

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 17-January-2010



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

A wedding is a time for joyful celebration; it is a time of hope and promise. According to John the wedding at Cana marked the beginning of Jesus' ministry. It showed the joy and plenty that his coming brings because in him, God's promised love is present reality.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Water Into Wine

Christmas is over and we begin the new year with resolutions, with hope. Sad experience tells us that not all the resolutions will be kept, and in spite of the hope there is a sense of foreboding. Things were bad enough last year, are they likely to be any better this year. Will Jesus who changed water into wine make something better of our wounded Church? As we pray for renewal in the Church, for forgiveness and healing, we pray for renewal in our own lives too.

The account of the wedding at Cana is by any stretch of the imagination an unusual wedding story; we are not told who is getting married, Mary was "there" but Jesus was "invited." Running out of wine meant disappointment, an absence of the joy proper to a wedding celebration. It also meant deep shame, in the honour/shame society of that time to run out of supplies at a wedding was a family calamity. Jesus is asked to restore life and joy, and he does by taking ordinary water, washing water, and changes it into extraordinary wine.

A theme of wedding joy runs through the readings from Isaiah and the Gospel of John for this second Sunday in ordinary time. Isaiah speaks of God's people no longer forsaken, but with restored integrity. God delights in his people, rejoices over them as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride. The Church is the bride of Christ, at a time of darkness and shame we may ask where is the wedding joy, can we get it back; can the Lord restore us, tell us that we are no longer forsaken and that our integrity will be restored, so that he may indeed rejoice over us. And each of us may dare to hope that the Lord will take the muddy waters of our lives and change them into wine.

In John's gospel Mary appears at Cana and at Calvary, at the foot of the cross. At Cana she speaks, intercedes for those in need. Jesus tells his mother that his hour has not yet come, yet she persists in her request, quietly confident. She tells the servants to do whatever he tells them, she had no idea what he was going to do, but had total confidence in him. At Calvary Mary is silent, when Jesus' hour has indeed come and the sword of sorrow breaks her own heart. We pray for reliance on the intercession of Mary, given to us as our mother by Jesus as he hung dying on the Cross.

Billy O'Sullivan

Reflection for Parents

The point Jesus wanted to illustrate by performing this sign was to introduce a change. Many scholars interpret the wedding as the new age and the huge stone jars represent the magnitude of the wonder. There is great abundance in the story and that is the message of the new order Jesus promises - God lavishes us with his abundant love and we come to know that love through Jesus. In today's Gospel, John relates the story of the beginning of Jesus' ministry at Cana. We celebrate the bountiful love of God for humankind symbolised in the six jars of wine and we ask for the grace to respond positively to the words of Mary: 'Do whatever he tells you.'

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us place our needs before the Lord who gives us everything that is good.

Reader

For the Church; that it may proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For each one of us; that we may recognise the gifts God has given us and use them to the benefit of ourselves and those with whom we come into contact.

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 migrants, especially those who have been forced from the land they call home; may they receive a warm welcome in their adopted land.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For vocations; that all Christians may discover their true calling and follow the words of Mary in today's Gospel: 'Do whatever he tells you'.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith; that they may be raised to the glory of eternal life.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Priest

Father in heaven, you will judge all peoples in fairness. Hear the prayers we place before you today. We make these, and all our prayers, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Paddy O'Donovan, Leap.
 Mary Murphy, Douglas Road.
 Tony O'Callaghan, Castlepark.
 Jim O'Brien, Ballyporeen, Co. Tipperary.
 Mary O'Sullivan, Parknamore Heights.

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

Pat, Kitty & Pat (Jnr) Sheehan, Coachford.
 Joseph Sheehan, Kilcorney.
 Denis & Kate Calnan, Youghal.
 Jack McCarthy, Ballintemple.
 Patrick & Noreen Riordan, Ballingearry.
 Thomas, Jack & Hannah Twomey, Raheen.
 MaryEllen Kelleher, Maglin.
 Deceased members of the Donovan Family, West Village.
 Martin Mohally, Carriganarra Estate.
 Patrick & Margaret Kenneally, Curraheen.
 Ian Carmody, Castlepark.
 Teresa Gilleran, Ballinlough.
 Deceased members of the Gilleran Family.
 Eily O'Connor, Kanturk & Carriganarra.
 Tim & Nora Maverley, Quaker Road.
 Deceased members of the Murphy family Ballyhaunis, Co Mayo.
 Martin Murphy, Rockchapel.

Creative Writing Course

Tuesday evenings 7 pm
 January 26th – March 23rd
 Short Stories, Poetry, Writing for Drama
 8 Week Course €100
 Easons Hill Community Centre (near the Firkin Crane)
 12 students max.
 Contact: Deborah Culhane (086) 8458096
 deborahteresa@gmail.com

Prayer for Strength

Every day I need you, Lord, but today especially, I need some extra strength to face whatever is to come.
 This day, more than any other day, I need to feel you near me to strengthen my courage and to overcome my fear.
 By myself I cannot meet the challenge of the hour.
 We are frail human creatures and we need a Higher Power to sustain us in all that life may bring.
 And so, dear Lord, hold my trembling hand. Be with me, Lord, this day and stretch out your powerful arm to help me.
 May your love be upon me as I place all my hope in you. Amen
 Blessed Pope John XXIII

Trocaire Appeal

On Tuesday night an earthquake struck Haiti killing many thousands. In response, Pope Benedict XVI called on "the generosity of all people" to support those worst affected. He added that "the Catholic Church will not fail to move immediately, through her charitable institutions, to meet the most immediate needs of the population". Trócaire is the official overseas development agency of the Catholic Church in Ireland and they desperately need your assistance to help the people of Haiti.
 To donate, please call 1850 408 408/ 0800 912 1200
 or log on to www.trocaire.org

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Second Week In Ordinary Time

17 Sunday Is. 62: 1-5. Ps. 95. 1 Cor. 12:4-11. Jn. 2: 1-11. Lect I: 838
 18 Monday 1 Sam. 15:16-23. Ps. 49. Mk. 2:18-22. Lect II: 470
 19 Tuesday 20 Tuesday 1 Sam. 16: 1-13. Ps. 88. Mk. 2:23-28. Lect II: 472
 20 Wednesday 1 Sam. 17:32-51. Ps. 143. Mk. 3:1-6. Lect II: 475
 21 Thursday 1 Sam. 18:6-9,19:1-7. Ps. 55. Mk. 3:7-12. Lect II: 477
 22 Friday 1 Sam. 24:3-21. Ps. 56. Mk. 3:13-19. Lect II: 479
 23 Saturday 2 Sam. 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27. Ps. 79. Mk. 3:20- 21. Lect II: 482

Next Sunday's Readings 24-January-2010

Neh. 8:2-6, 8-10. Ps. 18. 1 Cor. 12: 12-30. Lk. 1: 1-4, 4:14-21. Lect I: 841

'Mothers Prayers' Groups

Recommence on:

Wednesday 20th January, 10.30 am

Meeting Room at Christ our Light Church

Thursday 21st January, at 10.00 am

Annex of Parish Hall

All Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers are welcome to come along one of these mornings to pray for their children and the youth of our Parish

Ballincollig Parish

Bereavement Support

The next Bereavement Support Programme will commence on Tuesday 9th February. It will continue each Tuesday night for 8 weeks (7.30-9.30 pm). It is held in a small groups setting. Anyone experiencing the grief and loss of a loved one, is very welcome to attend. For further information, please contact: **Sr. Colette O'Leary: 086 3557375** or Parish Office: 4871206.

 **Irish Blood Transfusion Service**
 Seirbhís Fuilaeistriúcháin Éireann

Will hold Blood Donor Clinics In the Eire Og Hall, Ovens

Tuesday 19th January

5 pm – 8 pm

Wednesday & Thursday 20th & 21st January

3 pm - 5 pm & 7 pm - 9 pm

Blood is urgently required

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Is 62:1-5

God's people will be shown to be right; this will be their day of vindication. God will take his people to himself, like a bridegroom, like a new husband.

Second Reading: Cor 12:4-11

People have many different gifts. Nevertheless, the Church is united, because all these gifts come from the one God.

Gospel: John 2:1-11.

While the Wedding in Cana is a familiar story, it only appears in John's Gospel. Scholars call it the first of Jesus' signs. Mary, Jesus' mother, observed that the wine was running low at a wedding feast she and Jesus were attending. She didn't specifically ask Jesus to do something about the situation, but he understood the implication. He instructed the servants to fill six stone jars with water and then take some to the waiter in charge. The waiter was surprised that the bridegroom had saved the best wine for last. The servants were surprised because they knew the jars were filled with water and they had witnessed something remarkable.

Come and Listen

St. Mark's Centre
(opposite Christ Our Light Church)
Innishmore, Ballincollig
Commenced on Thursday 14th January
And continues Mondays & Thursdays at 8 pm
Have you ever wondered what it's all about?
Did your life turn out as you thought it would?
Do you think there could be more to life?

Muskerry Local History

Due to the ongoing bad weather, the Society has changed the date of the next lecture from January 19th to Tuesday January 26th.
Ovens historian Donal O'Flynn will deliver the talk, together with a slide show presentation, on the Crossbarry Ambush and the subsequent withdrawal.
Ballincollig RFC Hall is the venue; starting time is 8 pm.
Fee for non-members of the Society is €

Come to "The Holy Land" on Pilgrimage

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Bulletin Board

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place **Saturday 23rd January, 2010 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.

Offertory Collection Boxes

The boxes of envelopes for the Offertory Collection are available in both churches to-day. Families are asked to take one box. Please use the envelopes for the Offertory Collection for the Vigil and Sunday Masses during the year, families who avail of the Direct Debit system are not expected to take one.

The Offertory Collection is solely for the upkeep, maintenance, insurance, lighting, heating and related expenses of both churches.

Thanks for your generosity and we look forward to your support for the coming year.

Children's Mass

The Children's Mass is on **Sundays at 11.00 am in Christ Our Light**. The Children of 2nd 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.

Confirmation Dates 2010

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

Dates for your diary

Ash Wednesday	Wed-17-Feb-2010
St. Patrick's Day	Wed-17-Mar-2010
Good Friday	Fri-02-Apr-2010
Easter Sunday	Sun-04-Apr-2010
Easter Monday	Mon-05-Apr-2010
May Bank Holiday	Mon-03-May-2010
June Bank Holiday	Mon-07-Jun-2010
August Bank Holiday	Mon-02-Aug-2010
The Assumption	Sun-15-Aug-2010
October Bank Holiday	Mon-25-Oct-2010
All Saints	Mon-01-Nov-2010
Immaculate Conception	Wed-08-Dec-2010

Fr. George.



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MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Jan-23 & Jan-24-2010

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)

Michael Fitton
Paul Kearns
8:30 am
Niamh Gallagher
10:00 am
Louise McCarthy
Robert Noonan
12:00 Noon
Sean Hennessy
Shane Lehane

7:30 pm (Vigil)

Fiona Feely
11:00 am
Chide Ebili
Karen Flavin
12:30 pm
Adaugu Ebili
Caterina Nugent
5:30 pm
Emily Hardman

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	



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Jan-23 & Jan-24-2010

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

PARISH CLERGY

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