

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 13-September-2009

Twenty Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

The servant of God, who defends God's mercy and truth before others, must be ready to face rejection, violence, even death. Today we are reminded that God supports those who accept a cross - not for its own sake but for the sake of Christ and the gospel.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

A New Season of Communication

Welcome back to the team that plan, organise and print the Parishioner. The work of the volunteers who give their time week after week to ensure the parishioner arrives in both churches and other outlets, is very much taken for granted. The parishioner is published each week with some comment and bits of family news to help us keep in touch with some of the life of the parish.

I hope that parishioners got some break during the summer and enjoyed the change despite the weather. The young people and their teachers are back in school, not too many tans to be seen. Plans are already being made in the primary schools to prepare for First Communion and the Sacrament of Confirmation. Come September in each parish so much routine makes a fresh start.

During June, July and August many activities continued in the parish. Many brides and grooms walked down the aisle after their wedding, Joy came to many families when their babies were born and later on brought to be baptised. Several families experienced sadness and grief with the death of family members and friends. The economic downturn continues to bring difficult news to many families and individuals. The loss of jobs and the fear for the future of other jobs is causing anxiety and pain to many.

During the summer months many young people from the parish went on various trips. Twenty two young people went to Glendalough in late June for two days. Later on in July nine teenagers from Ballincollig went to Taize in the South of France. Taize is a place of pilgrimage, where young people gather in their thousands to experience the prayer life of the Taize monks and their music. During mid august another group from the parish went to the Folk music festival in Knockadoon. Finally thirty three readers went to Gougane Barra on the twenty sixth of August. Thankfully everybody traveled safely. The time and support by adults from the parish to accompany these trips is much appreciated.

Congratulations to all those involved in the Ballincollig tidy towns, well done on retaining the bronze medal.

The gospel this Sunday has a question for each of us from Jesus, Who do people say I am ?

George O'Mahony

Thought for Today

Why do people reject other people? Have you ever been rejected for doing what was right or for "not going along with the crowd"? (Remember: God created each of us as unique persons. The person who rejects knowing you is the real loser! He or she is missing a unique creation of God!)

What "crosses" do you have to "take up" in your life right now? Will you ask Jesus to help you?

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

The psalmist proclaims: 'I love the Lord for he has heard the cry of my appeal'; let us present our needs to the same Lord with confidence.

Reader

For the Church and its leaders; that they may act as an example to all followers of Christ.

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

We pray for ourselves; that we may be given the strength to take up our crosses and follow the Lord.

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

We pray for vocations; that those whom the Lord calls may turn their ear to the Lord.

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

We pray for all those who have been abused whether physically, mentally, emotionally or sexually; that the Lord will heal and comfort them.

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

We pray for the environment; that both nations and individuals will strive to care for the earth.

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

For those who have died; that they may be raised to walk in the presence of the Lord.

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

Priest

Heavenly Father, you sent us your Son, who gave up his life that we might be saved. Look with favour on our prayers today. We make these and all our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

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BAPTISMS

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

James Thomas Smith, Gallery Quay, Dublin 2.
 Emma Nicole Deasy, Innishmore Lawn.
 Dean John O'Callaghan, Oaklands.
 Emily Karen Brough, Coolroe Heights.
 Chloe Ann Kelleher, Waltham Abbey, Old Quarter.
 Aimee Louise Nagle, Elm Mews, Classes Lake.
 Eanna Sean Lynch, The Heathers, Classes Lake.
 Laura Clare Moynihan, Berryfield, Classes Lake.
 Emily Pearl McSweeney, The Close, Coolroe Meadows.
 Denise Catherine O'Connell, The Green, Coolroe Meadows.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Finbarr Canty, Newcestown.
 Jack Griffin, Carrigrohane.
 Kieran McCarthy, Dunmanway.
 Peggy O'Sullivan, Wexford.
 Babs Furlong, Wexford.
 Betty O'Regan, Maglin.

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

Denny & Eileen Murray, Ballingearry.
 John Corkery, Poulavone.
 Joe Linehan, Inniscarra View.
 John & Ellen Curran, Ballyphehane.
 Maureen Twomey, Inniscarra Bar.
 James & Evelyn McSwiney, Cloghroe.
 Sean O'Donovan, Church Road, Carrigrohane.
 Bernard Gardiner, Fair Hill.
 Ellen Greany, Station Road.
 Frank O'Brien, Wyndham Downs.
 Peg Barry Murphy, Carriganarra.
 Jerry McCarthy, Raheen.
 Denis & Ellen O'Leary, Noonan Road.
 Mary & Daniel O'Leary, Gillabbey St.
 Mary O'Sullivan, Carrigrohane.
 Mary Henchy
 Nuala Delaney, Inniscarra View.
 Pat Walsh, Willow Drive.
 Margaret Horgan, Blackpool.
 Dan Twomey, Ballyphehane.
 Fr. Timothy Nolan, Kent & Knocknagree.
 Joan Coakley, "Hillview" Muskerry Estate.
 Rita Lynch, Beech Park.

National Tidy Towns 2009

Congratulations to Ballincollig Tidy Town's committee on achieving their third consecutive Bronze Medal and 3rd place in the Cork South West Area in the National Tidy Towns results released on Monday September 7th.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Twenty Fourth Week In Ordinary Time

13 Sunday Is 50:5-9. Ps 114. Jas 2:14-18. Mk 8:27-35. Lect I: 799
 14 Monday Num. 21:4-9 or Phil. 2:6-11. Ps. 77. Jn. 3:13-17. Lect I: 996
 or Lect II: 1186
 15 Tuesday Heb. 5:7-9. Ps. 30. In. 19:25-27 or Lk. 2:33-35. Lect II: 1189
 16 Wednesday 1 Tim. 3: 14-16. Ps. 110. Lk. 7:31-35. Lect II: 316
 17 Thursday 1 Tim. 4:12-16. Ps. 110. Lk. 7:36-50. Lect II: 318
 18 Friday 1 Tim. 6:2-12. Ps. 48. Lk. 8:1-3. Lect II: 320
 19 Saturday 1 Tim. 6:13-16. Ps. 99. Lk. 8:4-15. Lect II: 322

Next Sunday's Readings 20-September-2009
 Wis 2:12, 17-20. Ps 53. Jas 3:16-4:3. Mk 9:90-37. Lect I: 802

Ballinora / Waterfall Garden and Lifestyle Club.

Opening night for the season on Monday September 21st 2009 at 8 pm in The Scout Den, Ballinora.
 M. Collard to speak from Future Forests Kealkil Bantry.
 All welcome & new members very welcome.

Parish Bereavement Support Ballincollig

The next Bereavement Support Programme will commence on Tuesday 6th October. It will continue each Tuesday night for 8 weeks (7.30-9.30 pm). It is held in a small groups setting. Anyone experiencing grief and loss is very welcome to attend. For further information, please contact: **Sr Colette O'Leary: 086.3557375** or the Parish Office: 021 4871206.

'Mothers Prayers' Groups Reminder

All Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers are welcome to come along on one of the following mornings to join in prayer for their children and the youth of our Parish:

Wednesdays 10.30 a.m

Meeting Room at Christ our Light Church

or

Thursdays 10.00 a.m - Annex of Parish Hall

Cardiac Support Group (South Lee)

The monthly Meeting of the Cardiac Support Group will resume this Monday 14th September 2009 at Bishopstown Library, Wilton Shopping Centre from 11.00 to 1.00 pm

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9
The prophet Isaiah notes the qualities of the Servant of God.

Second Reading: James 2:14-18
St. James reminds us that faith and good works belong together. What good are kindly wishes to those who need clothing and food for today? Faith without good works is dead. Let us be concerned for the people around us who are in need. Good intentions are not enough. The love of Christ urges us to act for justice and peace for all God's people.

Gospel: Mark 8:27-35
Jesus teaches his disciples what they have gradually come to discover: He is indeed the Messiah. But he is a Messiah who must suffer and die. Peter found this hard to accept. For Peter, the Messiah would not, could not, suffer. Judging by human standards, not God's, Peter failed to accept God's will for the Messiah. Jesus assured all his disciples that they, too, must suffer, deny themselves, take up the cross, and follow him.

**The Hope Foundation
Street Children need your help!**

The Cork Women's Mini Marathon is on 27th September and the street and slum children of Calcutta need your help. Run or walk, you can make a difference. Call The Hope Foundation for a sponsorship card and help to change a child's future. Tel: 021 4292990

**St. Dominic's Retreat Centre
Autumn Programme**

Starting 18th September - (12 Fridays) 10.30 am – 12.30 pm
THE ARTIST'S WAY-

A course on Spiritual and Creative discovery (10 places only)

Martina Lehane Sheehan

19th September - Saturday - 10.00 am – 5.00 pm
"I BELIEVE IN ANGELS"

Benedict Hegarty OP

26th September - Saturday - 10.30 am – 4.30 pm
"HEALING THE HURTS IN OUR LIVES"

A day of reflection on healing and stress release, through input, guided meditation and healing rituals.

Martina Lehane Sheehan.

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'RUN TO REMEMBER'

in the Women's Mini Marathon
Sunday, 27th September 2009

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The Alzheimer Society of Ireland Cork Services
For your free Tee-Shirt and Sponsorship Card,
please call the Society on 021 4972504
Bessboro Day Care Centre, Bessboro, Blackrock, Cork.

Bulletin Board

Mass Book

Diaries to book Mass Intentions for October, November & December are now open in both churches .

Leaving & Junior Certificate

Congratulations to all Students on their results and we wish you well with your future studies, also to Teachers and Parents for their support over the years.

Confirmation dates for 2010

Scoil Eoin, Wednesday, 21st April.
Scoil Barra, Wednesday, 24th March.
Our Lady of Good Counsel, Wednesday, 24th March.
Scoil Mhuire, Tuesday, 4th May.
Gaelscoil Uí Riordáin, Thursday 13th May.

"Journey to Confirmation" Meeting

Wednesday, September 16th in Oriel House Hotel, Ballincol-
lig at 8 pm.

This meeting is open to teachers, parents, parish leadership groups and parish clergy.

The Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin has published a book called Journey to Confirmation, based on Alive-O 7 and Alive-O 8 and containing a programme linking schools and parishes. The author, Maeve Mahon, will give the presentation. You are invited to attend

"Do This in Memory Programme"

Meeting will be held at Oriel House Hotel, Ballincol-
lig on Thursday, September 24th at 8 pm.

This is for priests, teachers and parents, since the programme is about the partnership between parish, home and school in the preparation for First Holy Communion.

You are invited to attend

Fr. George

How Does Control Hamper Faith?

Faith for Jesus is the opposite of anxiety. If you are anxious, if you are trying to control everything, if you are worried about many things, you don't have faith, according to Jesus. You do not trust that God is good and on your side. You're trying to do it all yourself, lift yourself up by your own bootstraps.

The giveaway is control. That's a good litmus test of the quality of your faith. People of faith don't have to control everything, nor do they have to change people.

Richard Rohr

Comfort for Cancer

Meetings every Wednesday at 10.30 am and on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 8 pm in Room 3, St. Francis Friary, Liberty Street, Cork. People who have suffered a bereavement as a result of cancer are welcome.

Confidential support group for cancer patients and their families.
Tel: 021 4272410

Night-time numbers: 021 4546290 or 021 4966087

Prayer in Ordinary Time

Jesus, we know you are with us.
We will call on your name always.
Jesus, you know all our needs.
You are always ready to help us.
Give us the courage to be your faithful followers each and every day.
Amen.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Sep-19 & Sep-20-2009

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Ailish O'Reilly
Daniel McAuliffe
8:30 am
Triona Collins
10:00 am
Louise McCarthy
Robert Noonan
12:00 Noon
Tony Lynch
Even Keating

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Michael Greene
11:00 am
Maebh Nic Mheanmain
12:30 pm
Tadhg Buckley
James Nyagaya
5:30 pm
Siobhan Keane-Hopcraft

MASS TIMES

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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	



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Sep-19 & Sep-20-2009

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Patsie Murphy
Joan Barrett
Mary Walsh
Marie Healy
Margaret Kearney
Nora Barry

8:30 am Theresa Lucey
Rita Murphy
Mona Holland

10:00 am Tadhg Murphy
Mary Murphy
Joan Tobin
Eileen O'Connell
Niamh Nin Gerailt
Seamus O'Shea

12 Noon Marie Bowen
Breda Lenihan
Noel Hennessey
Jacinta Jeffers
Rena O'Connor
Sean Farrell

7:30 pm Sheila O'Connor
John Canty
Brid Healy-Harris
Kit Cahill

11:00 am Carmel Ryan
Angela Cunningham
Laurence Cunningham
Eileen Byrne

12:30 pm Eileen Garvey
Sally Power
Breda Callanan
Catherine Freehill
Attracta McKiernan

5:30 pm Phil O'Connell
Maire McCullagh
Olan O'Mahony

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