

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 24-October-2010



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mission Sunday

By its nature, the Church is missionary. Christ sent her to let her light shine to the whole human race. We cannot leave this task to the professionals. The prophets and the apostles were ordinary lay people when chosen to speak and act in God's name. As the result of our baptism, each of us has a duty to work for the missions in our special way and in our own particular place.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

“Together in Mission”

Today we celebrate ‘Mission Sunday’, a day when we celebrate sharing Jesus’ mission both locally and throughout the world. United in prayer, we remember especially all missionaries who minister in difficult situations. We pray that they may never lose heart and always be a sign of hope for those to whom they minister. In today’s Gospel story, we see Jesus sending out his chosen twelve on their mission. It is the first time he has sent them out on their own without he going with them. He sends them out to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom of God. He gives them power over evil spirits and to heal sicknesses. They are not to bring anything with them - no walking staff, or purse, or food, or money, nor even a change of clothing. They are to depend on the people in the villages to give them food and lodging.

By sending out his disciples, without the essentials they needed, Jesus is giving them a lesson to trust him for their every need. They went out relying upon God’s strength to work in and through them, so that the people would receive them and their message as from God. They went from town to town proclaiming the Good News and healing everywhere. In the 2nd reading, St Paul speaks of this same source of strength saying, that even when all others had deserted him, that strengthened by God, he was given the power to proclaim the message of the ‘good news’ for all to hear. God has entrusted to us also the great task of carrying on the mission of Jesus. This year’s theme for Mission Sunday is: Together in Mission. As baptised Christians, each one of us is called to be a missionary, to ‘make the face of Christ visible’ by the witness of our lives; to share our faith with others; to be signs of hope within the community in which we live. As members of the Body of Christ the needs of one member effects the whole body and therefore we cannot be indifferent to one another’s needs. During this past year, the people in Ballincollig have again shown their missionary spirit by responding to the needs of the people in Haiti and Pakistan, by the support of their prayer and in their generous financial contributions through Trocaire.

‘Together in Mission’ is very evident in our parish with so many involved in giving of their time and sharing their faith and gifts in our parish community. Today the Lord is inviting each one of us to a personal relationship with him in prayer, so that strengthened by him we may remain faithful to our baptismal call to witness to the Gospel message both in word and deed.

Sr. Colette

Reflection for Parents

We are very important in the lives of our children, but do we allow them to see us walk humbly with God? Do we allow them to see us on our knees and hear us admit our weaknesses to God? Consider how you might represent the tax collector to your children. How might they see you like this Pharisee?

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

The love of Christ gathers us together so that we might be renewed in our commitment to mission and so we make our prayer to our loving Father.

Reader

The Spirit is alive in us through Baptism and Confirmation. May we delight in our dignity as God’s children and be beacons of hope in our world.

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

We pray for those who are in peril: those in danger of violence and those who suffer for their faith. May our prayers be a support to them.

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

In our journey of faith, may we travel light, letting go as much as possible of all baggage that could block our way. May our luggage be the good news, so we may bring healing, peace and justice to all we meet.

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

We remember our own missionaries ?. We thank God for them and ask God’s continued blessing on their work throughout the world.

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

We pray for the sick, the lonely, the elderly and for all who are bereaved. May they be comforted as they unite their suffering with Christ, our Risen Lord.

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

We pray for this community and for Christian Communities everywhere. May our prayer, suffering and support of this Mission Sunday build up the body of Christ throughout the world.

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

Priest

Father, you sent your Son among us as a missionary to reveal your saving love. May our solidarity with all who proclaim your name lead us to your kingdom. We make all our prayers in confidence through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

This poor man called; the Lord heard him.

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BAPTISMS

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

Harry Kenneth Wills, Holly Road, Muskerry Estate.
 Roisin Anna McElligott , Mill Range, Powdermills.
 Molly Ann Banks, Greystones.
 Beibhinn Teresa Gleeson, The Stables.
 Oliver Joseph Harrington, Manor Hill, Ballincollig.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Brian Calnan, Coolroe Meadows.
 Michael Hoare, Tralee.
 Michael O'Regan, Carriganarra & England.
 Con Murphy, Clash.
 Jeremiah Buckley, Castlemore, Crookstown.
 Sean McCarthy, Leemount.
 Elizabeth McEvoy, Model Farm Road.

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

Connie Murphy, Healy's Bridge.
 Nellie Harte, Kilmichael.
 Pat Byrne, Westcourt Heights.
 Tomas & Rosaleen Scanlan, Bishopstown.
 Joseph, Annie & Dermot Murphy, Tullig.
 Daniel O'Callaghan, Clash Cross.
 Denis O'Callaghan, Clash Cross.
 Dr. Sean Crotty, Coolroe.
 Nicholas Tarrant, Inniscarra View & Millstreet.
 Jerry O'Leary, Knockburden.
 Jim Deasy, Rosewood.
 Tom & Hannah Whelton, Ballinhassig.
 Dec members of the Ring Family, Dungourney.
 Michael Donovan, Farran & Canada.
 John Manning, Mayfield.
 Pdraig O'Callaghan, Oaklee.
 Jimmy Kavanagh, Powdermills.
 John Lucey, Macroom.
 Dec. members of the O'Leary family, Doneriale.
 Nuala Delaney, Inniscarra View.
 Hannah O'Sullivan, Carriganarra & Rosewood.
 Dec. members of the O'Sullivan Family, Carriganarra.

Trócaire - Thank You

It is now three months since devastating floods hit Pakistan and Trócaire has expressed sincere thanks to everyone that supported its emergency appeal.

Over the past few months people have generously donated over €5.5million (£5m) to help survivors of the disaster. Almost half of this, €2.5million (£2.3m) was raised as a result of the church collections that were held around the country in August. This figure is expected to increase to €4million (£3.6m) in the coming weeks.

Thanks to the generosity of clergy and parishioners Trócaire was able to rescue over 20,000 people from the floodwaters in the first weeks of the disaster and provide more than 100,000 people with food, water, hygiene kits and other essentials. Trócaire is now providing seeds, tools and other essentials so that families can begin to recover and rebuild their livelihoods.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Thirtieth Week In Ordinary Time

24 Sunday Eccles (Sir) 35:12-14, 16-19. Ps 32. 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18. Lect I: 925. Lk 9:1-6. Lect II: 330
 25 Monday Eph. 4:32-5:8. Ps. 1. Lk. 13:10-17. Lect II: 838
 26 Tuesday Eph. 5:21-33. Ps. 127. Lk. 13: 18-21. Lect II: 840
 27 Wednesday Eph. 6: 1-9. Ps. 144. Lk. 13:22-30 Lect II: 842
 28 Thursday Eph. 2:19-22. Ps. 18. Lk. 6:12-19. Lect II: 1242
 29 Friday Phil. 1: 1-11. Ps. 110. Lk. 14: 1-6. Lect II: 846
 30 Saturday Phil. 1: 18.26. Ps. 41. Lk. 14: 1.7.11 .Lect II: 848

Next Sunday's Readings 31-October-2010

Wis. 11 :22-12:2. Ps. 144. 2 Thess. 1 : 11-2:2. Lk. 19:1-10. Lect I: 928

Parish Pilgrimage to The Holy Land

Our pilgrimage to the Holy Land took place from the 3rd to the 14th October, and was a source of blessing for the pilgrims and their families and indeed for the parish as a whole. Fifty three of us flew directly from Cork to Tel Aviv, staying for four days in Tiberias on the Sea of Galilee before travelling via Jericho to Bethlehem and Jerusalem for the remainder of our pilgrimage. We walked in the footsteps of Jesus in his own country and in spite of the overlay of two thousand years of often turbulent history, the Gospels came alive for us in the holy places. There were too many significant sites to recall in detail here, highlights included the following:

Our visit to Nazareth where we celebrated the Mass of the Annunciation and our Christmas Mass in the Milk Grotto in Bethlehem, recalling the motherhood of Mary and the birth of Our Lord, and visited the field of the shepherds and the ancient Nativity Basilica.

We recalled Jesus' baptism at the River Jordan and renewed our own baptismal promises in a ceremony of total immersion in the river for thirty nine intrepid souls (sprinkling for the others).

We recalled Jesus ministry in Galilee, visiting Cana, Capernaum, the site of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, and Mount Tabor where we celebrated the Mass of the Transfiguration. The full Sermon on the Mount from Matthew's Gospel served as the homily for our Mass at the Mount of Beatitudes and we listened to the Gospel, sang and prayed in silence in our boat on the calm waters of the Sea of Galilee.

In Jerusalem we reflected on the Last Supper in the Upper Room and recalled Christ's passion in the garden of Gethsemane, in the house of Caiaphas where Peter denied Jesus, and at Calvary. We walked the Way of the Cross and venerated the tomb in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. We stood on the Mount of Olives at the Church of the Ascension and remembered that we too are sent to share Christ's mission.

The pilgrimage was led by Larry Cunningham and organising committee members were Mary Murphy, Patsy Murphy, Brendan Teehan and Angela Cunningham. As spiritual director I want to thank Larry and the team on behalf of all the pilgrims for all the hard work and preparation. We had a great time as we journeyed together. We sought to accompany Jesus as "he set his face resolutely for Jerusalem" and we pray that our pilgrimage will continue as we return to more normal parish life in Ballincollig.

Fr Billy

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18
 God does not listen only to the powerful. If someone prays humbly and sincerely, God listens, and God acts.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
 Paul says he has kept the faith and God stood by him. The conclusion to his life will be a crown of glory in heaven. That same promise is ours.

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14
 From time to time our children live in a "me first world," but Jesus wasn't too impressed with the self-centeredness of the Pharisee in today's Gospel. The Pharisee was quite certain that he was a good and righteous man—better than most. For sure, he was better than the tax collector. But as Jesus often did in his teachings, he turned society's ideas upside down. It was really the humble tax collector recognizing his own sinfulness that Jesus said would be exalted.

**Curraheen Grotto
 Golden Jubilee 1960-2010**

A celebration of fifty years will take place at the Grotto today
 24th October, 2010 at 3.00 pm

Gramophone Recital

Musical morning in the Ballincollig Library from **11.30 am on Tuesday 26th October, 2010.**

This month's musical choice is presented by Paddy Murphy. Admission free all are welcome.

**Tension Awareness
 Talk it over...**

When something worries you, talk it over. Don't bottle it up. Confide your worry to a person you can trust; a partner, a family member, a good friend or family doctor. Talking things over helps to relieve the strain, enables you to see your worry in a clearer light, and often helps you to see what you can do about it.

Moment of Reflection

"Every step we take all day long is a step of nature or a step of grace."

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

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Bank Holiday Monday

Monday October 25th Morning Mass only in St Mary & St John's Church at 9.30 am

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place **Saturday 30th October, 2010 at 12.00 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.

Autumn Dues

Envelopes are currently being distributed to homes throughout the parish of Ballincollig; contribution of the dues is for the support of the priests of the parish. Please return it by placing it in the basket at Mass. Should your home be missed spare envelopes are available from the back of the church.

Novena for the Dead – November 2nd to 10th

November is a month dedicated to our dead relatives and friends. It is the time of year when we are asked to pray for our dead and thank God for their efforts and goodness to us. Christ's prayer to his Father is "I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, so that they may always see the glory you have given me."

We encourage everyone to make a special effort to come to daily Mass during the Novena for the Dead and maybe even keep up the effort for the month of November.

Envelopes are available in both Churches

There will be evening Mass (morning Masses as usual) in both Churches during the Novena - 6.30 pm Christ Our Light and 8 pm St Mary & St John.

Special Mass

There will be a Special Mass to remember all our loved ones who died during the past year on **Thursday November 11th at 8.00 pm in St Mary & St John**. All those who died from the Parish will be remembered at this Mass. Families who wish to have deceased family members (who died during the past twelve months) included in this Mass are invited to hand in their names to the Sacristy or Parish Office during the week and please include a contact name and an address.

Annual Graveyard Masses

Mass in St Oliver's Cemetery Saturday 6th November at 2.00 pm Mass in St Mary & St John's Cemetery Saturday 13th November at 2.00 pm

Funeral Prayers and Liturgies

We are seeking volunteers willing to help families and the priests of the parish to pray for our dead. Volunteers could provide support to families dealing with funerals by praying with the family (e.g. the rosary or vigil prayers), helping families to choose scripture readings, to choose prayers of the faithful and also to help families give their loved one's a dignified funeral service. Training is being organised at diocesan level and I invite those interested to come forward as soon as possible (during this week).

Fr. George

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Oct-30 & Oct-31-2010

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Karen Sheehan
Padraig Graham
8:30 am
Pat Fennell
Susan Fennell
10:00 am
Eileen O'Connell
Diandra Buckley
12:00 Noon
Miriam Maunsell
Christine Coakley

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Michael Greene
11:00 am
Cormac Manning
Marie Ni Niada
12:30 pm
Cathy Naughton
Una Lynch
5:30 pm
Christine O'Brien

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

Oct-30 & Oct-31-2010

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

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