

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



**St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road**

**Sunday 04-October-2009**

**Twenty Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time**

*Day for Life*

*The original relationship of man and woman in marriage was to be that of perfect union, a union brought about by God himself. In today's gospel, Jesus restates this ideal understanding of marriage and calls for it to be taken seriously*



**Christ Our Light  
Innishmore**

## ***Married Love***

Jesus tells us that from the beginning God's plan for humanity included an exclusive man/woman relationship, a faithful life-long union of love. God's creation was good, and the Incarnation affirms the essential goodness and wholeness of human nature in all its aspects, including human sexuality. This is echoed by the Second Vatican Council Pastoral Constitution *Gaudium et Spes*, where marriage is defined as a personal community in which the partners give and accept each other, a community of love and an intimate partnership of life and love.

Nowadays the exclusive nature of the man/woman relationship is challenged on many fronts and we are faced with a widespread rejection of the sexual morality of the entire Christian tradition. This has had disastrous social consequences and has led to loss of respect for and understanding of intrinsic human values. There is a danger in our present culture of human sexuality becoming merely sex, a commodity for consumption, pleasure and exploitation, as truly human growth is stunted. A crass and permissive culture offers freedom and pleasure to our young people. The offer is a lie. Young people are hopelessly short-changed in the area of healthy sexuality and risk being cut off from the full realisation of their human potential. Sexual love is a real and wonderful gift from God, but growth to sexual maturity where the gift can be appreciated in all its richness is a slow process, joyful but at times painful.

The starting point for Christian thinking about marriage must be the aspect of mutual love and faithfulness. We older Christians need to reach out to young people and to present an ideal of marriage that is wholesome and authentic, an ideal of Christian marriage. And whilst encouraging people to live up to an ideal it must be acknowledged that the ideal is not realised by married couples at all times. Christians seeking holiness must be encouraged in their search to approach the Lord in their brokenness, relying on his love and mercy rather than on their own worthiness.

We need, in spite of the prevailing culture, to seek to articulate and offer a better and positive view of sexuality to our young people. One of the pastoral tasks which face the Church in Ireland today is to present honest and authentic teaching on marriage and to establish the credibility of the Church's teaching on human love as part of its message of life and hope.

**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 31<sup>st</sup> October 2009.

## **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

### **Priest**

We bring our prayers to the Lord with confidence.

### **Reader**

We pray for the Church. That it may guide people to the fullness of life.

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

We pray for married couples, that they may, grow in love for each other.

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

We pray for all those who are suffering from mental illness. That the peace of God may fill their hearts and thoughts.

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

We pray for those who care for the mentally ill. May the face of Christ shine through them.

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

It is in the very nature of our God to bless and protect. We pray for a renewed commitment on the part of all of us to protect and nurture our children.

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

We pray for those who have died. May the face of God shine on them in heaven.

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

### **Priest**

Heavenly Father, God of justice and integrity. Hear the prayers of your people this day. We make these, and all our prayers, through Christ, your beloved son. Amen.

***May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.***

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**BAPTISMS**

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

Grace Ellen O'Carroll, The Oaks, Bridewood, Ovens.  
 Emily Claire Tobin, The Green, Coolroe Meadows.  
 Grace Mary Cronin, Brook Lodge, Ballyburden.  
 Anthony Jonas Lynch, Castle Ave, Muskerry Estate.  
 Lincon Jay Parsons, The Heathers, Classes Lake.  
 Donnacha Harry Dwyer, Oldcourt, Greenfields.  
 Sonia Olivia Szyaniska, Willowgrove.  
 Sophia Hannah O'Regan, Innishmore Square.  
 Holly Johanna Lucey, Leesdale Grove.  
 Samuel Finn Hackett, The Lawn, Coolroe Meadows.  
 Sean Michael Ernest Angelini-Mulligan, Waltham Abbey, Old Quarter.  
 Nina Emily Kershaw, Lee Valley Cottages, Clashnaure, Ovens.  
 Ronan Anthony Boland, The Willows, Classes Lake.  
 Pdraigh James Skehan, Fernway, Bridewood.

**MARRIAGES**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

Finbarr Lynch, Hooly Road & Blathnaid Carroll, Glanmre.  
 Clement O'Sullivan, Mourneabbey & Elaine O'Connell, Westcliffe.  
 Marc Callanan, Coolroe Heights & Bernadette Fitzgerald, Innishmore.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Bernie Hickey, Ballinhassig.  
 Phil Browne, Bandon.  
 Con O'Connor, Ballinagree & London.

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

Christy Buckley, Bakers Road.  
 Bridget Cotter, Wyndham Downs.  
 James Dillon, Sunday's Well.  
 James O'Sullivan, Kilmichael.  
 Steven Baston, Aylsbury.  
 Deceased member of the Callanan family, Poulavone.  
 Finbarr Foley, Dungarvan.  
 Jack Griffin, Junction View, Carrigrohane.  
 Catherine Kelleher, Currabeg, Ovens.  
 Florence Kelly, Fr. Sexton Park.  
 Tim Hassett, Station Road .  
 Tom Murphy, Muskerry Estate.  
 Charlie McCarthy, Gloun  
 Michael Barry Murphy, Glengarriffe.  
 Eleanor O'Halloran, Castlepark.  
 Sean Donovan, Church Road, Carrigrohane.  
 Cecelia Pauline Leahy, Lee View, Carrigrohane.  
 Charles Hamell.  
 Con Murphy, Macroom.  
 Con & Mary O'Donovan, Station Road.  
 Nancy Hogan, The Crescent.  
 Neil O'Leary, Beech Road, Muskerry Estate.  
 Sean Lynch, Kilmurrey.  
 Maureen Driscoll, Innishannon.  
 Michael Ring, Castlepark, Dungourney.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Twenty Seventh Week In Ordinary Time**

04 Sunday Gen 2:18-24. Ps 127. Heb 2:9-11. Mk 10:2-16. Lect I: 807  
 05 Monday Jon. 1: 1-2: 1, 11. Ps. Jon. 2:3-8. Lk. 10:25-37. Lect II: 350  
 06 Tuesday Jon. 3:1-10. Ps. 129. Lk. 10:38-42. Lect II: 353  
 07 Wednesday Acts 1: 12-14. Ps. Lk. 1:46-55. Lk. 1:26-38. Lect II: 1217  
 08 Thursday Mal. 3: 13-20 Ps. 1. Lk. 11:5-13. Lect II: 357  
 09 Friday Joel 1:13-15. 2:1-2. Ps. 9. Lk. 11:15-26. Lect II:359  
 10 Saturday Joel 4:12-21. Ps. 96. Lk. 11:27-28. Lect II: 362

**Next Sunday's Readings 11-October-2009**  
 Wis 7:7-11. Ps 89. Heb 4:12-13. Mk 10:17-30. Lect I: 810

***Parish Bereavement Support  
 Ballincollig***

The next Bereavement Support Programme will commence on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

***Concert Performance***

International Senior Choir from Georgia USA  
 Fundraiser for Cois Tine and NASC  
 At Trinity Presbyterian Church (off McCurtain St)  
 on Tue 6th of October at 8 pm  
 Admission free - a collection in support of the work of Cois Tine and NASC with immigrants in Cork will be made.

***Thought for Today***

By the very title "parent" we are accustomed to doing and giving, mostly for our children, but certainly for others as well. That is why the notion of today's gospel is probably one of the hardest for parents to accept. Jesus clearly lets us know that the Kingdom of God is a gift, given to us freely by God. It isn't something we can volunteer for, clip coupons for, or negotiate. Our children, if we let them, will show us how freely and innocently we can accept this gift. Pay special attention to your child(ren) over the next few days and see if you can pick up any of their wisdom about the gift God offers each of us.

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**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

Here is the origin of marriage. Man and woman are created to be partners. Man and woman are created different, by the hand of God. Man and woman are united, in one body.

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11

In today's reading, Jesus Christ is described as our leader. Since we have the same father as He does, we are His brothers and sisters.

Gospel Mark 10:2-16:

Marriage is the core topic in today's readings. Marriage is the greatest vocation in life and it demands a generosity and commitment that are almost too much for us mere mortals. There are marriages that are failures, which break up, bringing in their train deep and painful wounds. The marriage rituals says "In becoming husband and wife you give yourselves to each other for life. You promise to be true and faithful, to support and cherish each other, so that your years together will be a living out in love of the pledge you now make. May your love for each other reflect the enduring love of Christ for his people. " Lord bless all married couples trying to live this commitment. Today we might keep in our prayers and thoughts all those people who are bereaved by death or separation.

**CIT to Host Careers And Opportunities Fair**

Cork Institute of Technology is hosting a Careers & Opportunities Fair on Tuesday, 6th October from 11am - 3pm in Nexus, CIT Student Centre, Bishopstown Campus. Hosted by the Careers and Counselling Service, the Fair will feature an exciting range of companies, including some of the leading National and International companies, local businesses and a range of voluntary organisations.

The Careers and Counselling Service in CIT works with employers on an ongoing basis. The Careers & Opportunities Fair provides a valuable opportunity for both students and employers to develop vital links for the future. In addition, the Careers and Counselling Service offers companies the opportunity to advertise job vacancies to students and recent graduates on their website [www.careersandcounselling.com](http://www.careersandcounselling.com). They also organise on-campus employer presentations and facilitate interviews throughout the academic year.

Speaking ahead of the Careers and Opportunities Fair 09 at CIT, the Head of Careers and Counselling, Dan Collins said that "the economic downturn will certainly lead to an already competitive employment market becoming even more competitive" he recommended that students who have some relevant work experience will greatly increase their chances of success.

Mr Collins stressed that in addition to a good degree, employers also require students who have well-developed transferable skills and evidence of having been involved in a variety of extra-curricular activities. "While opportunities in Ireland have contracted as some companies take stock of the future and others are struggling for their very survival, there are companies still recruiting highly-skilled graduates, with a first class qualification and skill-set."

The Careers and Opportunities Fair 09 at CIT will take place on Tuesday next, October 6<sup>th</sup> and run from 11.00am – 3.00pm. There will be over 40 stands featuring companies who are actively recruiting, voluntary and information agencies as well as higher education institutions offering postgraduate opportunities in 2010.

Careers & Opportunities Fair will provide valuable information to final year students graduating from all different academic backgrounds about options after college. It will also be a great opportunity for all students from 1st year to final year to find out about travel abroad as well as helping students to build a portfolio of work for their CV as they move along in their degree.

**Samaritans**

**Collectors for Flag Day**

Have you an hour to give to a worthy cause? The Samaritans need volunteers to help with their flag day in Cork city and suburbs on Oct 12th. If you would like to help, please contact their centre at (021) 4278071.

**Bulletin Board**

**Day for Life**

Today, is Day for Life, let us remember in a special way all those who suffer from torment of mental illness. We ask for the grace to be more aware of the mental health of those around us.

**Mass Book**

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

**Children's Mass**

The Children's Mass continues each Sunday at 11 am in Christ Our Light. The children of 2<sup>nd</sup> 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** - 2<sup>nd</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> November Both Churches

**Mass for the recently deceased** - 11<sup>th</sup> November 8.00 pm

St Mary & St John

**Mass in St Oliver's Cemetery** - 14<sup>th</sup> November 2.00 pm

Mass in St Mary & St. John Cemetery - 21<sup>st</sup> November 2.00 pm

**Advent Retreat** - 30<sup>th</sup> November to 2<sup>nd</sup> December

Church of Christ Our Light

**Christ Our Light Silver Jubilee** - 22<sup>nd</sup> November 12.30 pm

**Penitential Service** - 21<sup>st</sup> December Church of St Mary & St John 8.00 pm

Fr. George

**Concert**

On Friday, October 16 at 8 p.m. The Clerks Choral of St Mary's Collegiate Church, Youghal will give a concert at **St Peter's Church, Bandon** singing works by Bach, Byrd, Rutter, Stanford and others. Ian Sexton will direct this group and also play some pieces on the organ. (Collection at end of concert.) This will be a stunning concert - not to be missed.



**The Coeliac Society of Ireland**

Date: Tuesday, 6th of October, 2009

Place: SMA Hall, Wilton

Time: 8.00 p.m.

Gluten Free Cookery Demonstration and Dietician talk  
All welcome.

**The Pike Theatre Group Ballincollig**

Are holding their monthly evening of music, dancing & story telling on Tuesday 13th October @ 8.30 pm in "Tanner Park" Ballincollig. The music for the evening is provided by the one and only "Kevin Mc Sweeney"  
Everyone welcome!!! Refreshments served

**Society of St. Vincent De Paul**

Monthly Collection

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

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Oct-10 & Oct-11-2009

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**  
Aine Sheehan  
Mark Prendergast  
**8:30 am**  
Niamh Gallagher  
**10:00 am**  
Tony Hegarty  
William Green  
**12:00 Noon**  
Miriam Maunsell

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**  
Niamh Murray  
**11:00 am**  
Cormac Manning  
Marie Ni Niada  
**12:30 pm**  
Bernard Vallely  
Colm Walsh  
**5:30 pm**  
Emily Hardman

**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>	



**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Oct-10 & Oct-11-2009

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6.00 pm** Michael Maher  
Ber Bell  
Betty Casey  
Frank Riordan  
Siobhan Riordan  
Pauline Quane

**7:30 pm** Geraldine Lynch  
Charlie Vaughan  
Joan Stephenson  
Bernie Bowen

**8:30 am** Mary Buckley  
Theresa Lucey  
Triona Collins

**11:00 am** Neil Jeffers  
Eileen O'Donoghue  
Bridie O'Donnell  
Bridie Hanrahan  
Cath / Hugh Moran

**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  
Gerard Dunne

**12 Noon** Helen Plunkett  
Sheila Carroll  
Seamus O'Donovan  
Joe Coghlan  
Rose Moore  
Catherine Greene

**5:30 pm** Bernard Curran  
Siobhan Burke

**PARISH CLERGY**

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**Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C. 021-4877161**  
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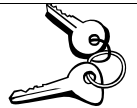
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