

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 04-November-2007

**Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time.**  
*God is full of mercy: he waits patiently for our conversion. No matter how much we may have failed him, he still calls us and encourages us towards goodness.*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

## *Life and our Priorities*

This week's gospel passage is the wonderful passage that tells the story of the meeting of Jesus and Zacchaeus. It is a great story, always new meaning to be found in it, treasures I had not noticed before. We can admire the story and the artistry of Luke as a storyteller. The hope of Christ is that I will recognise myself in the story and discover how God has been and continues to be at work in our world.

Autumn and Winter is a time of year that calls us to reflect on our lives and our attitudes. The readings at Mass for the next few weeks ask us to reflect on life and our priorities. To help us I will offer a few thoughts on Baptism and especially on the call to ministry we received at our baptism.

Baptism is the sacrament by which we become a new creation. As a baptized Christian, gifted by the Holy Spirit, I have responsibility for the mission of the church; I am called to an active and responsible faith. Baptism is a call to ministry.

Thankfully in the parish of Ballincollig many baptised take this call to ministry seriously by becoming actively involved in the life of the parish. People give of their time and gifts to enrich the life of the community and parish. Many hands and minds working together and welcoming the guidance of the Holy Spirit not only contribute to the life of the parish but also deepen our own faith.

During the next few weeks there will be further information on the activities of the parish and also an opportunity and invitation for many more baptized to play their part. Looking forward to hearing from you and do please encourage one another

George O'Mahony

## *Novena for The Dead - November 2nd to 10th, 2007*

November is a month dedicated to our deceased relatives and friends. It is the time of year when we are asked to pray for our dead and thank God for their efforts and goodness to us. Christ's prayer to his Father is "I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, so that they may always see the glory you have given me."

We encourage everyone to make a special effort to come to daily Mass during the Novena for the Dead and maybe even keep up the effort for the month of November.

**Envelopes are available this weekend in both Churches.**

## **Reflection for Parents**

Among our children's playmates we may find some who try our patience. It may be that they come from different backgrounds or circumstances than our own family, and we may hold similar reservations regarding their parents. Perhaps today's Gospel challenges us to encounter those who may be outcasts in a more loving way-as Jesus did.

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

### **Priest**

Our God, the source of life, loves his creation and will grant us what we need. We bring our prayers with confidence.

### **Reader**

We pray for the Church throughout the world, that it may be a sign to all peoples of the compassion and kindness of God.

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

We pray for a spirit of wisdom and prudence as we walk the way of faith.

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

We pray for our families, our companions at work and all those whom we encounter in our daily life, that they may be blessed with happiness and peace.

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

We pray for all children, that they may be loved and cherished.

**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 intentions of all here present.

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

### **Priest**

Loving God, you care for each of us with infinite love. Hear our prayers, which we make in the name of Jesus, your Son, who is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

*I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.*

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**BAPTISMS**

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

Faye Nora Walsh, 12, Willison Meadows, Tower.  
Stephen Michael Murphy, 7 Westgrove, Coolroe.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Pat O'Riordan, Castle Park & Boston.  
Christine Murphy, Maglin.  
Ellen Collins, Knockanmore, Ovens.  
Maire Ni Cheileachar, Ballyferriter.

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

John & Mary Seymour, Turner's Cross.  
Arthur Collins, Church Road, Carrigrohane.  
Paddy Ford, Castle Park.  
Ellen, Eugene & Catherine Lee, Dripsey.  
Mary O'Callaghan, Yorkshire.  
Nora O'Callaghan, 3 Lee View, Carrigrohane  
Julia Hegarty, Rosewood.  
Justin Monaghan, College Road.  
Neil McGerarty, Beech Park.  
John & Mary Lucey, Coolroe.  
Maureen & Jeremiah Callanan, West Village.  
Morgan O'Callaghan, Knmturk.  
Nora & Michael Keating, Kerry.  
John Keating, Limerick.  
Patrick'John & Ned O'Mahony, Bandon.  
Nancy Shorten, College Road.  
John & Bertha Moriarty, Kerry.  
Noreen Moriarty, Kerry.  
Jean & Tom Murphy, Cork.  
Mary Herlihy, Roscarberry.  
Lucey & John Henley, Limerick.  
Phil Jordan, Middleton.  
Helen & Phil O'Sullivan, Buttervant.  
Jerome & Julia Collins, Station Road.  
Kathy McMeroney, Mollie Connell, Maglin.  
Sean Creed, Inniscarra View.

***Cork Samaritans***

Cork Samaritans need help with collection. Because of a short fall of volunteers, they are having trouble finding collectors for their collection day in the shopping centres of Cork. They need your assistance to collect in Douglas Shopping Centre, Bishopstown, Blackpool and outside Paul Street on

***Wednesday November 14<sup>th</sup>.***

**Please Support.**

***Ballincollig Church in Action***

There will be a visual display in both churches in Ballincollig on the 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> November highlighting the work of the many groups within the Parish Council. The life of the parish is enriched and strengthened by the contribution of many individuals.

This is your personal invitation to become involved in your parish through the Parish Council.

***Many Hands Make Light Work***

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Thirty First Week In Ordinary Time**

- 04 Sunday Wis. 11 :22-12:2. Ps. 144. 2 Thess. 1 : 11-2:2. Lk. 19:1-10. Lect I: 928
- 05 Monday Rom. 11 : 19-36. Ps. 68. Lk. 14: 12-14. Lect II :400
- 06 Tuesday Eccles (Sir) 44:1-15. Ps 14. 1k 6:17-23. Lect. II: 1367
- 07 Wednesday Rom. 13:8-10. Ps. 111. Lk. 14:25-33. Lect II:404
- 08 Thursday Rom. 14:7 -12. Ps. 26. Lk. 15: 1-10. Lect II: 406
- 09 Friday 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 Saturday Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27. Ps. 144. Lk. 16:9-15. Lect II:410

**Next Sunday's Readings 11-November-2007**  
9-14. Ps. 16. 2 Thess. 2:16-3:5. Lk. 20:27-38. Lect I: 930

***The Pyke Theatre Group***

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1. Sauce for the Gander.
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3. Once Bitten.

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Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 8 pm.

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 8 pm.

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 8 pm.

Early Booking is advisable. Phone 086-3413901.

Admission €10.00 Concessions €8.00



***The Coeliac Society of Ireland***

Date: Tuesday, 6th of November, 2007

Place: SMA Hall, Wilton

Time: 8.00 p.m.

Talk from Dr. Jane McCarthy, Gastroenologist and Anne Maire Brennan, Dietitian..

Everyone welcome.

***Bru Columbanus***

Bru Columbanus is an independent charity that provides accommodation to the relatives of patients in Cork Hospitals and Hospice. We rely on donations and fundraising initiatives to cover the running costs of the house. Donations gratefully accepted to **Bru Columbanus, Cardinal Way, Wilton, Cork - Telephone: (021) 4345754.**

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**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Wisdom 11:22 - 12:2

The first reading tells us that we are as nothing before God; yet he created us, he loves us, and he shows us his mercy.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:11 - 2:2

The second reading explains why we live with courage and hope--God's power is ours in Christ.

Gospel : Luke 19:1-10.

Children may know just how Zacchaeus felt in today's Gospel story. Have you ever lifted your children to your shoulders so they might see over the crowds at a parade, waiting in a long line, or at a local sporting event? Zacchaeus was short and climbed a tree to get a better look at Jesus. Something surely stirred in his heart because it seems that he may have already given some thought to changing. Jesus reached out to Zacchaeus in friendship, and Zacchaeus responded with generosity and true remorse.

**Bulletin Board**

**Annual Graveyard Masses**

Will take place next Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 2 pm in St. Mary & St. John Cemetery.

Today the blessing of Graves in St. James Cemetery, Chetwynd, Togher will take place at 3 pm and at 2 pm in St Finbarr's Cemetery.

**Novena Masses**

There will be a Special Mass to remember all our loved ones who died during the past year on **November 12<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm in St Mary & St John**. All those who died from the Parish will be remembered at this Mass. Families who wish to have a deceased family members included in this Mass are invited to hand in their names to the Sacristy or Parish Office during the week and please include a contact name and address. Families are invited to be at the Church by 7.45 pm.

This week you will notice a bush in the sanctuary of each church. The names of parishioners and family members of parishioners are on the tree. These loved ones died during the past year. You are welcome to add other names and invited to pray for all those who we have been asked to pray for at this time.

**Baptism Preparation**

The next Baptism preparation will take place Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 1:00 pm and will be held in the community Hall, Station Road. The presentation lasts for approximately forty minutes. The following questions are addressed, What is Baptism? What are the symbols used in the Sacrament of Baptism? How can the family become involved in the ceremony? Parents might book the baptism a few weeks in advance to give ample time to take part in the preparation.

**Catholic Paper**

Copies of the Catholic Paper - **The Universe** - are available in both Churches every week.

Fr. George

**Society of St. Vincent De Paul  
Monthly Collection**

This Weekend  
Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th of November

**Scout News**

The Friday night Maccoimh held a sleepover in the scout hall on Friday night, it was well attended with 30 Maccoimh in all sleeping over. The night started with a trip into town where the group went bowling and played quasar, the quasar scores at the end got lost. (it seems that the leaders were in minus points) The Maccoimh made their way back to the hall where after a feed of chips they settled down to watch a DVD. , Some fell asleep during it, but most lasted out to the end. Some of the Maccoimh tried to best each other to stay up all night (not mentioning any names), in the end the leaders persuaded even the hardest of the lads to, **GO TO SLEEP.**

In the quiet hours when we are alone with ourselves and there is nobody to tell us what fine folk we are, we come sometimes upon a week moment in which we wonder, not how much money we are earning, nor how famous we are becoming but what good we are doing.

*Don't forget that we will judge you by your actions, not your intentions. You may have a heart of gold – but so does a hard-boiled egg!*

**Capuchin Vocations Day**

There will be a Capuchin Vocations Day on the 10<sup>th</sup> of November at Holy Trinity Friary, Fr. Matthew Quay, Cork beginning at 11 am. If you would like to attend and find out more about the Capuchin Franciscan way of life contact Br. Sean on (01) 8511554 or (087) 7634176.

**The Irish Heart Foundation  
Alcohol & My Heart**

Alcohol can be enjoyable and beneficial for your heart. In those who consume moderate amounts of alcohol (an average of one to two drinks per day for men and one drink per day for women) the incidence of heart disease is lower than in non-drinkers. (These benefits are not just limited to red wine). However, when used in excess, it can cause strokes, high blood pressure, cirrhosis of the liver and may be directly toxic to the heart muscle producing heart rhythm disturbances and heart failure. It can also raise the levels of some blood fats to produce hypertriglyceridaemia. With excess alcohol intake and severe hypertriglyceridaemia, pancreatitis may occur. Unfortunately, alcohol is also high in calories and so may contribute to excess weight and its associated cardiovascular problems. Binge drinking can cause severe hypertension and precipitate a stroke.

Alcohol can increase the level of the "good or healthy cholesterol" i.e High Density Lipoprotein cholesterol "HDL" cholesterol. Some alcoholic drinks also contain flavanoids which are thought to have a protective effect on the heart.

One should drink in moderation. The Irish Heart Foundation does not recommend alcohol consumption as part of heart health, but advises in those who drink that men should consume less than 21 units of alcohol per week whereas women should consume no more than 14 units of alcohol per week. However, if you have an alcohol related medical condition such as high blood pressure or heart failure you should consider much lower alcohol limits such as less than 10 units per week. In some instances as stated below alcohol should be avoided.

**Also Note!**

The Over 60's Show featuring past winners will take place at the Cork Opera House  
On Sunday November 25<sup>th</sup> at 8.00 p.m.  
Proceeds to the Irish Heart Foundation  
Tickets: €15, €18 and €20  
From the booking office at Cork Opera House.

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Nov-10 & Nov-11-2007

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

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**  
Sandra Walsh  
**8:30 am**  
Elizabeth Daly  
**10:00 am**  
Hannah Bunyan  
Stephen Bunyan  
**12:00 Noon**  
John Dorgan  
Fearghal Monahan

**8:00 pm (Vigil)**  
Michael Greene  
**11:00 am**  
Lisa Madden  
**12:30 pm**  
Tadhg Buckley  
**5:30 pm**  
Brian O'Donoghue

**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 & 8 pm	<b>Monday</b>	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	<b>Tuesday</b>	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	<b>Thursday</b>	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	<b>Friday</b>	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
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      **Saturday**      4:30 pm  
Except First Saturday of Month      First Saturday of Month  
12:45 pm      **Sunday**

**PARISH CLERGY**

**Priest on Duty      087-2479140**  
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**Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C.      021-4877161**  
**Fr. Sean O'Driscoll C.C.      021-4870434**  
**Fr. Ted Sheehan      021-4876171**

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Nov-10 & Nov-11-2007

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

**6.00 pm** Michael Maher  
Ber Bell  
Betty Casey  
Frank Riordan  
Siobhan Riordan  
Sr. Martha

**8:00 pm** Geraldine Lynch  
Charlie Vaughan  
Joan Stephenson  
Brid Healy-Harris  
**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  
Cathy Horgan  
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  
Seamus O'Donovan  
Joe Coghlan  
Geraldine Graham  
Catherine Greene

**5:30 pm** Patsy Galvin  
Bernard Curran  
Clare Curran



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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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