

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 11-February-2007

Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

World Day of The Sick

*God's blessing is for those who trust in him. It is especially promised by Jesus to the poor, the hungry, those who mourn and all those who are able to turn to God in their need.*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

## Luke's Gospel

The following were some of the issues that concerned the Christian community during the period that Luke came to write his gospel. They desired to be viewed as good citizens of Rome and wished to show that Christianity was not a threat to the empire.

How could Jesus' words half a century earlier be appropriate to a gentile audience living in a very different situation?  
Why would Greeks / Gentiles accept a religion with such a Jewish core?

The people of Israel are the chosen people of God, where do gentiles fit into God's plan of salvation?

Luke addressed these questions in a number of ways; he carefully portrayed Roman officials in a positive way. Jesus heals the Centurion's (a Roman official) servant in Luke and also praises the official's faith. Pilate declares Jesus innocent three times in this gospel. The Roman centurion at Calvary, declares that " Truly this man was innocent". The combined effect is to seek to assure Roman citizens that there is nothing to fear in Christianity.

Luke's gospel presents Christianity as a universal faith by assuring its gentile readers that they are included from the very beginning in the salvation that God brings in Jesus. Christianity is a religion that is intended for "all nations". The angels announce a message of joy for all peoples. Simeon speaks of the salvation that the child is to bring to all peoples and that will be a light of revelation to the gentiles. Luke wants his readers to know that they had been included in God's plan of salvation from the beginning.

George O'Mahony

## Reflection for Parents

Even in hard times the tree by the river receives water and food from the soil. So the people Jesus praise, the poor, the peace-makers, those who hunger for justice have deeper roots than the rich, who value what is on the surface. What makes us happy in our family? Talk about the love you share, the love God gives because we are close to him, like the tree by the river.

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

### Priest

Let us present our prayers with confidence before our loving God.

### Reader

For our Holy Father, Pope Benedict, that he may be blessed with continued health and strength.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For all who serve in the healthcare professions, and for all who care for the sick at home or in hospital, that they may be encouraged, supported and appreciated.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For world leaders, legislators and governments, that they may make wise decisions for the common good.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those known to us who are sick, and for the multitudes unknown, that they may not lack medical and spiritual care and support.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those who lack life's necessities, and for all peoples in any kind of need.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For our beloved dead, especially those in our thoughts today, that they may share in the life of Our Risen Lord.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

### Priest

O God, you bless those who walk in your way. Bless your people who pray in the name of Jesus, your Son, who is Lord forever and ever.

Amen.

*Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.*

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**BAPTISMS**

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

Ryan Joseph Deady, 1 Glendower Court.  
 Christopher Daniel Kenny, 7 Innishmore Square.  
 Sean Ben Linehan, 67 Old Court, Greenfields.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Baby Catherine Kinnane, Ennis.  
 Ann Obermeier, Canada.  
 Catherine Walsh, Aylsbury Avenue.

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

Patrick O'Donovan, Church Road, Carrigrohane.  
 David Kane.  
 Joe & John Barrett, Lee Murphy Terrace.  
 John Quin, Beech Park.  
 Mary O'Leary, Tower, Blarney.  
 Aidan Burke, Beech Road.  
 Daniel O'Sullivan, Inniscarra.  
 Marjorie O'Mahony, Bandon.  
 Deceased members of the Carroll Family, Crookstown.  
 Mildred & David McCarthy, Union Hall.  
 Richard O'Halloran, Muskerry Estate.  
 Daniel Carroll, Farran.  
 Connie Lynch, Macroom, Ballyvourney.  
 Frank McGarry.  
 George O'Connor.  
 Charlie & Delia Kernane, Doyles Road.  
 Rita & Tadgh O'Connor, Friars Walk.  
 Thomas Scully, Castlemartyr.  
 Bridget & Tim O'Leary, Fairhill.  
 Jerry Desmond, Ovens Bridge.  
 Ellen & James Collins, Dunmanway.  
 Eugene & Kitty O'Callaghan, West Village.  
 John Barry Murphy, Farran.  
 Jack McCarthy, Ballintemple.  
 Diarmuid Murphy, Upton.  
 Tom & Winnie Hallissey, Galbally.  
 Jim Doyle, Westcourt.

***Holidays and Notable Dates 2007***

Ash Wednesday	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February
First Sunday in Lent	Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> February
St. Patrick's Day ( <i>Hol. 19<sup>th</sup></i> )	Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> March
Palm Sunday	Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> April
Good Friday ( <i>Bank Hol.</i> )	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> April
Easter Day	Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> April
Easter Monday	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> April
May Holiday	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> May
Ascension	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> May
Whit Sunday/Pentecost	Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> May
Trinity Sunday	Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June
June Holiday	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June
Corpus Christi	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> June
August Holiday	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> August
October Holiday	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October
All Saints	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> November
First Sunday in Advent	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December
Christmas Day	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> December
St. Stephen's Day	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> December

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sixth Week In Ordinary Time**

11 Sunday Jer 17:5-8. Ps I. I Cor 15:12, 16-20. Lk 6:17, 20- 26. Lect II: 853  
 12 Monday Gen 4:1-15, 25. Ps49. Mk 8:1 1-13. Lect II: 68  
 13 Tuesday Gen 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10. Ps28. Mk 8:14-21. Lect II: 70  
 14 Wednesday Acts 13:46-49. Ps 116. Lk 10:1-9. Lect II: 957  
 15 Thursday Gen 9:1-13. Ps 101. Mk 8:27-33. Lect II: 74  
 16 Friday Gen 11:1-9. Ps 32. Mk 8:34-9:1. Lect II: 76  
 17 Saturday Heb 11:1-7. Ps 144. Mk 9:2-13. Lect II: 78

**Next Sunday's Readings 18-February-2007**  
 Sam. 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23. Ps. 102. 1 Cor. 15:45-49. Lk. 6:27-38. Lect I:

**The Pyke Theatre Group**

Ballincollig  
 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party  
 1997 - 2007  
 Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February  
 8.30 sharp in  
 The Rugby Club, Tanner Park.  
 Music by Kevin McSweeney

***Ballincollig Special Olympic Football Club***

AGM will be held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2007 in Coláiste Choilm at 7.30 pm. All present committee members, trainers, volunteers and parents are requested to attend. If you would be interested in becoming a volunteer please come along to the meeting to find out more.

***Happy Valentine***

“For God so loVed the world,  
 That he gAve  
 His onLy  
 BegottEn  
 SoN  
 That whosoever  
 Believeth In Him  
 Should Not perish,  
 But have Everlasting life.”

John 3:16

***Parish Retreat***

Retreat to be conducted by the Redemptorist will be held during Lent. March 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>. This retreat will take place in Christ Our Light church.  
 More information later.

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**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8

Those who trust in the things of this life will soon perish. But those who trust in the Lord will remain, bearing fruit even in the worst of seasons

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 1-6

If we do not believe that Christ has been raised from the dead, then our faith is worthless. He has opened the gates of heaven for us that we might live forever.

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26

Jesus taught his listeners that some values in God's Kingdom will be the opposite of what they are in our earthly society. Those with no power or material possessions, but who trust completely in God will be first in the Kingdom of God. But people who value the luxuries of this world will be last in the Kingdom.

**Bulletin Board**

**AGM** of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2007 in the Annex Room Community Centre. Any person willing to serve in the parish are more than welcome to come to this meeting.

**St Mary and St John's**

- ◆ Monday February 12<sup>th</sup> Ceremony of Light for sixth class girls of Scoil Mhuire.
- ◆ Tuesday February 13<sup>th</sup> Ceremony of light for sixth class boys of Scoil Eoin.
- ◆ Thursday February 15<sup>th</sup> First Confession second class girls of Scoil Mhuire.

**These ceremonies will commence at 7:30 p.m.**

The parish will hold a special Lenten programme for five Consecutive Monday nights commencing at 8 pm on February 26<sup>th</sup> at the Westgate Foundation Centre it will include a series of talks presented on DVD entitled

**To Know God Better  
All Are Welcome**

**St Dominic's - February Events**

**Beginning February 13<sup>th</sup> for 5 Tuesdays - 7:30 - 9:00 pm**  
FOCUSING – (Level 2) - offering an opportunity to focus on your inner story in a caring compassionate way, as you allow the wisdom of your body to speak.

**Anne O'Byrne RGS**

**Starting February 14<sup>th</sup> - Every Wednesday 7:30 - 8:15**  
Mid-week meditation in St Dominic's choosing silence and stillness to listen to God in the midst of everyday life

**Martina Lehane Sheehan**  
(No charge)

**February 17<sup>th</sup> – Saturday - 10:00 am – 4:30 pm**  
Stress Release Day - A Spiritual Approach  
The day comprises of relaxation, meditation, guided visualization using Scripture, as well as concrete suggestions on how to find stillness even amidst the chaos of our lives.

**Martina Lehane-Sheehan**

**Today - World Day of The Sick**

In 1992 Pope John Paul II instituted the World Day of the Sick to be held each year on the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes.

'The World Day of the Sick - in its preparation, realisation and objectives – is not meant to be reduced to a mere external display centring on certain initiatives, however praiseworthy they may be, but is intended to reach consciences to make them aware of the valuable contribution which human and Christian service to those suffering makes to better understanding among people and, consequently, to building real peace.

Indeed, peace presupposes, as its preliminary condition, that special attention be reserved for the suffering and the sick by public authorities, national and international organisations, and every person of good will. This is valid, first of all, for developing countries - in Latin America, Africa, and Asia - which are marked by serious deficiencies in health care. With the celebration of the World Day of the Sick, the Church is promoting a renewed commitment to those populations, seeking to wipe out the injustice existing today by devoting greater human, spiritual, and material resources to their needs' (Message of Pope John Paul II for 1<sup>st</sup> World Day of the Sick, 1993-94).

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

Last Sunday the Scout Troop went hill walking in West Cork. The Troop left the Scout Hall at 10 am, we got as far as Stat oil where we had to change a tyre, and on the road again we headed for Gougane Barra where the plan was to find the source of the Lee and to climb to the top of Bealick. We arrived in Gougane and two of the Patrol Leaders took charge of the group, they took a bearing and off we went, after a small hiccup we found the path up and started the climb. After a few rest stops (for the leaders) we arrived at a tributary of the Lee. We stopped for lunch and the plan then was to follow the stream upwards, which we did for a while, when it was decided due to the delay we had at the start and the slowness of the pace that instead of heading for Bealick we would instead for a closer peek Coomroe, this we reached and after a short rest we headed back. Going down is nearly always more tricky, as the Leaders always say "few people fall going upstairs". We made our way down through the large boulders and reached the path and on towards the road, after washing our boots and each other in the river we returned to the bus and headed home.

*Thomas Edison received no university training. In fact, other than his mother's education, he was essentially self-taught. Yet if it hadn't been for him we would be watching television by candlelight.*

**Diabetes**

The Southern Region of the Diabetes Federation will hold a Public Education Meeting including Cork Branch AGM on Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> of February in the Metropole Hotel, McCurtain St. Cork at 2.00 pm entitled, '**Emerging Trends in Diabetes**'. Dr. Tomas Ahern, Specialist Registrar in Endocrinology and Diabetes, Cork University Hospital and Ms. Liz Kirby, Diabetes Federation of Ireland will address the meeting. All are welcome and admission is free. **For further information, contact the Diabetes Federation of Ireland on 021 4274229 or email sro@diabetes.ie**

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Feb-17 & Feb-18-2007

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

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**  
Ailish O'Reilly  
Daniel McAuliffe  
**8:30 am**  
Susan Fennell  
**10:00 am**  
Tony Hegarty  
**12:00 Noon**  
Tomas Miller  
Niall Hartnett

**8:00 pm (Vigil)**  
Fiona Feely  
**11:00 am**  
Chide Ebili  
Karen Flavin  
**12:30 pm**  
Orlaith McVeigh  
**5:30 pm**  
Christine O'Brien

**MASS TIMES**

<b>St. Mary &amp; St. John</b>		<b>Christ Our Light</b>
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>	8 pm (Vigil)

**CONFESSIONS**

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

**BAPTISMS**

4:30 pm	<b>Saturday</b>	4:30 pm
Except First Saturday of Month		First Saturday of Month
12:45 pm	<b>Sunday</b>	

**PARISH CLERGY**

**Priest on Duty      087-2479140**  
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**Fr. Sean O'Driscoll C.C.      021-4870434**  
**Fr. Anthony O'Mahony**



**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Feb-17 & Feb-18-2007

**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 Sheila O'Connor



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<b>Monday</b>	<b>Closed</b>
Tuesday	9.30 – 5.00 pm
Wednesday	10.30 – 5.00 pm
Thursday	9.30 – 5.00 pm
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9.30 – 5.00 pm</b>
Saturday	9.30 – 12.30 pm

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