

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



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

**Sunday 22-November-2009**

**Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King**  
*The kingship of Christ, is not to be seen in terms of any kind of political control or domination. It is not of this world. His rule comes from obedience to the Father and total service of people, unto death. It is the power of God over death and evil, promised to all who commit themselves in faith to him.*



**Christ Our Light  
Innishmore**

## **Christ Our Light 25 Years**

The solemn dedication of the Church of Christ Our Light took place on Sunday, April 22nd 1984. The building was dedicated by Most Rev. Dr. Michael Murphy, Bishop of Cork and Ross. The parish priest of Ballincollig was Very Rev Dr. Cathrach McCarthy.

The booklet with the ceremony and account of some of the features of the building has one quotation. The quotation from St. Augustine is a simple and profound statement on the ongoing call of the Christian community.

"What we see accomplished materially in these walls, let that be carried out spiritually in our minds; and what we see perfected in stones and timber, let that be brought to completion in our bodies, with the help of God's grace as the builder." St Augustine.

The building that we now almost take for granted is the fruit of planning, fundraising and sacrifices by many people of another generation. This spacious place of prayer is a legacy of Faith, dedication and planning for the future by many people.

The church of Christ our Light has a number of features. The open glazed panels on all four sides of the Church suggest the light of Christ emanating from this place of prayer and extending outwards.

The Way of the Cross is an unique feature designed by Sr. Helen O' Keeffe. They convey the horror and degradation which was so much part of the crucifixion. The quotations are from the scriptures hoping to suggest ideas and thoughts for prayer.

The Altar, chair and baptism font are carved by hand from single blocks of Kilkenny limestone.

The fundraising for this church was a mammoth task, a group of people met weekly to guide this task. Today we remember and thank God for their efforts and the generosity of so many.

## **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

### **Priest**

God is king over all the earth. Let us pray for the coming of the kingdom as Jesus taught us.

### **Reader**

For all Christians: that they may grow in the knowledge and love of Christ the King.

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

For world leaders: that they may work for a more just and a more caring world.

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

For those who struggle with their faith: that the light of faith may shine on them.

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

For all those who are suffering persecution in the cause of justice, or because of their allegiance to Christ.

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

For all gathered here: that we may give Christ the central place in our hearts and in our lives and we remember to day all those who planned and worked to provide for this Church Christ our Light.

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

We pray for all those who come here to pray and visit this church, that they may know the presence and strength of God in their lives.

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

### **Priest**

God of power and love, help us to be loyal and true followers of Christ on earth, so that we may share his glory in the kingdom of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

Amen



1984  
**25**  
years  
2009



### **THE ALTAR, AMBO, CHAIR, FONT AND CRUCIFIX**

The Altar, ambo, chair and font are carved by hand from single blocks of Kilkenny limestone. The holy water fonts and tabernacle shelf fonts are carved in the same material. The inscription on font is taken from Psalm 42. The deer symbolises the soul yearning for baptism and redemption.

The crucifix is carved in Spanish chestnut wood. It is slender in contrast to the stone. An image of a suffering, yet triumphant, embracing Christ. Christ our light.

### **THE TABERNACLE**

The design of the tabernacle incorporates the symbol of light superimposed on a rough textured background. The highlights of the design are highly polished to contrast the brickwork. The Pascal candlestick is rough cast in heavy pattern depicting the 'Light' received from Christ. Altar candlesticks are also in bronze and handcrafted.

*The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.*

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

Eileen Nolan, Borris, Co. Carlow.  
 Pauline O'Callaghan, West Village.  
 John Hegarty, McCurtain Villas.  
 Timothy O'Callaghan, Inchaggin.  
 William Murphy, Kilmichael.  
 Hugh Collins, Innishmore Drive & Dunmanway  
 Margaret Broderick, Wyndham Downs.  
 Tadg & Maureen O'Callaghan, The Lough.  
 Mary Kelleher, Castleknock.  
 Timmy Moynihan, Kerry & England.  
 Cathal Keohane, Rosewood.  
 William Vaughan, Kilnamartyra  
 Brendan O'Sullivan, Glendower.  
 Michael & Julia Healy, Catherdal Road..  
 Sylvester Cotter, Poulavone.  
 Denis O'Mahony, Loretto Park.  
 Michael & Nora Keating, Caherciveen, Co Kerry.  
 Patrick, John, Noel O'Mahony, Newcestown  
 Deceased members of the O'Mahony family, Newcestown  
 Paddy & Marjorie Kennefick, College Rd  
 Rita Whelton, Glendower Court.  
 Nora Coughlan, Ballydehob.

***The Emmaus Men's Fellowship***

Fr. Pat Collins C.M. and Janice Carrig will speak at our annual conference for men and women on the theme "Forgiveness does it Matter" at the Sacred Heart Community Hall, Western Road on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November and Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November Starting at 10.30 and ending 5.30 each day. There will be Healing Service on Saturday afternoon and Mass with Healing Service on Sunday afternoon. Further information, contact Declan 021 4872828.



***Anniversary***

Tuesday marks the 2nd anniversary of Fr. Billy's ordination to the priesthood. We wish him continued good health, happiness and spiritual guidance in his ministry.

***Time is***

*Too slow for those who wait, Too swift for those who fear,  
 Too long for those who grieve, Too short for those who rejoice;  
 but for those who love, time is eternity*  
 Henry Van Dyke

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Last Week In Ordinary Time**

22 Sunday Dan 7:13-14. Ps 92. Apoc 1:5-8. Jn 18:33-37. Lect I: 829  
 23 Monday Dan. 1:1-6,8-20. Ps. Dan. 3:52-56. Lk. 21:1-4. Lect II: 439  
 24 Tuesday Dan. 2:31-45. Ps. Dan. 3:57-61. Lk. 21:5-11. Lect II: 442  
 25 Wednesday Dan. 5: 1-6, 13-17, 23-28. Ps. Dan. 3. Lk. 21: 12- 19. Lect II: 444  
 26 Thursday Dan. 6:12-28. Ps. Dan. 3:68-74. Lk. 21 :20-28. Lect II: 447  
 27 Friday Dan. 7:2-14. Ps. Dan. 3. Lk. 21 :29-33. Lect II: 449  
 28 Saturday Dan. 7: 15-27. Ps. Dan. 3. Lk. 21 :34-36. Lect II: 452

**Next Sunday's Readings 29-November-2009**

Jer. 33: 14-16. PS. 24. 1 Thess. 3: 12-4:2. LK. 21 :25- 28,34-36. Lect I: 8

***Bulletin Board***

***Swine Flu***

Owing to the threat of Swine Flu the Bishops and H.S.E have requested that receiving of Holy Communion on the tongue be replaced by reception on the hand until further notice.

***Advent Retreat 2009***

**Ballincollig Advent Retreat in Christ Our Light 30<sup>th</sup> November to the 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2009.** It will be conducted by the Redemptorists Fathers

The Redemptorists Fathers will speak at all Masses 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2009

Masses – Monday Tuesday & Wednesday at 7.00 am & 9.15 am

Retreat Homily, Devotions & Prayers - Monday & Tuesday at 7.30 pm (no Mass)

Penitential Service - Wednesday Evening at 7.30 pm.

***Mass Envelope Collection***

Marriage Counselling Services Annual Collection this week-end 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2009.

***Christ Our Light***

**Silver Jubilee** Mass today Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 12.30 pm

**Fr. George.**

***ST Dominic's Retreat Centre***

November/December

26<sup>th</sup> November, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, & 17<sup>th</sup> December

4 THURSDAYS for Advent 7.30 – 9.00 pm

LECTIO DIVINA - Scripture Reflection

Meditating on Sunday Gospel concluding with celebration of the Eucharist

Benedict Hegarty OP/Martina Lehane Sheehan

Advent Weekend Retreats

27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> November

“Prepare the Way of the Lord, Make Straight His Paths” (Luke 3:4)

Martina Lehane Sheehan.

11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> December

“Making a Space for Christmas”

Benedict Hegarty OP

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**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Dan. 7:13-14

In today's Scripture reading, the prophet Daniel looks ahead in time and sees the coming of Christ on the clouds of heaven. We look forward to that coming. It will be a day of great rejoicing.

Second Reading: Rv. 1:5-8

Jesus Christ is king today, in a special sense. He is a reliable witness to truth; he is the first to rise to new life; he is the King of Kings. To the glory of God, Jesus makes us a new people, a royal nation, a holy priesthood.

Gospel: John 18:33-37

Generally, we do not find the title "Christ the King" in any of the Gospels, but here in John, Jesus accepted the title even though it was given to him with misunderstanding. Pilate mistook the title as political. Jesus corrected him by saying that his kingdom was not of this world. Through the title of "King," Jesus pointed beyond himself to God, explaining that his mission was to tell the people about God and testify to the truth God wanted revealed through Jesus.

**Thought for Today**

The values of God's Kingdom help us explain to our children what kind of king Jesus is when we claim him to be "Christ the King." Everywhere in our world and private lives, we can find examples of Christ the King of peace, the King of justice, hope, goodness and love. Jesus said he came into the world to give evidence of his father's love. Consider how much your love for your child gives evidence of God's love, and how your life is an example to your children of the many different kinds of "kingship" claimed by Jesus.

**Cork Simon Community**

Will hold its Annual Flag Day (street) Collections on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November in Cork City Centre and all suburban shopping centres throughout Cork City. Your generosity would be very much appreciated as we urgently need your support to help us keep our vital services going. Thank You.

**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

**Writings of St Paul**

Talk 8 in our series on the writings of St Paul will be held in the St Mark Centre this week as follows.

	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
	<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>
<b>Talk 8</b>	22nd November	25th November	26th November

**Christ Our King - Christ Our Light**

Today we celebrate the Feast of Christ our King. In today's Gospel, Jesus standing before Pilate states his Kingdom is not of this world, but that he came in to this world to bear witness to the truth. In his unfailing witness to the truth, Christ our King ruled with compassion and justice. For thirty years, he lived unrecognised in a village carrying out the daily tasks of a carpenter. For three years he travelled around with a group of disciples; he healed the sick, he forgave sinners and was not afraid to challenge injustices. In the Book of the Apocalypse, the reading speaks again about Jesus as the faithful witness, who has washed away our sins with his blood. He died for our sins because of his great love for each one of us.

As his followers, we will be judged on how we have witnessed to his truth and his love in our daily lives. The Kingdom of God is among us. God reigns in each of our hearts. He is always there for us and ready to help us on our journey through life.

Today as we also celebrate the Silver Jubilee of Christ our Light Church, we pray with gratitude for all who have contributed and all who are continuing to contribute to the life of our parish community. We are blessed that so many share their gifts and talents so generously in building up the Kingdom of God here in Ballincollig parish. Our prayer today is that we will remain true to our faith and continue to give witness to Christ our Lord and King.

The words of the hymn *Christ Be Our Light* express our calling, as the body of Christ, to be a light for the world and so we pray to the Lord: *'Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see. Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants to one another, making Your Kingdom come. Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today'*.

**Sr Colette**

**A Winter Road Safety Message**

**Primary Road Safety Winter Hazards**

- Reduced visibility
- Glare of sun due being lower in the skyline
- Shorter days/ lower levels of daylight,
- Fallen leaves, rain and ice creating wet and slippery surfaces.

**Pedestrians & Cyclists**

- Be Seen - Light Up
- Wear Bright Reflective Clothing
- Stay on designated cycle and pedestrian pathways where possible
- Take extra care crossing at road junctions

**Driver Safety**

- Allow more Time for your Trip
- Reduce Speed / Slow Down
- Check and Switch on Lights (even during day time)
- Check Your Tyre Grip & Air Pressure
- Carry De-Icing Materials



**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Nov-28 & Nov-29-2009

**St. Mary & St. John      Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**  
Aine Sheehan  
Mark Prendergast  
**8:30 am**  
Triona Collins  
**10:00 am**  
Hannah Bunyan  
Stephen Bunyan  
**12:00 Noon**  
Miriam Maunsell  
Christine Coakley

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**  
Pauline Collins  
Niall Cronin  
**11:00 am**  
Jack Dorgan  
**12:30 pm**  
Bernard Valley  
Colm Walsh  
**5:30 pm**  
Emily Hardman

**MASS TIMES**

<b>St. Mary &amp; St. John</b>		<b>Christ Our Light</b>	
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      **Saturday**      4:30 pm  
Except First Saturday of Month      First Saturday of Month  
12:45 pm      **Sunday**



**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Nov-28 & Nov-29-2009

**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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