

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



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

Sunday 26-November-2006

Solemnity Of Christ The King

The kingship of Christ, is not to be seen in terms of any kind of political control or domination. It is not of this world. His rule comes from obedience to the Father and total service of people, unto death. It is the power of God over death and evil, promised to all who commit themselves in faith to him.



**Christ Our Light
Innishmore**

Christ the King

Today we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. It may not mean much to us, it may seem to be just another title but we celebrate it for two reasons. Firstly we remember that Jesus lowered himself to die for us but he rose from the dead and made sure that we will too. Today is an opportunity for us to thank Christ for saving us from the power of death. The name Christ the King brings home to us the greatness of Christ and how highly he is regarded because of what he did for us. Secondly we celebrate the winding down of the Churches year. Today begins the last week of the Churches year and so we can look back and see how our relationship with Christ got better or worse or stayed the same, what things we would like to change or what things we feel happy with. Because we live busy lives we can overlook these questions but we are reminded in the First Reading that God's kingdom will have no end. Christ is waiting for us in that kingdom. We do not have to go to the lengths Christ did, but maybe we can take some time to thank him for what he did for us, for saving us from sin and opening up eternal life to us. As we prepare to enter a new Church year we might think to ourselves what can we do to strengthen our relationship with Christ.

Anthony O'Mahony

Lots of Vacancies.

We need several Ministers of the Eucharist to serve the parishioners as Ministers of the Eucharist during Masses in the churches. Generally a minister of the Eucharist helps at the distribution of communion once a month. Training will be provided for everyone. So hurry; hurry. You are welcome to volunteer to help in either church or you might like to nominate somebody to serve, be sure to enclose full name, address and telephone number. Nomination sheets are on the seats in the church today.

Thanking you in anticipation. Fr George.

Thank You

On behalf of Frs' Michael, Sean and myself for your generous support during the novena for dead in early November. Thanks also to all those who have returned their autumn dues envelopes.

Also sincere thanks for your generosity to the collection last weekend to support the work of Cork Marriage Counseling Centre and Accord in supporting Marriage.

Fr George.

Thought for Today

The values of God's Kingdom help us explain to our children what kind of king Jesus is when we claim him to be "Christ the King." Everywhere in our world and private lives, we can find examples of Christ the King of peace, the King of justice, hope, goodness and love. Jesus said he came into the world to give evidence of his father's love. Consider how much your love for your child gives evidence of God's love, and how your life is an example to your children of the many different kinds of "kingship" claimed by Jesus.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

God's reign is without end and God's power extends over the whole of the universe. We present our prayers with trust in this loving God.

Reader

For all who follow Christ, that their lives may reveal the Kingdom of God among us.

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

For world leaders, that they may seek truth, justice and peace.

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

For all who are oppressed or unjustly treated, that Christian voices may be raised on their behalf.

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

For a blessing on all who work for peace.

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

For healing and consolation for all who suffer.

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

For the needs of this community gathered here, and of all those whom we remember at this time.

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

Priest

God, our Father, your rule lasts from age to age. We rejoice in the victory of Jesus over sin and death, and we make these and all our prayers, in the name of him who is Lord forever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.

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BAPTISMS

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

Charlie James Murphy, 1 Aylsbury Mews.
Peter Gerald Barry, 21 Old Court, Greenfields.

MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Anthony Gerard O'Keefe & Karen Mary O Sullivan An Caislean Grove.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Mary Nolan, Leighlin Bridge, Carlow.

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

Mary Kelleher, Toames.
Julia Hegarty, Rosewood.
Tommy Daly, Leemount.
John Lucey, Gillabbey St.
Nora Dwyer, Carrgrohane.
Peig O'Connor.
John & Ellen Beamish.
Jim, Katie & Ellen O'Grady.
Joe Donovan, Beech Road.
John Ring ,Australia & Dungourney.
James & Kit Kennedy, Boreenmanna Rd.
James & Mary McSweeney, Classis Ovens.
Donal & Maura McCarthy, Bishopstown.
Mary, Jerry & Daughter Mary O'Sullivan, Glendower.
Sylvester Cotter, Poulavone.
Denis Carroll, Crookstown.
Nora Dwyer, 7 Leevew.
Catherine & Willie O'Mahony, Ballincollig.
Dan Murphy, Clash.
Michael Gilleran, Rosewood.
Pat Holly, Maple Lawn & Milstreet.
Ellen Healy, Donoughmore.
Margaret & Joseph Barry, Deansgrange.
Edwin McDermott, Poulavone.
Phil Coughlan, Tower Street.
Mary O'Keefe, Maglin View.
Daniel Burke, Whitechurch.
Mary Jo Connaughton, Kilrickle Co. Galway.
Cornelius McMahon, Model Farm Rd.
Thomas Farrell, 61Beech Park.
Kevin McCarthy, Rosewood.
Deceased members of the Bowen & Kelleher Families, Shandon Street.

Ballincollig Tidy Towns

Due to personal work commitments by members of our committee, we regret that we have had to defer our Annual Awards Ceremony until Friday January 26th 2007 in The Oriel House Hotel.

We trust that you understand that this decision was not taken lightly and thank you for your continued support.

Finally we would appreciate if all perpetual trophies be returned prior to Christmas to:

Pat Clarke at Ballincollig Tool Hire, Innishmore. (Tel. 4873922)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Last Week In Ordinary Time

26 Sunday Dan 7:13-14. Ps 92. Apoc 1:5-8. Jn 18:33-37. Lect I: 829

27 Monday Apoc 14:1-5. Ps23. Lk 21:1-4. Lect II: 889

28 Tuesday Apoc 14:14-19. Ps 95. Lk 21:5-11. Lect II: 890

29 Wednesday Apoc 15:1-4. Ps97. Lk. 21:12-19. Lect II: 892

30 Thursday Rom 10:9-18. Ps18. Mt 4:18-22. Lect II: 1279

01 Friday Apoc 20:1-4, 11-21:2. Ps 83. Lk 21:29-33. Lect II: 897

02 Saturday Apoc 22:1-7. Ps 94. Lk 21:34-36. Lect II: 899

Next Sunday's Readings 03-December-2006

Jer. 33: 14-16. PS. 24. 1 Thess. 3: 12-4:2. LK. 21 :25- 28,34-36. Lect I: 8

***Ballincollig Parish
Christmas Retreat.***

December 11th to 13th 2006.

*Three days of prayer and reflection,
an opportunity to get in touch with the real
meaning of Christmas*

St. Mary & St. John's Church

Morning Masses: 7 am & 9.30 am

Evening Session: 7.30pm

(does not include mass)

Topics (at the evening sessions):

Monday Christ's Healing Presence

Tuesday Christmas a Time of Hope

Wednesday Forgiveness and Renewal.

(The Sacrament of Reconciliation)

The Team will preach at all the weekend masses in the Parish on December 9th and 10th with a special blessing for babies and young children at the Children's liturgy at 11 am in Christ Our Light.

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.

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Dan. 7:13-14
 In today's Scripture reading, the prophet Daniel looks ahead in time and sees the coming of Christ on the clouds of heaven. We look forward to that coming. It will be a day of great rejoicing.

Second Reading: Rv. 1:5-8
 Jesus Christ is king today, in a special sense. He is a reliable witness to truth; he is the first to rise to new life; he is the King of Kings. To the glory of God, Jesus makes us a new people, a royal nation, a holy priesthood.

Gospel: John 18:33-37
 Generally, we do not find the title "Christ the King" in any of the Gospels, but here in John, Jesus accepted the title even though it was given to him with misunderstanding. Pilate mistook the title as political. Jesus corrected him by saying that his kingdom was not of this world. Through the title of "King," Jesus pointed beyond himself to God, explaining that his mission was to tell the people about God and testify to the truth God wanted revealed through Jesus.

Diary for Mass Intentions

The diary to book mass intentions for January, February & March 2007 will be open in the Sacristy of St. Mary & St. John and the Sacristy of Christ Our Light on Saturday 9th December at 9 am.

First Friday

Friday 1st December, 2006
 Church of St. Mary & St. John
 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following 9:30 am Mass.
 Rosary 6:45 pm. Directed prayer 7:00 pm.
 Benediction 7:45 pm Holy Mass 8.00 pm.

**Our Lady Queen Of Peace
 House of Prayer**

A coach will leave Cork (Opera House) at 6.00 am on Saturday, December 2nd 2006 and Saturday, December 23rd 2006, for Achill, Co. Mayo for a novena at the Christina Gallagher House of Prayer.
Pick Up Points: Commons Inn, Commons Rd., Stags Head, Mallow, Buttevant, Ballyhea and Charleville.
 For more information please contact Caroline on 021 4884443 or 087 6377169 or if you wish to travel on Sat, Dec 2nd please contact Pauline on 087-4183839.

49th Cork Ballincollig Scout Group

Last Thursday night our Beaver section, paid a visit to Garda HQ. in Angela Street, they were taken on a tour of the whole building with everything been explained to them. Of great interest was the bank of cameras around the city, they even zoomed in on the Scout bus waiting for them, all had a very interesting and fun time.
 Extract from scout log
 The last hike I was on was to Gougane Barra. All Patrols had to build part of an obstacle course, our patrol decided to make a ladder, the other patrol made a zip wire. About 12 people fell off the zip wire and about 4 fell off the ladder. After that we all had sausages. Only 4 people were allowed to cook at a time. Then we ate everything we had brought. We played a game of man-hunt with the Peer patrol. After that we got on the bus and went home. By Ian Downey.
Its good to be a Scout and know it, but its better to be a scout and show it

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 7th 2006 for a Night Vigil in Knock. The fare is €18.00.
For more information please contact Caroline on 021 4884443 or 087 6377169

Making a Difference this Christmas

'It is more blessed to give rather than receive' (Acts 20:35). A quote from the Bible which many of us have seen or heard often but how many of us have actually thought about what this quote means? This simple sentence sums up the entire concept of Christian giving and sharing with our brothers and sisters wherever they may be.
 Trócaire have launched their Global Gift plan for Christmas and gifts this year include birth certificates for children in Mozambique so they can avail of state services; olive trees for farmers in the Occupied Palestinian Territories; kits to help returning refugees in Sudan; seeds and tools for communities in Liberia; goats for rural communities in Africa; grain storage facilities to help farmers in Central America; care provision for orphans affected by HIV/AIDS; the gift of water to help communities all over the world and houses for Burmese refugees in Thailand.
 Its easy to make a difference. You can purchase an ethical and life changing gifts by phoning Trócaire at 1850 408 408 or by logging on to www.trocaire.org/globalgift

The Counselling Centre Training Institute

7 Fr. Mathew St., Cork.
 Foundation course in Counselling Skills Starting January 2007. The course will run over 10 workshops on a part-time basis Friday afternoon / evening and all day Saturday. Closing date for applications December 1st 2006.
 For brochure and application form please ring 021 4274951

Report from Ballincollig Parish Pastoral Council

- Two meetings have been held, 18th September 2006 & 20th November 2006.
- ◆ A Presentation was organised to mark Fr John O'Donovan's time in the service of the Parish.
 - ◆ A celebration for Mission Sunday was organised
 - ◆ The Mass for the recently deceased along with the cemetery Masses were organised.
 - ◆ The Parish finance committee was established.
 - ◆ A parish office to further help serve the needs of the parish will be put in place at the Church of Christ Our Light.
 - ◆ A number of people have volunteered to serve as Ministers of the Eucharist and assist with the children's Mass group.
 - ◆ A Christmas Retreat has been organised for the Parish (See details on opposite page)
 - ◆ Leaflets for the upcoming Retreat and also the 2007 Parish Calendar are now being distributed.
 - ◆ The Adult Faith Formation Group are seeking new members.
 - ◆ No further progress to be reported in relation to the sale of Parish land to Cork County Council for the extension of the cemetery.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Dec-02 & Dec-03-2006

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)

Carmel Keane

8:30 am

Niamh Gallagher

10:00 am

Sinead O'Connor

12:00 Noon

Miriam Maunsell

8:00 pm (Vigil)

Rosarie Cotter

Louise McGrath

11:00 am

Aideen O'Connor

Meabh Nic Mheanmain

12:30 pm

Kay Carew

5:30 pm

Brian O'Donoghue

MASS TIMES

St. Mary & St. John

8:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon

9:30 am

9:30 am

9:30 am

9:30 am

9:30 am & 8 pm

10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)

Christ Our Light

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

8:30 am

8:30 am

8:30 am

8:30 am

8:30 am & 6:30 pm

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

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021-4871206

Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C.

021-4877161

Fr. Sean O'Driscoll C.C.

021-4870434

Fr. Anthony O'Mahony

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MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Dec-02 & Dec-03-2006

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Steve Wills
Margaret O'Sullivan
Rita Aherne
Rose Doyle
Jim Walsh
Frances O'Brien

8:00 pm Anne O'Regan
Mairead Murphy
Finbarr Murray

11:00 am Seamus O'Connell
Mary O'Connell
Alan O'Riordan
Geraldine Keohane

8:30 am Mary Buckley
Rita Murphy
Mary O'Keefe

10:00 am Christina Walsh
Peter Reilly
Mary Collins
Christy Roche
Katie O'Shea
Claire Creedon

12:30 pm Lucy O'Callaghan
Jackie Sheehan
Mary Green
Michael O'Leary

12 Noon Oliver O'Donovan
Barbara Kelly
John Jeffers
Mary McLean
Ellen Seymour
Nora Hennessy

5:30 pm Noelle Buckley
Mary Breen
Siobhan Burke



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