions and authority are the order of the day. Daily news items carry accounts of the abuse of children by priests, the abandoning of the thirteen Latvians on a remote island in Dublin Harbour, the riots in the suburbs of Paris and other French cities, is a product of neglect and mistrust of people.

The master in this parable is an interesting character, a rarity in present day culture. He is the kind of person that does not cling to power. He entrusts his property to the servants without counting the risk.

The parable is crucial teaching for our modern culture which glorifies mistrust as not merely necessary but actually beneficial. This tends to affect the way we Christians see Jesus, we become concerned to "protect" his message against our competitors and then of course we are no longer life giving to the world.

The verse "For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but for the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away". Again it seems unfair, however, when we realise this "thing" that when people "have it" they are "given more"; this thing is TRUST. People who have no trust in themselves, in God, in others or in life end up losing "even what they have". This invites us to celebrate Jesus the teacher, there is not a trace of cynicism in him, his message is go ahead and trust.

George O'Mahony

## Reflection for Parents

God has given each one of us talents. Sometimes out of laziness or lack of ambition, or sometimes because we are afraid of failure or ridicule, we do not share our talents. The gospel today challenges us to take a risk and invest our gifts for the greater good of God's people. We do this ourselves as adults, but we must also try to help our children recognize their talents and use them in a productive way.

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

### Priest

Let us bring our prayers with confidence to the God who always hears our prayer.

### Reader

We pray for all church members throughout the world, that all may generously use their talents in the service of God and neighbour.

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

We pray for all married couples and for all those preparing for marriage at this time. May their love grow as they value each other's gifts.

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

We pray for all voluntary workers and for those they serve. May their generous service be valued by all.

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

We pray for justice and peace in our world.

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

We remember all those who are sick or in pain, those who suffer because of the loss of loved ones or because of heavy burdens. May they be comforted and strengthened.

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

We remember those who have died, May they enter into eternal happiness.

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

### Priest

Eternal God, the hope of all who call upon you, hear the prayers we make to you today in Jesus' name.

Amen.

*0 blessed are those who fear the Lord.*

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**BAPTISMS**

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

Shauna Maria Roche, 28, Beech Park.  
Sean Damian O’Sullivan, 20, Waltham Abbey, Old Quarters.  
Robert James Murphy, 43, Westcourt.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Mary Jolly, Ovens. Mourned by her sons, daughter-in-laws and grandchildren.

Julia Hegarty, Rosewood. Mourned by her husband Michael Ita O’Callaghan, The Lough. Mourned by Fergus O’Callaghan Elizabeth O’Shea, Aghinagh.

Paddy Forde, 109, Castle Park. Mourned by his wife Betty.

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

Denis Bowen, Glasheen Road.  
John, Anna & Ann Twomey.  
Dec. members of O’Sullivan & Tully families.  
John & Ellen Beamish.  
Jim, Katie & Ellen O’Grady.  
Ann O’Connell.  
Paddy Daly, Barrack St.  
Tom Drinan, Waterfall  
Dec. members Legion of Mary.  
Thomas Gardiner, Farranree.  
John Finn, Ballyduff.  
Nora O’Callaghan, Lee View, Carrigrohane.  
Mary O’Callaghan, West Yorkshire.  
Ellen, Eugene & Catherine Lee, Dripsey.  
David Spillane, Magazine Road.  
Mary Dineen, Shandon View.  
Mary Emperor, Rockchapel.  
Jack Shanahan, Fr. Sexton Park.  
William O’Dwyer, Kilmichael.  
Michael & Nora Keating.  
Paddy & Kathleen Booth Troy, Co Offaly.  
Deceased Members of the O’Connell Family.  
Thomas & Ellen Reid, Curraheen.  
Patrick & Anne Murray, Curraheen.  
Donal Aherne, Fr. Sexton Park.  
John & Hannah O’Connor, Dingle.  
Jeremiah McCarthy, Raheen, Carrigrohane.  
Mary Dillane, Ivy Circle & Newcastle West.  
Michael Hallahan, Greenfields.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Thirty Third Week In Ordinary Time**

13 Sunday Prov. 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31. Ps. 127. 1 Thess. 5:1-6. Mt. 25:14-30. Lect I: 72

14 Monday Mac. 1:10-Med. Ps. 118. Lk. 18:35-43. Lect II: 425

15 Tuesday 2 Mac. 6:18-31. Ps. 3. Lk. 19:1-10. Lect II: 427

16 Wednesday 2 Mac. 7:1, 20-31. Ps. 16.1k. 19:11-28. Lect II: 429

17 Thursday 1 Mac. 2:15-29. Ps.49. 1k. 19:41-44. Lect II: 433

18 Friday 1 Mac. 4:36-37, 52-59. Ps. 1 Chr. 29. Lk. 19:45-48. Lect II:

19 Saturday 1 Mac. 6:1-13. Ps.9. Lk. 20:27-40. Lect II: 437

**Next Sunday’s Readings 20-November-2005**  
Ez. 34:11-12, 15-17. Ps. 22. 1 Car. 15:20-26, 28. Mt. 25:31-46. Lect

**Thank You**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people of the Parish for the support given to the Priests of the Parish with the Autumn Dues Collection.

Also, thank you to all those who attended the Novena of Masses for the Holy Souls.

**Fr. George O’Mahony, PP**

**Painting Together**

Would you like to join us at St. Peters Church of Ireland Hall, Carrigrohane on Friday’s 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm where we paint together in our chosen medium. Enjoy a cuppa and a chat, for further information contact Rosemary 4346304 or Mary 4871284 or just come along any Friday, you will be most welcome.

**Cork Simon**

Special Edition Christmas Cards to mark Cork 2005 are on sale with all proceeds going to the Cork Simon Community. These special edition cards with beautiful images of Cork are available from the Fundraising Office Tel 021 4321166 or the Simon Shop, North Main Street.

They are being sold in packs of 6 for €5 per pack. Corporate overprinting is also available on these cards. Stocks are limited so please get your order in early.

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Mary Pat O’Connor – (021) 4326804  
Email: parentsinfo@cit.ie

**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Prov. 31: 10-13. 19-20. 30-31  
 This reading from the Book of Proverbs may need a little 'translation' for today's world! Is the ideal marriage partner hidden here?

Second Reading: Thess. 5:1-6  
 This reading will have many echoes during Advent. The message is: 'Be alert!'

Gospel: Matthew 24:36, 25:14-30  
 In this story, a man went away on a journey. He must have been very wealthy because he entrusted large portions of his money to three of his servants. The first two servants invested the money during the master's absence and it yielded great returns. The third servant, however, was fearful of investing (or some scholars say he was lazy). In either case, the servant buried the money he was given and returned the full amount to the master when he came home. The master was pleased with the investments of the first two servants, but was very upset with the third one. To those who have much, much more will be given. To those who have little, even that little will be taken away.



**SAINT OF THE WEEK**

**St. Laurence O'Toole 17-November-2005**

St Laurence O'Toole (Lorcán Ó Tuathail) was born in Castledermot, Co. Kildare in 1128. He became Abbot of Glendalough in 1153 and Archbishop of Dublin in 1162. He died in Eu in Normandy on the 14th of November 1180 and was canonised in 1225.

Laurence's father was Maurice O'Toole, King of Hy Murray. When Laurence was 10 he was given as a hostage to Dermot McMurrrough, King of Leinster, who treated him with great harshness. The boy was sent in chains to a remote area where he was ill-housed, ill-clothed and ill-fed. For two years, the king's son learned what it was to experience real poverty and oppression. After two years, Dermot was forced to release Laurence and send him to Glendalough monastery, where his father could reclaim him. When Maurice arrived, he found his son had fallen in love with the life of the monks and he gave him permission to join the community. Laurence was only 25 when he was elected Abbot, and he proved to be the greatest Abbot of Glendalough since St Kevin its founder. He encouraged learning, built new churches and renewed -monastic life by bringing in monks from the continent. He was unflinching in his care for the poor and sold the monastery treasures to feed famine victims.

In 1162 Laurence became the first Irish Archbishop of the Danish city of Dublin. Many of the citizens were no more than nominal Christians and he made it his duty to deepen their faith and reform their lives. He introduced Augustinian monks from France to Christ Church Cathedral to reform the liturgy and he became a member of their community. He continued his works of charity, especially towards homeless children, whom he led and housed in his own residence.

Laurence left Dublin for the last time in the spring of 1180. His mission was to settle a dispute that had arisen between the English and Irish Kings. Henry II, the man responsible for the murder of St Thomas a Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, received him badly, abused him roundly and forbade him to return to Ireland. Then he went to visit his dominions in Normandy. Laurence followed him, sick and exhausted though he was. He died in the monastery at Eu, without having met the King. His tomb in Eu rapidly became a place of pilgrimage and many miracles were attributed to his intercession. He was canonised in 1225.

**Advent Retreat**

**At St Dominic's Retreat Centre at Ennismore  
 December 2 - 4 - Weekend Retreat  
 "Come Lord Jesus come  
 Jim Donleavy OP**

**Muskerry Local History Society  
 November Lecture**

**Subject:-** Old Market Gardens of South Liberties  
**Speaker:-** Richard Henchion,  
 renowned author and historian.  
**Venue:-** Ballincollig Rugby Club Function Hall  
**Date & Time:-** 15th November 2005 @ 8 pm  
**Admission:-** €2.00 for non members  
 Everyone most welcome.

**The Alzheimer Society of Ireland**

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland (Cork City Branch)  
 Carer's Support Meeting, SMA, Wilton, Cork.  
 Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2005 at 8.00 pm. All are welcome

**Pike Theatre Group**

Are holding a **Night of Drama**  
**In Ballincollig Community Hall**  
**on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2005 at 8.00pm.**  
**3 One Act Plays**  
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**Volunteers Needed**

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**Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Ballincollig  
 We Need Volunteers!**

Would you like to help and support those in need in Ballincollig? Would you be interested in Home Visitation, Providing support for families with financial, emotional, and life issue problems? Could you spare us three hours one evening a week? If you think this work would interest you, we would love to hear from you. As a support to you, full training is provided. Please contact Grace at (021) 4874626 or call into our Family Centre, Station Road, Ballincollig.

**Christmas Flower Demonstration**

By Marian Kelleher  
 in Ballincollig GAA Pavilion  
 on Sun 20th November 7 - 9 pm  
 For Ballincollig Ladies Gaelic Football club  
 Tickets €7  
 Contact Martha Barry on 087 6645354.

**Ballincollig Parish Pastoral Council**

The next meeting of the council will be held in the Annex Room, Community Centre on Monday November 21st at 7.45 pm

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Nov-19 & Nov-20-2005

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

6:00 pm (Vigil)  
Aine Sheehan  
8:30 am  
Aisling Moore  
10:00 am  
Margot Twomey  
12:00 Noon  
Sean Hennessy

8:00 pm (Vigil)  
Aisling Courtney  
11:00 am  
Karen Flavin  
12:30 pm  
Bernard Vallely  
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-19 & Nov-20-2005



**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

6.00 pm Patsie Murphy  
Breda Foley  
Mary Walsh  
Geraldine Hegarty  
Finbarr Lehane

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  
Eileen Byrne

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

12:30 pm 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  
Phil O'Connell  
Maire McCullagh

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**Friday 9.30 – 5.00 pm**  
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Wednesday 10.30 – 5.00 pm  
Thursday 9.30 – 7.30 pm  
Friday 9.30 – 7.30 pm  
Saturday 9.30 – 5.00 pm