

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 05-November-2006

Thirty First Sunday In Ordinary Time.

*The heart of our faith and its practice, is contained in today's readings. God is one and he is loved with all our being. We are to love our neighbour as ourselves. Both go together. Our faith in God and our love for him, informs our love for our neighbour and this in it's turn, is the expression of our faith—love for God.*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

## ***"The Lord will shepherd me, - He will lead me."***

Being a priest, being in ministry at one level is doing a job; dealing with the post, paying bills, answering the phone or door, visiting a school or taking part in a meeting. As priest however to even begin to do my work calls for a focus on Christ that will help me to grow as a person and continually strive to be Christ like. A young curate that was appointed to my native parish when I was in primary school hugely influenced my life. I think his enthusiasm, sincerity and joy in his work is one his lasting legacies, this enthusiasm was to be experienced in every aspect of his work.

Later in life I discovered that Christ is the main cornerstone of my life, there can be lots of props but only one cornerstone. Christ has left us plenty food for thought in the Gospels. "I am the good shepherd -- I lay down my life for my sheep." "I know my own and they know me." The core of priesthood is about being Christ centred, being inspired and enthused by Christ. There is a constant striving to search for Christ and come to know Christ. Everyday is another opportunity to be drawn closer to Christ. As the letter to the Hebrews reminds us (in case I loose the run of myself) "I too live in the limitations of weakness."

Living and working as a priest then, whether I visit a class in school, a family in their home or a sick person in hospital is about helping young and not so young to discover and recognise Christ in the midst of everyday situations. Sometimes because of those "limitations of weakness" mentioned in the letter to the Hebrews, my efforts can be an obstacle to people to walk with Christ. Thank God I get fulfilment and happiness from my work as a priest and my life. Most of my time each day is occupied with meeting people and sometimes sharing their joys and sorrows.

My life is different as I also try to live a vow of obedience to my Bishop and a vow of celibacy; so no place for trade unions, pay bargaining; health and safety can also be neglected from time to time. I depend on parishioner's prayers, goodwill and generosity to survive and make ends meet. Thank you.

George O'Mahony

### **Thought for Today**

Building our families is much like constructing a building in that you need a solid foundation in order to build a worthy structure. There are many things we might name that help build the foundation such as love, and essentials including food, clothing and shelter. Some quality time and holidays may help, too. But the main ingredient, indeed, the cornerstone, is Jesus. Not much else we offer our children will impact their lives as much as the religious foundation we provide. The most important time to remember this valuable lesson is when we feel least like living it ourselves--maybe on Sunday morning when we're too tired to go to mass, or when we get irritated with a neighbour or another driver. We want a solid foundation for our children and need to work continually on building up our family.

### **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

#### **Priest**

Because God loves us, we are confident that our prayers are always answered. We present our needs and the needs of the world.

#### **Reader**

That all members of the Church may grow in love of God and neighbour.

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

That all in leadership positions in Church or state may be inspired by love, as they serve their communities

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

For those we love, the sick and all those for whom we are concerned, and all those for whom we have promised to pray.

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

That our priests may be blessed in their lives and in their ministry.

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

For those who suffer in mind, body or spirit, that they may find healing and strength.

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

We remember those who have died and for those who died alone and in fear and with no one to pray for them.

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

#### **Priest**

God, you alone are Lord and you love each one of us. Hear these our prayers which we make in the name of Jesus, your Son, our Lord.

Amen.

***I love you, Lord, my strength.***

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**BAPTISMS**

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

Tristan Milan Daniel Dorney-O'Mahony, 178 Rosewood Estate.  
 Clodagh Maria McSweeney, 44 The Close, Coolroe Meadows.  
 Ciara Maria Woods, 45 Willow Grove, Coolroe Heights.

**MARRIAGES**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

Colin O'Donovan, 2 Innishmore Grove & Karen Barry, 40 Castle Avenue.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Charlie Connolly, Belfast.  
 Sister Marie Hegarty, 15 Castle Avenue.  
 Gerard Downey, Ballincollig & Tralee.

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

Denis & Patricia Goggin, St. Lukes.  
 Con & Rita Jeffries, Blarney St.  
 Frances Mitchenson, Birmingham.  
 Julia Hegarty, Rosewood Estate.  
 Dan & Eileen Buckley, Kinsale.  
 Joan Sheehan, Crookstown.  
 Niall Barrett, Dripsey.  
 Mary Dineen, Shandon View.  
 The deceased members of the Credit Union.  
 Dan McSweeney, Inniscarra.  
 Nora O'Callaghan, Carrigrohane.  
 Ellen, Eugene & Catherine Lee, Dripsey.  
 Mary O'Callaghan, Yorkshire.  
 Deceased members of the Ring family, Blarney Road.  
 Sheila & Michael Duggan, Dunmanway.  
 Katie O'Grady, Sligo.  
 Sylvester Bowler, Santry.  
 John & Hannah O'Connor, Dingle.  
 Elizabeth O'Shea, Rylane.  
 Noreen Moriarty, Kerry.  
 Michael & Nora Keating, Kerry.  
 Patrick, John & Noel O'Mahony, Newcestown.  
 Anastasia Shorten.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Thirtieth Week In Ordinary Time**

- 05 Sunday Deut 6:2-6. Ps 17. Heb 7:23-28. Mk 12:28-34. Lect I: 820
- 06 Monday Eccles (Sir) 44:1-15. Ps 14. 1k 6:17-23. Lect. II: 1367
- 07 Tuesday Phil 2:5-11. Ps 21.1k 14:15-24. Lect II: 852
- 08 Wednesday Phil 2:12-18. Ps 26.1k 14:25-33. Lect II: 854
- 09 Thursday Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12. or 1 Cor 3:9-11, 16-17. Ps 45. Jn 2:13-22. Lect II: 1250
- 10 Friday Phil 3:17-4:1. Ps 121. Lk. 16:1-8. Lect II: 858
- 11 Saturday Phil 4:10-19. Ps 111. Lk 16:9-15. Lect II: 860

**Next Sunday's Readings** 12-November-2006  
 1 Kgs 17:10-16. Ps 145. Heb 9:24-28. Mk 12:38-44. Lect I: 822



***The Coeliac Society of Ireland***

Date: Tuesday, 7th of November, 2006  
 Place: SMA Centre, Wilton  
 Time: 8.00 p.m.  
 Gluten Free Cookery Demonstration. Our Dietician will be on hand to meet with new members and old. Everyone welcome.

***Prayer Service***

The Annual Prayer Service for the Holy Souls will be held at St. Finbarr's Cemetery, Glasheen Road, Cork on Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> November at 3 pm.  
**All are very welcome to attend**

***Ballincollig Secular Franciscan Order***

The monthly Mass and meeting will be held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 11.00 am in St. Mary & St. John Church  
 Rosary will be recited at 10.40 am (Sharp)  
**New members welcome**

***Irish Heart Foundation***

The "Over 60's Show" featuring past winners of the competition will take place at the Cork Opera House on Sunday November 26th at 8.00 p.m. Also on stage will be Sonny Knowles and Comedian Sean Connors.  
 Tickets on sale at the Opera House €20, €18 and €15.  
 Proceeds to the Irish Heart Foundation.  
 Sponsored by Chi – Sullivan's Quay.

***Moment Of Reflection***

"Every step we take all day long is a step of nature or a step of grace."

*St. Elizabeth Ann Seton*

*Death is not extinguishing the Light, but putting out the Lamp because the Dawn has come.*

**CROWLEY**

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**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Deuteronomy 6:2-6  
 Moses urges his people to keep all of God's commandments. Then follows one of the most important statements in all of the Old Testament: "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!" This prayer is as dear to Jews today as it was to Jesus himself and all the apostles. It is a statement of belief in the one true God. Then follows the teaching that was so important to Jesus: we are to love and serve God.

Second Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28  
 This reading continues the teaching on Jesus the eternal High Priest. Unlike the priests of the Old Testament, whose priesthood died with them, Jesus live forever to intercede for us? He offers to the Father the perfect sacrifice of himself.

Gospel: Mark 12: 28-34  
 Today's gospel brings us to the heart of Christian living: Love God and love your neighbour. As we gather to celebrate the wonderful love of God for each one of us, we are given strength for the Christian journey. Jesus is asked to name "the first of all the commandments." In the first part of his reply, Jesus quotes the words from today's first reading: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with your entire mind, and with all your strength." Then Jesus adds another commandment, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." Jesus made the two commandments one. We now call this the Great Commandment. Loving God and loving neighbour cannot be separated. We love God by loving our neighbour as we love ourselves. The proof and measure of how we love God is shown in how much we love others.

**Scoil Eoin & Scoil Mhuire**

**Enrolment Week  
 November 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>**

Open Afternoon in both schools on Wednesday Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>  
 2 pm – 4 pm.

**Tips for Parent**

“Preparing your child for School”

A Talk by Ms Fiona Garvey

In Scoil Mhuire on Mon. Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm.

In Scoil Eoin on Wed. Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm.

Scoil Eoin  
 Tel. 4871321

Scoil Mhuire  
 Tel. 4870809

**Scoil Barra Enrolment Week**

**13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> November 2006**

Any parents wishing to enrol their child in Scoil Barra for the school year 2007-2008 are invited to complete an Application for Admission Form available each day from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. during Enrolment Week. Applications will be processed in accordance with Scoil Barra's Enrolment /Admission Policy.

*Please note that in line with this Policy all applications for admission must be received at the school on or before 17<sup>th</sup> November 2006. In addition to Enrolment Week, parents are welcome to enrol their child at any other time before this date. Children who wish to be enrolled in Scoil Barra as Junior Infants in September 2007 must be at least 4 years of age on or before 31<sup>st</sup> May 2007.*

Donal O'Sullivan (Principal)

Scoil Barra, Innishmore, Ballincollig, Co. Cork

Tel. (021) 4873459

**Annual Cemetery Mass**

**St. Mary & St. John's (adjoining cemetery)**

Will take place on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2006 at 2 pm

**Annual Mass for Recently Deceased**

The annual Mass for the recently deceased of Ballincollig Parish will be held at 8.00 pm on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2006 in St. Mary & St. John. If you would like to include a relative please hand the name into the Sacristy or the Parish Office.

**The Pyke Theatre Group, Ballincollig**

Presents

Monthly Social Evenings  
 At Ballincollig Rugby Club  
 on

The Second Tuesday of Each Month

Tuesday November 14<sup>th</sup>

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There Will Be Three One Act Play  
 On Friday November 10<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm Sharp  
 In The Community Hall Station Road  
 All are welcome.

**Society of Saint Vincent De Paul**

Monthly collection will take place this weekend  
 Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2006

**Knock**

Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Night Vigil in Knock.

A coach will leave St. Mary & St. John Church, car park, Ballincollig, @ 2 pm on Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> 2006 for a Night Vigil in Knock. The fare is €18.00.

**For more information please contact**

**Caroline on 021 4884443 or 087 6377169**

**49<sup>th</sup> Cork Ballincollig Scout Group**

The Scout Troop travelled to Mount Melleray Scout Centre, at the weekend to take part in a weekend of sport and challenging events, included were soccer, basketball, pitch & putt, pool, table tennis, indoor climbing wall and loads of other activities, they competed along with other troops from north Cork and Waterford. Fun and friendship was the main theme of the weekend, we had lots of both. The Friday night Macoimh held a Halloween party with ghouls and ghosts and lots of nice things to eat.

*Lord Baden – Powell, our founder, said “Expect a great deal of your patrol leaders and nine times out of ten they will play up to your expectations”.*

**Diabetes Federation**

Diabetes Health Awareness Exhibition will be hosted by Diabetes Federation of Ireland in the Rochestown Park Hotel, Douglas, Cork on Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup> of November from 12 to 5 pm. All are Welcome and Admission is free. Diabetes Screening available as well as free testing for Retinopathy & Glaucoma, Cholesterol, Blood Pressure, A1c, BMI and Carbon Monoxide/Smoking cessation. For further information, Lo-call 1850 909 909.

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Nov-11 & Nov-12-2006

**St. Mary & St. John      Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**

Michael Fitton  
Paul Kearns

**8:30 am**

Susan Fennell

**10:00 am**

Louise McCarthy  
Robert Noonan

**12:00 Noon**

Tony Lynch

**8:00 pm (Vigil)**

Amy Ni Cheallaigh  
Murigen Ni Mhathuna

**11:00 am**

Jack Dorgan

**12:30 pm**

Brian O'Donoghue  
Lia Breathnach

**5:30 pm**

Christine O'Brien

**MASS TIMES**

**St. Mary & St. John**

8:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon

9:30 am & 8 pm

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10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)

**Christ Our Light**

11 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm

8:30 am & 6:30 pm

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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**

**Priest on Duty      087-2479140**

**Fr. George O'Mahony P.P.      021-4871206**

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

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

**Fr. Anthony O'Mahony      -**



**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Nov-11 & Nov-12-2006

**St. Mary & St. John      Christ Our Light**

6.00 pm Vera Allen  
Ber Bell  
Betty Casey  
Frank Riordan  
Siobhan Riordan  
Sr. Martha

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

8:30 am Mary Buckley  
Theresa Lucey  
Triona Collins

10:00 am Anne Cahill  
Pat Lee  
May Delaney  
Seamus O'Shea  
John O'Donovan  
Betty Flavin

12:30 pm Con O'Connell  
Denis O' Mahony  
Christine O'Mahony  
Tom Murray  
John O'Regan

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

5:30 pm Patsy Galvin  
Bernard Curran  
Clare Curran



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Saturday 10:30 am - 12 Noon.      Phone No. (021) 4871206**

**Ballincollig Credit Union Ltd.**

**Harrington Street**

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Fax: 021-4872532

**New Town Centre Office**

Tel: 021-4208300

Fax: 021-4872532

**Monday      Closed**  
Tuesday      9.30 – 5.00 pm  
Wednesday      10.30 – 5.00 pm  
Thursday      9.30 – 5.00 pm  
**Friday      9.30 – 5.00 pm**  
Saturday      9.30 – 12.30 pm



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Tuesday      9.30 – 5.00 pm  
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Thursday      9.30 – 7.30 pm  
Friday      9.30 – 7.30 pm  
Saturday      9.30 – 5.00 pm