

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 25-January-2009

Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

Both Jonah and Jesus brought urgent messages for the need for repentance and change in peoples lives. Such change was needed to make them open to the action of God. If there is to be unity among the followers of Christ, we all need to change.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Christ of today's gospel makes it very clear that there is a time for words and also a time for something more - actions-. The four individuals (Simon, Andrew, James and John) mentioned in today's gospel had some contact with John the Baptist and probably stood at the edge of the crowd listening to Jesus. Then they met Christ as they were doing their work casting their nets, he invited them, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men," For here on they had a vocation, they left their jobs behind them. Vocation is about dedication and serving others and finding fulfilment. Many people's vocation is lived out as a parent, teacher, nurse, doctor or religious. Each of us said yes to Lord at our Confirmation and Baptism, may we with the help of God live out our vocation each day of our lives?.

Living the Christian calling involves doing the Lord's work, it also depends on prayer and reflection on the Word of God to nourish and guide us. Christ through his teaching provided this support for his disciples and He also ensured that they joined Him in times of prayer and reflection.

This week is dedicated to our catholic schools. We owe a huge debt to our schools and teachers; through their skills and dedication they provide a great education for children in their care. We may talk a great deal about the importance of teachers, parents and the parish working together to help children grow in faith and discover and learn more about their faith. The reality of course is that the majority of the work is left to teachers and schools, some parents take their role as the first educators of their child in the ways of Faith seriously and the parish is often a poor third in the partnership. May this week remind us of our calling and responsibilities in helping children grow in faith.

George O'Mahony

Thought for Today

Take a bucket and fill it with water.
Put your arms into it up to the wrists
Take them out and the hole that remains
Is the measure of how you'll be missed?

You may splash all you please when you enter;
You may stir up the water galore;
But stop and you'll find in a minute
That it looks just the same as before.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Through the power of Jesus, we pray that all the students of our Catholics Schools will be enabled to develop their full potential as human beings made in the image and likeness of God and become people who experience life in all its fullness.

Reader

We pray with gratitude, for all the teachers in our Catholic Schools.
May they, in their work, continue to combine the authority and compassion of Jesus.

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

We give thanks too for all those who exercise a ministry of healing – in home or hospital, in our parish and in our society.

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

We pray that each person – married, single, widowed or celibate – may give themselves to the affairs of God by the way they live their lives.

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

In this, the Year of St Paul, we pray for those who work to bring Christ to those who do not know him.

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

We pray for vocations; that men and women may answer Jesus' call to 'follow me'.

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

We pray for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith; that they may be received into God's heavenly kingdom.

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

Priest

Remember your mercy Lord and the love you have shown us from of prayers in the name of old. Grant us what we need. We make these Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.
Amen

Lord, make me know your ways

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BAPTISMS

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

Kevin John Coffey, The Close, Coolroe Meadows.
 Oisín Michael Quinn, The Green, Coolroe Meadows.
 Johan Isaac Gilmore, Fernwalk, Greenfields.
 Charlie Alexandra Hogan, The Cloisters.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Mary O'Connell, Maglin.
 Ian Carmody, Castlepark.
 Sherrie O'Riordan, Boston.
 Kevin Byrne, Parknamore Rise.
 Wade Lambert, Rosewood.

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

Ellen Buckley, Bakers Road
 Joseph & Mary Anne Sheehan, Kilcorney.
 Catherine O'Sullivan, Kilmichael.
 Michelle Hogan, Maglin Vale
 Denis, Breda & James O'Donoghue, West Village.
 William & Margaret O'Connor, Carrigrohane.
 Phil O'Connor, Carrigrohane.
 Charles & Marie Ross, Dublin.
 Sonny & Sheila O'Mahony, Dunmanway.
 Thomas, Hannah & Jack Twomey, Raheen.
 Nora Hegarty, White Church.
 John Desmond, Garryhesta.
 Deceased members of the O'Mahony family.
 Nora Kelleher, Cloughduv.
 Michael & Nora Keating.
 Jack McCarthy, Ballintemple.
 Catherine O'Donnell, Drimoleague.
 Deceased members of the Boyce family, Milford.
 Deceased members of the Ahern family, Ballyagran.
 Jim Green, The Square.
 Mary Whelan, Rosewood.
 Mary O'Mahony, Castlepark.
 Daniel & Mary O'Leary, AGLISH, Farran.
 Deceased members of the Linehan family, Kanturk & London.
 Denis & Mary Desmond, French's Villas.
 James & Katherine O'Dwyer, Co. Limerick.
 Tony Florish, Leevue.
 Mamie Kavanagh, East Gate.
 Deceased members of the Reilly & Hanney families
 Kathy Hartnett, Rosewood.
 Bill Cronin, Model Farm Road.
 Thomas Reid, Curraheen.
 Brendan Lingwood, Bishopstown.
 David Brosnan, Beech Road.
 Donal Coughlan, Schull.
 Mary Chapling, Schull.
 Michael McNulty, Fr. Sexton Pk
 Tim & Nora Maverly, Quaker Road.
 Noel Goarty, Hawthorn Avenue.
 Peter Murphy, Deshure, Tarelton.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Third Week In Ordinary Time

25 Sunday Jon 3:1-5, 10. Ps 24. 1 Cor 7:29-31. Mk 1:14-20. Lect I: 743
 26 Monday 2 Tim. 1:1-8 or Tit. 1:1-5. Ps. 95. Lk. 10:1-9. Lect II: 931
 27 Tuesday Heb 10:1-10. Ps 39. Mk 3:31-35. Lect II: 29
 28 Wednesday Heb 10:11-18. Ps 109. Mk 4:1-20. Lect II: 31
 29 Thursday Heb. 10:19-25. Ps. 23. Mk. 4:21-25. Lect I: 34
 30 Friday Heb. 10:32-39. Ps. 36. Mk. 4:26-34. Lect II: 35
 31 Saturday Heb 11:1-2, 8-19. Ps 1k 1:69-75. Mk 4:35-41. Lect II: 37

Next Sunday's Readings 01-February-2009
 Deut 18:15-20. Ps 94. 1 Cor 7:32-35. Mk 1:21-28. Lect I: 745.

Catholic Schools Week

26 January - 1 February 2009

The Catholic Church in Ireland, North and South, will celebrate Catholic Schools Week from Monday 26 January to Sunday 1 February 2009.

The theme of Catholic Schools week is **"Catholic Schools - A Vision for Life"**

The Bishops' Conference Pastoral Letter 'Vision 08 - A Vision for Catholic Education in Ireland' will provide the central focus for the celebration. The purpose of Catholic Schools Week is to promote the contribution that Catholic schools make to our society. Resources will be available in early January, locally in schools and parishes, and on the homepage of www.catholicbishops.ie

St. Vincent de Paul

Would you like to speak, in complete confidence, to a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society?

Please Phone: SVP Ballincollig 086 3202182
 Or SVP Tuckey St., Cork: 021 4270444

Coffee Mornings

Following the success of The Coffee Mornings held in the Church of Christ our Light during 2008, we would again like to invite all Parishioners to join us for a cuppa & chat in the crying room after the 12:30 pm Masses on:

Sunday 15th February
 St. Patrick's Day, Tuesday 17th March

**Communications Group
 Ballincollig Parish Council.**

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Jonah 3: 1-5, 10

Most probably the story of Jonah is a type of parable or story to teach a lesson rather than an exact historical book. Looked at that way it would compare with the parables like the Prodigal Son and the Good Samaritan told by Jesus. The central doctrine of the Book of Jonah is the universality of God's love and providence extending beyond the bounds of the Chosen People to pagan nations. Jonah brought an urgent call to repentance to a pagan city. Surprisingly the citizens listened to his message and repented.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians, 7: 29-31

These reflections of St. Paul are not a plea for neglecting earthly concerns, but for concentration on God's service and for treating other things as of secondary interest. Paul sees the need for detachment from this world because of the growing hostility of the pagan world to the Christians, the possibility of an early Second Coming and the shortness and precariousness of human life.

Gospel: Mark 1: 14-20

Like Jonah in the Old Testament, Jesus comes with a similar call to repentance. He proclaimed the good news that the age of Redemption which the Prophets had foretold was at hand. He called on everyone to do penance in order to enter into the new Kingdom.

Msza Św. Mass in Polish

w języku polskim w Ballincollig
21 luty - 21 February
sobota - 19:00 - Saturday 19:00
Zapraszamy
Powiadom znajomych

**Ballincollig Parish
Bereavement Support**

The next Bereavement Support Programme will commence on Tuesday 3rd February 2009 and will continue each Tuesday night for 8 weeks. This programme is held in a small group setting and is open to all who are grieving the death of loved ones.

During grief it is normal to experience many emotions such as shock, numbness, anger, guilt, loneliness, depression. A Bereavement Support Group provides a safe place where the bereaved can, in a confidential setting, share their experiences with others, explore the different stages of grief, and be supported during a difficult time.

For further information, please contact Sr Colette O'Leary: 086.3557375 or the Parish Office: 4871206.

Scoil Eoin

Was established in 1953 and has a long and proud history in Ballincollig.

Pupils of 5th class (Ms. Crowley) are currently researching its history.

Can you help?

If you have anything to contribute in the line of stories, photos, memorabilia, etc.

Please contact the School Reception at (021)4871321

Bulletin Board

Baptism Notice

There will be **NO** Baptisms on Easter Saturday, 11th April, 2009

Sick Or House Bound?

If you have a friend or relative who is sick, house bound or in hospital, please let the Priests of the Parish know, so they may visit.

Confirmations 2009.

Scoil Mhuire	Wednesday 22nd April
Scoil Eoin	Monday 23rd March
Scoil Barra	Thursday 23rd April
Our Lady of Good Counsel	Thursday 23rd April
Gaelscoil Uí Ríordáin	Tuesday 19th May

First Communions 2009.

Scoil Mhuire	Saturday 6th June
Scoil Eoin	Saturday 23rd May
Scoil Barra	Saturday 16th May
Our Lady of Good Counsel	Saturday 16th May
Gaelscoil Uí Ríordáin	Saturday 9th May

Decision Time

This time of year Leaving Cert. pupils are busy completing their CAO forms. This is a particularly stressful time for students. Perhaps we could all make an effort to keep these young people in mind and in our prayers this week and indeed in the weeks ahead also.

Catholic Paper

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

St Oliver's Cemetery

The new extension to St Oliver's Cemetery is now open. The Co. Council are now selling plots, anybody interested please contact Mr Lane the caretaker at St Oliver's phone 021 4873709.

Fr. George

St Dominic's Retreat Centre, Ennismore

Saturday January 31st - 10.00 am - 5.00 pm

Science, Religion and the Wonder of the Universe - An early spring, quiet day of prayer and reflection on the relationship between science and Christian belief.

Benedict Hegarty OP

€30 including light (lunch soup/roll)

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10 am to 6 pm Saturday

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Every Tuesday night at 8pm from this January / February at Classes Lake Pharmacy

Our clinics will involve professional advice from our qualified pharmacists on all aspects of smoking cessation as well as weekly medical tests to show how giving up smoking can drastically improve your health at any age.

Call in or phone for an appointment or more information today

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Jan-31 & Feb-01-2009

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Karen Sheehan
Padraig Graham
8:30 am
Pat Fennell
10:00 am
Louise McCarthy
Robert Noonan
12:00 Noon
Oliver O'Donovan

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Murigen Ni Mhathuna
Niamh Murray
11:00 am
Jacob Derham
Paul Donovan
12:30 pm
Kay Carew
Jane O'Leary
5:30 pm
Phil O'Connell

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	7:30 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

Fr. George O'Mahony P.P.	021-4871206
Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C.	021-4877161
Fr. Billy O'Sullivan C.C.	021-4876171
Fr. James McSweeney	021-4873308



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Jan-31 & Feb-01-2009

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

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

7:30 pm Geraldine Lynch
Charlie Vaughan
Joan Stephenson

11:00 am 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 Denis O' Mahony
Christine O'Mahony
Tom Murray
John O'Regan

12 Noon Joan Barrett
Sheila Carroll
Seamus O'Donovan
Joe Coghlan
Rose Moore
Catherine Greene

5:30 pm Bernard Curran
Clare Curran



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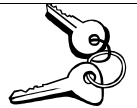
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Sat 10:30 am - 12 Noon. Phone No. (021) 4871206, Office Secretary Catherine Crowley.



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