

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 24-September-2006

Twenty Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

The following of Christ is not for the ambitious and selfish. Christians will inevitably find their goodness, gentleness and love put to the test. They will survive the test only if their life is based on trust in God as his Father.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

The Pope and Islam

There has been a pattern of late that western culture has been perceived to cause offence to Islamic culture, particularly to those that could perhaps be categorised as the more fundamental of the Muslim world. Remember the Danish cartoons that caused such outrage earlier this year? These cartoons poked fun at the Prophet Mohammed. Satire and poking fun is tolerated, if not always happily accepted, in the west, but for many Muslims this was deeply offensive.

Once could ask of course how cartoons from an obscure Danish publication came to be reprinted globally, particularly in countries where it was known they would inflame anger? There is more than a hint of a mischievous agenda going on here.

In the frenzy and riots that ensued 140 people were killed and scores injured from Afghanistan to India to Syria and Indonesia. Denmark was targeted and embassies burned. This clash of civilizations is not a clash of Christians v Muslims, but more a clash between nations where freedom of religion and religious tolerance is accepted and ones where there is religious intolerance.

The Catholic position as defined by Vatican II, is one of "high regard for Muslims" and urges a "sincere effort to achieve mutual understanding." (Nostra Aetate, '65)

The fact that a very lengthy lecture by Pope Benedict, to an academic audience in the University of Regensburg, (where he was once professor) has grabbed global attention is not a surprise. But the fact that the many other speeches he has made during his German visit have gone practically unreported is more surprising. The pope's lecture at Resenburg was about "Faith, Reason and Rationality".

What did he really say that caused offence? Did the pope really insult Muslims? Well some Muslim leaders were very quick to cry foul. The pope was making a point in showing the fundamental contradiction between religion and holy war. He quoted a Byzantine Emperor to illustrate his point and this is what led to the outcry from sections of the Islamic world. Benedict's overall point is valid: any religion that tries to use force "the sword," to convert followers goes against the nature of God. This applies to Christianity and Islam and any other religion.

It would be a valid entry point to debate and dialogue between the Muslim and Christian worlds. However the reaction from many sectors has led to riots, firebombing churches and inflamed language from Muslim political and clerical leaders. The Vatican initially, and then the pope personally responded with an apology stating that there was no intention to cause offence. This apology was graciously received by the resident Theologian at the Islamic Cultural Centre in Dublin.

There is a lesson for all of us to be sensitive and respectful to other people's religious beliefs and be open to dialogue and understanding. Luckily we live in a democratic society of religious diversity and tolerance. Ironically these freedoms are not enjoyed by the peoples of many Muslim nations.

Sean O'Driscoll

Thought for Today

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

God's mercy is revealed in compassion. Let us ask God to look upon us in our need.

Reader

We pray that Christians everywhere may learn to love and serve as Jesus did.

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

We pray for peace and reconciliation in our world and for an end to war.

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

We pray for all relief agencies and for all who work and serve in the world's danger-zones.

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

We pray for those who have lost hope, that they may be restored to joyful living.

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

We remember the sick and those who care for them.

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

We pray for the dead, remembering especially our loved ones. For all the faithful departed we pray:

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

Priest

God, full of compassion, hear the prayers we make to you in the name of Jesus, your son, who is Lord forever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord upholds my life.

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BAPTISMS

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

Dane Daniel O'Dwyer, Castle Park.
 Warren Charles Tait, Fermoy.
 Pdraig Christopher Murphy, Station Road.
 Eavan Siobhan Nolan, Leslie Arch.
 Cassie Hanna Hogan, "Crio Na Laoi", Powdermills.
 Saoirse Ann Hennessy, Oaklands.

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

Patrick & Joe Linehan, Courtbrack.
 Michael Eager, Glanworth.
 John Walsh, Cottage Square.
 Eleanor Crowley, Avoncourt.
 Kitty Cotter, Thurles.
 Denis & Eileen Murray, Ballingearry.
 James Callaghan.
 Michael & Bridget Armstrong.
 Thomas Reck (Jnr), Innishmore..
 William Kavanagh, Carrigrohane.
 Francis Hickey, Ballinhassig.
 Christine Coady, Rosewood.
 Florence Kelly, Fr. Sexton park.
 Mary O'Driscoll, Beech Road.
 Mary & John Noonan, Greenmount.
 Michael Coughlan, Crookstown.
 Daniel & Margaret Murphy, Knockburden.
 Joseph Lombard, Coachford.
 Thomas Clery, Dublin.
 Denis Kearney, Macroom.
 Jack & Ursula & Essa Lane, Blarney St.
 Cecelia Pauline Leahy, Carrigrohane.

Change of Mass Time

This Saturday and for the foreseeable future there will be one Saturday Morning Mass in Ballincollig Parish at 10.00 am in St. Mary & St. John. This arises because Saturday has become one of the busiest days in the Parish. Ballincollig Parish has two Vigil Masses, there are Baptisms every Saturday evening, Weddings take place on Saturdays, sometimes Funerals. Recent years have seen huge changes in our social and work conditions. Getting to and from work for more and more people is taking more time. In family situations both parents are often working as of necessity. Saturday is often the only time when people get a chance to make arrangements about Baptisms, Marriages and other important events in their life. It is also the day that is more suitable for Baptism Preparation and In-service with Ministers of the Word and Ministers of the Eucharist. Due to these commitments and the call on the Priests' time, I have decided, in consultation with the Parish Pastoral Council, to have just one morning Mass on Saturdays. I trust that those who are inconvenienced in any way by this decision will understand the reasons.

Our Lady Queen of Peace

House of Prayer: A coach will leave Cork (Opera House) at 6.45 am and Mallow (The Church of the Resurrection Car Park) at 7.15 on Saturday 30th September and Saturday 7th October for Achill, Co. Mayo for a novena at the Christina Gallagher House of Prayer. The fare is €18 and more information for the September 30th trip is available from Pauline on 087 4183930 or please contact Olive on 022 29979 or 087 7766409 if you wish to travel on Saturday October 7th

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Twenty Fifth Week In Ordinary Time

24 Sunday Wis 2:12, 17-20. Ps 53. Jas 3:16-4:3. Mk 990-37. Lect I: 802
 25 Monday Prov 3:27-34. Ps 14. Lk 8:16-18. Lect II: 776
 26 Tuesday Prov 21 :1-6,10-13. Ps 1 18. Lk 8:19-21. Lect II: 778
 27 Wednesday Prov 305-9. Ps 1 18. Lk 9:1-6. Lect II: 780
 28 Thursday Eccl 1:2-11. Ps. 89. Lk 9:7-9. Lect II: 782
 29 Friday Dan 7:9-10, 13-1 4. or Apoc 12:7- 12. Ps 137. Jn 1:47-51. Lect II: 1205
 30 Saturday Eccl 1 1:9-12:8. Ps 89. Lk 9:43-45. Lect II: 786

Next Sunday's Readings 01-October-2006
 Num 11:25-29. Ps 18. Jas 5:1-6. Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48. Lect I: 804

Come Rest In Me!

You are invited to come and listen to a catechesis for adults and youth.
Where? Church of Christ Our Light, Ballincollig
When? Mondays & Thursdays at 8.00 pm.
Starting? Monday 18th September, 2006
You were made for Him and you will not rest until you rest in Him. St. Augustine
 Contact: Paul Olden. Phone No. 7332061 or (086) 6071295

Envelope Collection

Education Fund
 (Students for the Priesthood)
 This Weekend 23rd & 24th September

Change of Baptism Time

Baptism Times on Saturday evening have been brought forward to 4.30 pm. This is to avoid the chaos in the car park on Saturday evenings.

The Baptism Ceremony will be held on the First Saturday of each month at 4.30 pm in Christ Our Light. This is an effort to give people on that side of the Parish an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism in Christ Our Light at a time that seems more suitable to parents and families.

The Baptism Ceremonies will be in St. Mary & St. John on the remaining Saturdays at 4.30 pm and also each Sunday morning at 12.45 pm.

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Wisdom 2:12. 17-20
 People just don't like a prophet. Someone who speaks up, telling the truth, may well be rejected. Holiness does not always lead to happiness. Sometimes, it leads to pain and suffering and death.

Second Reading: James 3:16-4:3
 The early Christians were not better than we are. They were just as envious, just as resentful, and just as bitter. Listen now, and hear the remedy.

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37
 Who is the greatest; Celebrity farm had a winner; some win many medals, others set records of all kinds, many have the most recent model and biggest car in the range, many achieve fantastic results in the Leaving and Junior Cert exams; well done to all the high achievers in our midst.

Christ however is looking for a different kind of achievement. Jesus asks us "When you wish to be first make yourself last; When you wish to be great make yourself little; When you want to be the masters make yourself the servant." Christ asks to live this kind of life; He lived as the Suffering Servant, washed people feet, mixed with the outcasts and made time for the small people (the people that are rarely noticed) Lord when we ask the question Who is the greatest may we remember to look to you for guidance in our answer.

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland

Ladies (and Gentlemen). Why not join the "A"lzheimer Society Team and Run to Remember on behalf of the Society in the Cork Evening Echo Ladies Mini Marathon on Sunday 24th September, 2006. For Sponsorship Cards and T-Shirts Contact Ailsa on 021 4391690.

Cork City Women's Mini Marathon for Bóthar

Ladies! Bóthar is seeking your support on Sunday 24 September in the annual Mini Marathon for charity. This year all Bóthar proceeds will be used to provide a water supply to a village of 1,800 families in northern Tanzania from the source 4 km away. Walk, jog or run the 4 mile/6 km course. Enjoy a great day out with friends. Free information pack from the Cork Bóthar office:
 021 487 8693 or see the website at www.bothar.org

Foróige

B.A.P. (Ballincollig Action Project)
 Are you available on Tuesday evening for 2 hours between 7 pm and 9 pm
 Volunteers wanted to support Ballincollig's youth café.
 For further details please contact Jack:
 (021) 4878682 – Mobile (086) 8102773
 or email: joleary.bap@foroige

Muskerry Local History Society

Dear Member

Our new seasons Programme begins with a much-awaited Field Trip

"Michael Collins Trail"

A guided tour by Historian, Tim Crowley, a fountain of knowledge, Local and National on our slain Hero.
Date: Saturday September 30th @1.30 pm
Venue: Bus leaving Car Park at Scoil Eoin at 1.30 pm, Visiting Beal na Blath, Clonakilty, Sams Cross, and The Collins Centre at Castle View, returning to Ballincollig at 6.30 pm approx
Cost of trip €10.
 Please contact Charlie O'Leary 086-1678349
 or Liam Hayes 087-7828546 re numbers A.S.A.P.
 Everyone most welcome.

An Open Invitation

The Ballincollig Parish will be holding a Participative Initiative of Welcome to all the Newcomers in our Community on 22nd October next, which is Mission Sunday. We would be delighted to hear from anyone who is interested in participating and becoming involved in this initiative by leaving your name and contact number in the box provided in your Church.

It is the gift of the Newcomer in our midst to open up a new vision for us and to release the passion and energy of God's Spirit for a new time. "Make the tent you live in larger"... (Is.54.2)

Contact Numbers: (087)4167126 or (021)4870625

Mission Awareness Programme

A 'Mission Awareness Programme' is being organised within the Parish. The aim of this project is to organise events that will encourage people to become more aware of the Missionary role of the Parish Community in the Church, serving people at home and overseas.

The second Vatican Council tells us that "The period between the first and second coming of the Lord is the time of missionary activity, when, like the harvest, the Church will be gathered from the four winds into the kingdom of God. For the Gospel must be preached to all peoples before the Lord comes." (Mk.13:10) (ref.1981 ed. by A. Flannery pg.823).

We hope to plan and implement a participative initiative of Mission Awareness at Parish level from October 14th to October 22nd 2006. This will offer an opportunity to explore the experience of Mission and also an opportunity to welcome newcomers to our Parish.

It you would like to contribute any photographs, articles, memorabilia for the exhibition, material can be handed into the sacristy after Mass. (both churches). Down through the ages, the Church, in the spirit of the Gospel has sent out its missionaries to spread Christ's message and to bring physical, emotional and spiritual healing to all people: "from now on, you will become fishers of people", (Lk.5-12). These Missioners live amongst the native people, sharing in their day to day experiences. Missioners serve the physical needs of the people through education, assisting in building projects, running hospitals and mobile clinics etc. Missioners serve the emotional needs by building up trusting relationships, through listening, sharing, consoling, counselling. Missioners meet the spiritual needs of their communities by bringing the Good News, by living the Christian life as exemplified by Christ in the Gospel.

Missioners come from all age groups and from all walks of life. History proves how the Irish people have always responded to the Mission call. We remember names like Brendan and Colman from the distant past but we also bring to mind more recent names like Edel Quinn of Kanturk and the late Bishop Courtney of Tipperary. Our own Cork Diocese supported the Peru Mission from 1965 – 2004.

Missioners are needed at home and abroad. **ANYONE CAN BE A MISSIONER.** Let us come together to celebrate our Faith.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Sep-30 & Oct-01-2006

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Derval Spillane
8:30 am
Elizabeth Daly
10:00 am
Louise McCarthy
Robert Noonan
12:00 Noon
Tony Lynch

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Aisling Courtney
11:00 am
Aideen O'Connor
Meabh Nic Mheanmain
12:30 pm
Brian O'Donoghue
Lia Breathnach
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

8 pm (Vigil)

CONFESSIONS

After 10:00 am Mass &
before 6:00 pm Mass

Saturday

BAPTISMS

4:30 pm
Except First Saturday of
Month

Saturday

4:30 pm
First Saturday of Month

12:45 pm

Sunday

PARISH CLERGY

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Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C. 021-4877161

Fr. Sean O'Driscoll C.C. 021-4870434

Fr. Anthony O'Mahony -



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Sep-30 & Oct-01-2006

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Eileen Murphy
Ted Nelligan
Angela Murphy
Ann O'Connell
Sheila Walshe
Betty Sheehan

8:00 pm John O'Donoghue
Mary Dineen
Kathleen Daly

8:30 am Helen Kelly
Annette Murphy
Mary O'Connor

11:00 am Mary O'Mahony
Mona Bowen
Billy Barry
Mary Aylward

10:00 am Miriam Maunsell
Mary Buckley
Breda Ring
Mary O'Regan
John Henchy
Martin O'Leary

12:30 pm Mary Twomey
Maura O'Driscoll
Mary Lehane

12 Noon John Walshe
Pat Kelleher
Irene O'Brien
Ellen O'Sullivan
Chris Cotter
Sally Crowley

5:30 pm Garreth Irish
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Saturday

9.30 - 5.00 pm