

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 27-September-2009

Twenty Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

The ways of God cannot be confined within the limits of narrow human ideas. We must be ready to see his Spirit working in unexpected places, we must never be closed to the goodness in others. At the same time we must be ready to turn drastically away from the evil in ourselves.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Priesthood

On Friday 19th June 2009, the Feast of the Sacred Heart, Pope Benedict inaugurated a "Year for Priests" in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the death of the Curé d'Ars, the patron saint of parish priests worldwide. We should pray for our priests as well as for new vocations. Serving priests need prayers, especially in these times of Church difficulty and shortage of priests. And as we pray also for the new parish structures being put into place to cater for the new situation of fewer priests we may reflect on the role of the priest, of which the Eucharist is the centre and summit. The Mass is the source of our strength and hope in times of difficulty, when God gives us the gift of himself. When Our Lord at the last supper said do this in memory of me, he was not talking simply about the ritual with the bread and wine, to become his body and blood. He referred his body which is to be given up and his blood which is to be shed. When we participate in the memorial of the Lord's Supper, we too offer our bodies, all we have, for the brothers and sisters for whom Christ died, and our blood, our lives, as spiritual sacrifices in union with Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross. We pray that the gift of the Eucharist will continue to be available to God's people.

The annual Diocesan collection for the education of students for the priesthood takes place this week-end, and this is the principal means of funding those who are in seminary, preparing for priesthood in our Diocese. The Diocese has five students at present, at different stages of formation, one has just started, another is in his second year, one is starting theology and one begins his third year of theological studies. The fifth student, Tom Treacy, will be ordained on 8th December next in the Church of Saints Peter and Paul. Tom and I began in Maynooth together, but my stay there was for a relatively short four years (an old geezer fast-track, perhaps - I thought I would have to endure my time there but in fact I loved it). The priests of the parish are available at any time to discuss the possibility of priesthood with any potential applicant, including recognising a vocation from God, student life, life and ministry as a priest and any other aspects of a vocation.

Billy O'Sullivan

Ballincollig Parish Council

Nominations are invited from Parishioners for membership to the Ballincollig Parish Council. The Council meets 5/6 times a year. The Council Members deal with a wide range of activities in the parish. They discuss the needs of the parish faith communities as well as dealing with ongoing parish liturgies and various programmes. Volunteers are also welcome.

Nomination forms are available in both churches; please note closing date is 31st October 2009.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us offer our prayers to the Lord who has continually sent prophets and saints to his people.

Reader

We pray for the Church; that it may continue to be endowed with a spirit of prophecy and spread the gospel fearlessly.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for our political leaders; that they may promote justice and fairness in our land.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for vocations; that those whom the Lord calls may respond.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for the environment; that individuals, corporation and nations may do their bit to care for the earth.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for all those who have suffered abuse of any kind; that the Lord of tenderness and compassion will restore them and give them peace.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for those who have died; that they may be received into the kingdom of heaven.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Priest

Father in heaven, your decrees are truth and all of them just. Hear the prayers we place before you today. We make these and all our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, Our Lord.
Amen.

The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.

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BAPTISMS

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

Kyle Michael Nugent, The Willows, Classes Lake.
 Emily Julia Ryan, Castle Ave, Muskerry Estate.
 Erin Rose Michelle O'Brien, The Maltings.
 Adam Mark O'Sullivan, Chestnut Grove, Classes Lake.
 John Patrick Creedon, Cherry Walk, Muskerry Estate.
 Eoin Ciaran Hyland, Oak Ave, Classes Lake .
 Eoin James O'Connor, The Meadows.
 Dylan James McCarthy, The Green, Coolroe Meadows.
 Christine Pamela O'Sullivan, Oakville, Cloughduv.
 Lily Eileen Higgins, The Close, Coolroe Meadows.
 Luke Daniel Higgins, The Close, Coolroe Meadows.
 Thomas James Murray, Grotto View, Carrigrohane Road.
 Orla Maebh Hickey, Park Rd, Muskerry Estate.
 Isabella Catherine Connoll, Fernwalk, Greenfields.
 Katie Philomena Dilworth O'Mahony, Glincool Lawn.
 Rua Lawrence Walsh, Castle Ave, Muskerry Estate.

MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Brian Kavanagh, Inniscarra & Jacelyn Good, Inniscarra View.
 Paul Thompson, Inniscarra View & Cora Harte, Castlepark.
 Fergus O'Callaghan, Millrange & Lorraine O'Connor, Millrange.
 Michael O'Donoghue, Tower & May Dennehy, An Caislean.
 Robert McGouran, Downpatrick & Valerie Whelan, Muskerry Estate.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Madeline Hehir, Tralee.
 Peggy O'Sullivan, Wexford.
 Liam O'Riordan, Cloghroe.
 Michael O'Sullivan, Rosewood & Blackpool.

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

Jim Purcell, Kilcrea Park.
 Peggie O'Sullivan, Wexford.
 Tom & Dolly Horgan, Blackpool.
 Patrick & Joe Linehan, Courtbrack.
 Deceased Members of the Corkery Family, Ballybrack.
 Pat, Kitty & Pat (Jnr) Sheehan, Coachford.
 Maureen Callanan, West Village.
 Jerome & Julia Collins, Station Road.
 Tom Murphy, Muskerry Estate.
 Elizabeth O'Connell, O'Connell's Ave, Turners Cross.
 Rose, Paddy & Rosemary Wall, Navan.
 Nuala Delaney, Inniscarra View.
 Michael Cosgrove, Galway.
 Tom McKenna, Pine Walk.
 Eileen Riordan.
 Susan O'Driscoll, Carrigaline
 Gertie & Michael Riordan, Glasheen
 Tim Hassett, Station Road.
 Tom Murphy, Muskerry Estate.
 Cecelia Pauline Leahy, Lee View, Carrigrohane.
 Sean Lynch, Kilmurry.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Twenty Sixth Week In Ordinary Time

27 Sunday Num 11:25-29. Ps 18. Jas 5:1-6. Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48.
 Lect I: 804

28 Monday Zech. 8:1-8. Ps. 101. Lk. 9:46-50. Lect II: 337

29 Tuesday Dan. 7:9-10, 13-14 or Apoc. 12:7-12. Ps. 137. Jn. 1 :47-51.
 Lect II: 1205

30 Wednesday Neh. 2: 1-8. Ps. 136. Lk. 9:57-62. Lect II: 341

01 Thursday Neh 8:1-12. Ps18. Lk 10:1-12. Lect II: 343

02 Friday Ex 23:20-23. Ps 90. Mt 18:1-5, 10. Lect II: 1212

03 Saturday Bar. 4:5-12 27-29. Ps. 68. Lk. 10:17-24. Lect II: 348

Next Sunday's Readings 04-October-2009
 Gen 2:18-24. Ps 127. Heb 2:9-11. Mk 10:2-16. Lect I: 807

***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 am
Meeting Room at Christ our Light Church
Thursdays 10.00 am - Annex of Parish Hall

Thought for Today

Love is one of those things that grows in itself. The more you give, the more it grows. There probably is no scientific way to measure why love works that way, but we just know it does. The same is true with acts of kindness-which in a way are the same thing as love. Like the person exorcising demons in Jesus' name, the more the better. That's how Jesus saw it, even though the disciples in their human jealousy and desire for ownership thought the person was an intruder. We see this in our own lives and try to pass it on to our children. It's hard to be mean to someone who just said, "I love you," or gave you a hug, or climbed up on your lap. As we try to get along with other people and teach our children to get along with siblings, friends, and classmates, we will make significant progress by acting and reacting in kindness and love.

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Numbers 11:25-29

Today we hear how Moses allowed two good men to continue their work. Even in the desert, there was freedom among God's People; Moses was a leader, not a dictator.

Second Reading: James 5:1-6

People who have money and power sometimes discriminate against the poor; they may live in luxury and not pay fair wages. Such selfishness is a serious sin; today's reading tells why.

Gospel Mark 9:38-43

Today in the Gospel Christ frowns on the exclusivism of the Apostles, today exclusivity is a real temptation within the church. In our communities there are many little ones, weak, ill-instructed people whose faith we sometimes dismiss as puerile. Nothing authorises us to reject or despise them. Still less may we scandalise them, as though, having the monopoly of the Spirit, we were free to do what we liked.

**Opportunities Still Available
For Students At CIT**

Paul Mahony, Head of Adult and Continuing Education at Cork Institute of Technology (CIT) has outlined some opportunities available to students who may not have received the points they hoped for in the Leaving Cert which would enable them to pursue a full time college course.

CIT's Honours Degree in Business Studies is available by night over a four and a half year period. Mr Mahony says, "this opportunity suits many people: it involves coming to lectures on two evening a week, which means that people can take up employment. The fees are also eligible for Tax Relief."

Students from disciplines other than Business Studies, with a minimum of a Level 6 Qualification, are also offered a user friendly route to attaining a Level 8 Business Studies Degree in Management, also at night.

Paul Mahony would be delighted to discuss options with prospective students and he can be contacted on 021 4326577 or paul.mahony@cit.ie

**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

'RUN TO REMEMBER'

in the Women's Mini Marathon

Sunday, 27th September 2009

Why not join the A Team & raise funds for 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 .

First Friday

Friday October 2nd is the first Friday of the month. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St Mary & St John from 6.30 pm to 8 pm, you are invited to come and spend some time with the Lord. There is Mass in St Mary & St John on Friday evening at 8 pm. The priests of the parish visit the sick of the parish on the first Friday of each month; please let us know if you have a family member or neighbour who is sick or housebound.

Envelope Collection

Education Fund (Students for the Priesthood)
This Weekend 26th & 27th September 2009

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place **Saturday 3rd October, 2009 at 1.00 pm** in the **Library Room, 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.

Children's Mass

The Children's Mass resumed on Sunday 20th September at 11 am in *Christ Our Light*. The children of 2nd class go to the crying room at the beginning of Mass there they celebrate Liturgy of the Word in a 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 Holy Communion Children to please try and bring your Child to this Mass, bringing your Children to the Sunday Mass is an important preparation for your Child's First Holy Communion.

Dates for your Diary

Novena for the Dead - 2nd – 10th November Both Churches
Mass for the recently deceased - 11th November 8.00 pm
St Mary & St John

Mass in St Oliver's Cemetery - 14th November 2.00 pm
Mass in St Mary & St. John Cemetery - 21st November 2.00 pm

Advent Retreat - 30th November to 2nd December
Church of Christ Our Light

Christ Our Light Silver Jubilee - 22nd November 12.30 pm

Penitential Service - 21st December Church of St Mary & St John 8.00 pm

Fr. George

Society of St. Vincent De Paul

Monthly Collection

Next Weekend 3rd & 4th October 2009 - Please Support

Mobile Phone Etiquette

We ask all parishioners to ensure mobile phones are switched off when attending church; this can be hugely distracting especially during Mass.

Mass Cards

Bouquet and Sympathy Mass Cards are available in the Parish Office and sacristies of both churches.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Oct-03 & Oct-04-2009

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Karen Sheehan
Padraig Graham
8:30 am
Eadaoin O'Leary
10:00 am
Ciaran Noonan
Shannon O'Brien
12:00 Noon
Oliver O'Donovan

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Fiona Feely
11:00 am
Jack Dorgan
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

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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

Oct-03 & Oct-04-2009

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

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

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

8:30 am Mary Buckley
Rita Murphy
Denis Healy

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

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

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

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

5:30 pm Noelle Buckley
Mary Breen



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