

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 15-February-2009

Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

*A leper was an outcast, an untouchable. The love of Christ brought such people back into the community. We who follow Christ are called never to ostracise another, never to isolate those who don't fit into our ways. Our task is to help them along.*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

## Unclean?

In Biblical times people with contagious skin diseases had to live apart. They were considered "unclean," spiritually as well as physically, and were shunned. Jesus transgressed accepted boundary rules in responding to the leper and especially in touching him. We sense his compassion in the words: "of course I want to [cure you]." We in our turn may at times feel "unclean," unworthy of God's love because of our selfishness, our lack of love, our sin. We may be a bit isolated from the sacramental community. We raise barriers, but for Jesus there are no boundaries. As we mutter a prayer, Lord if you want you can restore me, Jesus says: "of course I want to." Our Psalm today says:

Happy the one whose offense is forgiven,  
whose sin is remitted.

We can turn to God for that happiness when we go to confession.

Wednesday week, the 25th, is Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent. This is a time for taking stock, for repentance and renewal, as we prepare to commemorate the passion, death and resurrection of Our Lord at Easter. We have a three-day retreat at the very beginning of Lent in Ballincollig this year. The overall theme is "Repent and believe the Good News." The retreat will celebrate the active participation in parish life by the many generous people who give their time and talents to serve the people of God, will include a service of prayer for healing and will conclude with a Penitential Service with sacramental confession. This is an opportunity to renew our Christian commitment, to come before the Lord in our brokenness.

Repentance involves a renewal of attitudes, a change of focus from the self to the other. We may be sorry for what we have done wrong, we may regret things but surely our sincerity is measured by our subsequent attitudes. St Paul gives us the key in today's second reading. We must not give offence to anyone, we must be sensitive to others and consider their good, their advantage, as being more important for us than our own good. We are happy enough that God should love us, should listen to our appeals. If we want to follow him we must also want him to love others and help them, and to allow him to do that through us. We must try to have the mind of Christ.

As Lent begins let us confidently turn to God for forgiveness, say to him that if he wants to he can make us whole, and hear him say: "of course I want to. Be cured."

Billy O'Sullivan

## Reflection for Parents

Not many things break the heart of a parent so quickly as seeing their child rejected by another person. Sometimes children are cruel and shun others or exclude them. Even more difficult are circumstances where adults or someone once trusted turn away from a child. Most of us don't witness these acts in our lives personally, but we certainly read about them in the paper or hear about them on the news. We get just a small glimpse of what it might have been like for the leper in today's gospel who was not even allowed to live with healthy people. We also better understand the courage and compassion of Jesus who touched the man and accepted him.

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

### Priest

Let us present our prayers to our father in heaven who is merciful and full of compassion.

### Reader

We pray for the Church; that in its teaching it may enlighten the hearts and the minds of the faithful.

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

For our political leaders; that in their actions they may in the words of Paul be helpful to everyone at all times and act for the advantage of everyone in society.

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

For all Christians; that they may take Christ as the model by which to live their lives.

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

For those who are sick; that they may find solace in the perfect love of Christ.

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

For those who are marginalised and outcast from that they may be welcomed.

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

For the dead; that they may receive their eternal reward in the kingdom.

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

### Priest

Father in Heaven, you are our rock of safety, the stronghold who saves us. Grant us what we need this day. We make these, and all our prayers through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.  
Amen.

*You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.*

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**BAPTISMS**

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

Sophie Ellen Duff, Rosewood.  
Rian David Milner, The Close, Coolroe Meadows.

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

John Patten, Willowfield.  
Peter Lamb, Carlow & Sussex.  
Martin Cuddihy, Silvermines, Co. Tipperary.  
Mary Forrest, Ballygarvan.  
Mary Murphy, Rosenalee, and Curraheen.  
Gerard O'Brien, Beech Park.

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

Garrett & Jerry Collins, Dunmanway.  
William & Julia Burke, Vicarstown.  
Martin & Patrek Ginnane, Shanakiel & Killkenny.  
Julie Jenkins, Glincool & Macroom.  
Bridget & Timothy O'Leary, Fairhill.  
Mary Kelleher.  
Deceased members Kelleher & Lucey Families.  
Sean Ryan, Coolroe.  
Sean & May O'Callaghan, Galway.  
Dan O'Connell, West Village.  
Sr. Brendan Prenderville, Gorey Co. Wexford.  
Seamus Scriven, Ballingearry.  
Liam (Billy) Carroll, Woodbine Lawn.  
Joey O'Driscoll, Rosewood.  
John Quinn, Beech Park.  
John & Joe Barrett, Leo Murphy Tce.  
Richard O'Halloran, Muskerry Estate.  
Eugene McAuliffe, Kanturk.  
Francis & Margaret O'Farrell, Station Road.  
Daniel O'Sullivan, Inniscarra.  
Deceased members of the Murray family, Quaker Road.  
Mary Williamson, Leap.  
Dan & Margaret Murphy, Knockburden  
Daniel Murphy, (Jnr) Bray.  
Timothy Sexton, Manor Hill.  
Denis Spillane, Glenflesk.  
Elizabeth & Tim Murphy, Carriganarra Road.  
Patrick & Margaret O'Callaghan, Dripsey.

***Msza Św. Mass in Polish***

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

***Calling all Family Carers!***

Cork City and County Carers' Forum  
will take place on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February at  
The Ambassador Hotel, Military Hill at 8 pm.  
Speaker Kathy Sinnott MEP  
All are welcome. Refreshments served afterwards.  
For more information contact the carers association  
on 021 4806397

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sixth Week In Ordinary Time**

15 Sunday Lev 13:1-2, 44-46. Ps 31. 1 Cor 10:31-11:1. Mk 1:40-45.  
Lect I: 750  
16 Monday Gen. 4:1-15,25. Ps. 49. Mk. 8:11-13. Lect II: 68  
17 Tuesday Gen. 6:5-8; 7: 1-5, 10. Ps. 28. Mk. 8: 14-21. Lect II: 70  
18 Wednesday Gen. 8:6-13.20-22; Ps.115. Mk 8:22-26. Lect II: 72  
19 Thursday Gen. 9: 1-13. Ps. 101. Mk. 8:27 -33. Lect II: 74  
20 Friday Gen. 11:1-9. Ps. 32. Mk. 8: 34-9:1. Lect II: 76  
21 Saturday Heb 11:1-7. Ps 144. Mk 9:2-13. Lect II: 78

**Next Sunday's Readings 22-February-2009**  
Is. 43: 18-19, 21-22, 24-25. Ps. 40. 2 Cor. 1: 18-22. Mk. 2:1-12. Lect I: 752

***Ballincollig Scouts***

Last Sunday the scouts went on a hike, we travelled to Gougane Barra to climb the horseshoe, where we hoped to come across some snow. After checking our gear we set off up the back of the Hotel along the track, we were been led by P.L. Evan Keating who had his route card, map and compass, as we travelled higher we started to come across snow, ice and the as we came out above the tree line the wind picked up. We rounded a corner in the track we saw for the first time the top of Foilastookeen, as we travelled on, the ground became frozen in places, not all of the bog was frozen as one of the leaders found to his cost, as he went to his knee in a very wet and cold bog hole. Having reached Lough Glass we stopped for lunch and a snow ball fight. Leaving the height behind us we headed for a small circular lake in a deep gully. From here we started climbing again towards Bealick. We were not climbing Bealick so we instead intersected the source of the Lee and followed it down to the tree line and the path back to the bus. The Tuesday night Macoimh held an over night on Friday night in the hall, they went on a night hike to Farran woods and had soup and hot dogs when they came back. Like every thing else scouting came into modern times and instead of a campfire when they came back they watched a D.V.D. On Saturday both the tuesday Macoimh and the Friday night Macoimh went to the T.V. show Satautade The Friday night Macoimh went on a hike to Mullinhassig where they built shelters and got wet in the river. *Young Scouters think old Scouters are past it, while old Scouters think young Scouters aren't up to it.*

***Concert***

Army Masses Bands in concert  
City Hall Cork  
on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2009 at 8 pm

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**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Leviticus 13: 1-2, 44-46  
 The Hebrews always regarded leprosy as a contagious disease and perhaps as a punishment by God. This explains both the isolation of the diseased person and the necessity of ceremonial purification. In some societies AIDS is similarly regarded today.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10: 31- 11:1  
 This is a cry for tolerance at a time when Christians who had come from the Jewish tradition tried to impose their customs on converts from paganism. The scrupulous are not entitled to impose their scruples on others. Tolerance and kindness must be mutual.

Gospel: Mark 1: 40-45  
 Lepers were compelled to lead an isolated life, wearing a special garb, and giving notice of their approach by crying out: "Unclean", in order to prevent contagion. Jesus cured the man but spoke sternly to him because he had violated the prudent regulations by coming into contact with others who might receive the contagion.

**Ballincollig Parish**

Year of St. Paul  
 2008 - 2009

*The Pope has encouraged local church communities and believers to use this year as an opportunity to learn about the life of Paul, to study his writings and thereby to allow our faith to be revitalised in the light of his life and teachings. The letters of St. Paul were the very first books of the New Testament to be written and so offer a unique insight into the beginnings of the Church and how the first believers understood the meaning of the life and death of Jesus in their own lives.*

To celebrate the Year of St Paul in Ballincollig, information leaflets introducing the life and letters of Paul the Apostle prepared by Fr Sean O’Sullivan of the Office of Adult Religious Education of the Diocese of Cork & Ross by will be presented during a series of eight talks from now to November. The meetings will be held in the St Mark Centre, opposite the Church of Christ Our Light in Innishmore. These will include presentation of the material by Fr Billy O’Sullivan followed by tea and group discussion. Copies of the information leaflets will be available for everybody. The schedule of meetings from February to May is as follows.

	Monday, 7.30 pm	Wednesday 10.00 am	Thursday 7.30 pm
Talk 1	16 <sup>th</sup> February	18 <sup>th</sup> February	19 <sup>th</sup> February
Talk 2	16 <sup>th</sup> March	18 <sup>th</sup> March	19 <sup>th</sup> March
Talk 3	30 <sup>th</sup> March	1 <sup>st</sup> April	2 <sup>nd</sup> April
Talk 4	27 <sup>th</sup> April	29 <sup>th</sup> April	30 <sup>th</sup> April
Talk 5	18 <sup>th</sup> May	20 <sup>th</sup> May	21 <sup>st</sup> May

**Muskerry Local History Society**

Subject: **Aspects of farming pre and post Famine.**  
 Illustrated talk on farming systems employed during this period.  
 Speaker:- Dr. Liam Downey- Author and Historian Retired Director Teagasc  
 Venue:- Ballincollig Rugby Club Function Hall  
 Date & Time:- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February @ 8 pm.  
 Admission ;- €2.00 for non members  
 Everyone most welcome.

**Bulletin Board**

**Lenten Retreat**

Ballincollig Parish Lenten Retreat in St Mary & St John on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at 7.30 pm. Retreat will be conducted by the Redemptorists Fathers J. P. O’Riordan & John Hanna. The Redemptorists fathers will speak at all Masses in both Churches on weekend preceding retreat.

**A Series of Talks for Lent**

Presented by Fr. Charles Conroy MSC  
 Sacred Heart Centre, Western Road, Cork  
 7.30 pm Tuesdays - .March 3<sup>rd</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>

**Year of St Paul**

Easter Pilgrimage to Rome and San Giovanni  
 13<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2009. Direct Flight Cork - Rome  
 Spiritual Director: Fr Martin O’Driscoll Tel: 028-22878  
 Enquiries: Premier Travel: Tel: 021 4277700

**Festival of Flowers**

DVD of “The Magnificat Festival of Flowers” is available for sale in the Sacristy in St Mary & St John. Price €10.

**Children’s Mass**

The Children’s Mass is on **Sundays at 11.00 am in Christ Our Light**. The Children of 2<sup>nd</sup> class retire to the crying room at the beginning of Mass where they celebrate The Liturgy of the Word in child friendly fashion – word searches, colouring and maze search are some of the methods used. Volunteers are welcome and needed to help, training and practice will be given. Parents are welcome to join their Children for the celebration of the Word of God. We invite Parents of First Communion children to please try and bring Children to this Mass. Bringing your Child to the Sunday Mass is an important preparation for your Child’s First Holy Communion. Looking forward to seeing you.

**Christ Our Light**

There are some chairs with cushions in Christ Our Light. They are located near the Baptismal Font and at the side of the main door. These seats are intended for people who through age, ill health or injury might find them more comfortable to use.

**Citizens Information Service**

**Call-in-Centre – Ballincollig Library**

Free-Confidential – Advice/Information Outreach Officer in Ballincollig Library 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday mornings of the month from 9.30a m – 1.00 pm

**Baptism Notice**

There will be **NO** Baptisms on Easter Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2009

**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**

**Coffee Mornings**

Church of Christ our Light, parishioners are invited to join us for a cuppa & chat in the crying room after the 12:30 pm Mass today Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February and on St, Patrick’s Day, Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March

**Communications Group Ballincollig Parish Council.**

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Feb-21 & Feb-22-2009

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**  
Muireann Nelligan  
Brendan Collins  
**8:30 am**  
Susan Fennell  
**10:00 am**  
Tony Hegarty  
William Green  
**12:00 Noon**  
Tomas Miller  
Niall Hartnett

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**  
Michael Greene  
**11:00 am**  
Dave Murphy  
**12:30 pm**  
Cathy Naughton  
Una Lynch  
**5:30 pm**  
Christine O'Brien

**MASS TIMES**

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

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>	7:30 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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<b>Fr. Billy O'Sullivan C.C.</b>	<b>021-4876171</b>
<b>Fr. James McSweeney</b>	<b>021-4873308</b>



**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Feb-21 & Feb-22-2009

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6.00 pm** Steve Wills  
Margaret O'Sullivan  
Rita Aherne  
Danny Farrell  
Jim Walsh  
Frances O'Brien

**8:30 am** Mary Buckley  
Rita Murphy  
Denis Healy

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

**12 Noon** Oliver O'Donovan  
Barbara Kelly  
Sean Hennessy  
Mary McLean  
Ellen Seymour  
Nora Hennessy

**7:30 pm** Anne O'Regan  
Mairead Murphy  
Finbarr Murray  
Lettie Kelly

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

**12:30 pm** Lucy O'Callaghan  
Jackie Sheehan  
Mary Green  
Michael O'Leary  
J.P.O'Leary

**5:30 pm** Noelle Buckley  
Mary Breen  
Siobhan Burke



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



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