

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 16-January-2011

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
World Day of Migrants and Refugees

Jesus came as the Servant of God to serve the deepest needs of people. He offered his life to remove the tragedy of sin from human life and so restore us to peace with God, and each other.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Each year we celebrate a week of prayer for Christian Unity from 18th to 25th January. This year the Churches of Jerusalem prepared the material for this week of prayer and the chosen Theme is taken from the Acts of the Apostles: 'They were faithful to the teaching of the apostles, the common life of sharing, the breaking of bread and the prayers' (2.42). Within this Theme, four elements are presented which were marks of the early Church. Firstly, the Word of God delivered through the teaching of the apostles reminds us that, whatever our divisions, these teachings urge us to devote ourselves in love to each other, and in faithfulness to the one body which is the Church. The second element emphasises sharing: Just as the early Christians held all things in common, we too are called to share goods and burdens with generous hearts, so that nobody stays in need. The third element of unity, the Breaking of Bread, joins us in hope. Our unity goes beyond Holy Communion; it must include a right attitude towards everyone and towards ethical living. Fourthly, we draw strength from spending time in prayer. The Lord's Prayer calls all of us throughout the world, the weak and the mighty, to work together for justice, peace and unity that God's Kingdom may come.

These four elements are the pillars of the life of the church, and of its unity, and are essential to the life of the Christian community everywhere today. This Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is a time when many local churches of various traditions get together and hold joint services, prayer meetings and fellowship. The Christians of Jerusalem invite us to pray with them for the unity of the Church and for justice and peace in the Holy Land and throughout the world.

In today's Gospel John the Baptist recognises that the time is coming for him to hand his ministry on to One greater than himself. He introduces his own disciples to Jesus. Seeing Jesus coming towards him, he said: 'look there is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world'. John is the first person who leads others to Jesus whom he identifies as the Chosen One of God. In the second reading we see St Paul introducing the 'Good News' to the people of Corinth, addressing them as the holy people of Jesus Christ. We too have the 'Good News' to share. In the first reading from Isaiah, God is calling Israel to do something great. He wants them to be a light to the nations. Today we are called to be his messenger, to share our faith with those around us and to lead others to God. In the words of today's Psalm let our response be: 'Here I am Lord, I come to do your will'.

Sr. Colette

Reflection for Parents

As parents we certainly can understand the image of Jesus as "shepherd." We are constantly leading the way for our children and serving them with endless love. When they are sick or hurt, we would gladly take their pain and suffering if we could. It is clearly through these feelings that we begin to understand just what Jesus has done for us. As parents, when we show our unending love for our children, they too get an inkling of what Jesus' love is for them as well.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us bring our prayers to God, who is full of power and majesty and splendour.

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.

Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

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BAPTISMS

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

Cayden William Gerard Murphy, Tuairin Glas, Greenfields.
 Danny Martin Butler, Beech Road, Muskerry Estate.
 Freya Helen Cosgrove, Prembroke Street, Tralee.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Paddy Carney, Roscommon.
 Brendan O’Sullivan, Glengarriff.
 Michael McSweeney, Dooniskey.
 Mary Sheehan, Liscarroll.
 Joan Coughlan, Kilnamatyra.
 Judy Walsh, Ballyphehane.
 Catherine Calnan, Church View/Bantry.
 Finbarr Duncan, Model Farm Road.
 Michael Tobin, Collins Bks/Powdermills Nursing Home.
 Eilish Boyle, Cranford Grove.

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

Richard Dineen, Ballinora.
 Pat, Kitty & Pat (Jnr) Sheehan, Coachford.
 Joseph & Mary Anne Sheehan, Kilcorney.
 Alison Murphy, Wyndham Downs.
 Dermot & Nell Cronin, Pouladuff Road.
 Dan O’Leary, Glenville.
 Patrick & Norah Reardon, Ballingearry.
 John Duggan, Parnell Terrace.
 Mary Brown, Buttevant / Plano Texas.
 Daniel O’Riordan, Rathcoole.
 John & Rita Collins, St. Lukes.
 Mary Murphy, Lough Road.
 Patrick & Annie Murray, Curraheen.
 John & Ann Hogan, Co Tipperary.
 Joan Summers, Muskerry Estate.
 Ian Carmody, Castlepark.
 Timmy & Teresa Devane, Annascaul.
 Deceased members of the Maverly family, Quakers Road.
 Thomas & Catherine O’Donnell, Drimoleague.
 Martin Murphy, Rockchapel.
 Noreen & Christy Deasy, Gerald Griffin Street.
 John Desmond, Garryhesta.
 Nora Hegarty, Whitechurch.
 Daniel Cronin, Rathmore.
 Tess Goggin, Goleen.

Congratulations

The final results of IBAL (Irish Business Against Litter) for 2010 were released during the past week. Ballincollig has again excelled. Cleanest town in Cork County and 7th position in the National League.

Well done to all concerned!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Second Week In Ordinary Time

- 16 Sunday Is. 49:3,5-6. Ps. 39. 1 Cor. 1:1-3. In. 1:29-34. Lect I: 641
- 17 Monday Heb. 5: 1-1 O. Ps. 109. Mk. 2: 18-22. Lect II: 15
- 18 Tuesday Heb. 6: 10-20. Ps. 110. Mk. 2:23-28. Lect II: 17
- 19 Wednesday Heb. 7: 1-3, 15-17. Ps. 109. Mk. 3: 1-6. Lect II: 19
- 20 Thursday Heb. 7:25-8:6. Ps. 39. Mk. 3:7-12. Lect II: 21
- 21 Friday Heb. 8:6-13. Ps. 84. Mk. 3:13-19. Lect II: 23
- 22 Saturday Heb.9:2-3, 11-14. Ps. 46. Mk. 3:20-21. Lect II: 25

Next Sunday’s Readings 23-January-2011

Is. 8:23-9:3. Ps. 26. 1 Cor. 1:10-13, 17. Mt. 4:12-23. Lect I: 644

“Mothers Prayers’ Groups

continue each week on

Wednesdays 10.30 am at Meeting Room

at Christ our Light Church

Thursdays 10.00 am

at Library Room, Community 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

Tension Awareness

Plan your recreation...

Many people drive themselves so hard that they allow themselves too little time for recreation which is essential for sound physical and mental health. They find it hard to relax. If this applies to you, a planned routine of recreation might help – set yourself definite hours when you engage in some outside activity. Find yourself a hobby that you can throw yourself into completely and with pleasure. While you are doing so, make a positive effort to forget all about your work. You’ll find that if you do this, you will return to your responsibilities with renewed enthusiasm, drive and initiative.

Muskerry Local History

Gerald Butler, a third generation lighthouse keeper, will deliver a talk, with slides, on Lighthouses on the South West Coast of Ireland at the Ballincollig Rugby Club Hall on Tuesday January 18th. The event, under the auspices of the Muskerry Local History Society, is open to the public and will commence at 8 o’clock.

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6
 The Lord said, "You are my servant, Israel, through whom I show my glory. . . . I will make you a light to the nations that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3
 "Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus," greeted the holy people of the Corinthian church with God's grace and peace. He addressed them as "sanctified in Christ Jesus."

Gospel: John 1:29-34.
 John the Baptist knew Jesus as his cousin, but it is not clear until we read today's Gospel that John recognised Jesus as the promised Messiah. John called Jesus the "Lamb of God." We are familiar with the title for Jesus, "Lamb of God," because we hear it in our Eucharistic prayers during mass. The Lamb of God comes to take away the sins of the world. And, indeed, Jesus died that we might be free of our sins. The lamb figured in much of Jewish tradition, especially as a symbol of sacrifice, but certainly we recognize the image of "shepherd" as one who leads the flock through darkness and difficult terrain. The message of John's gospel is for us—the simple sheep - to follow Jesus, the shepherd.

Irish Heart Foundation

Stroke Support

Stroke support groups are local groups for those affected by stroke.

They provide a meeting place for people affected by stroke and their carers to come together and share their experiences. People in the group can discuss problems they may have had and how they overcame them, giving other people a chance to use the same techniques to overcome their problem. The groups provide information, raise awareness and offer support and advice on stroke. Some also offer activity programmes and services.

**Cork Support Group
 Activities Centre
 St. Finbarr's Hospital,
 Douglas Road,
 Cork**

**Contact: Mary J. Foley
 Phone: 0214923415
 Mobile: 0867872005
 email maryj.foley@hse.ie**

Monthly meetings will start in January 2011 and will run on the last Wednesday of the month.

Bulletin Board

Singing in Church

When we are celebrating Mass we are encouraged to take an active part. We kneel for some parts of the Mass; stand at other parts and sit for some parts. We are also encouraged to join in various prayers, I confess; the our father and to respond to various parts of the Mass. Singing is also an important opportunity to be involved at Mass. We are encouraged to join in the singing when we can. We are invited to join in the singing with the choir at 10 o'clock Mass.

Confirmation Dates 2011

Scoil Mhuire	Wednesday, 13th April 2011
Scoil Eoin	Monday, 9th May 2011
Scoil Barra	Tuesday, 5th April 2011
Our Lady of Good Counsel	Tuesday, 5th April 2011
Gaelscoil Ui Riordain,	Thursday, 19th May 2011

Dates for your diary

Ash Wednesday	Wed-09-Mar-2011
St. Patrick's Day	Thu-17-Mar-2011
Good Friday	Fri-22-Apr-2011
Palm Sunday	Sun-17-Apr-2011
Easter Sunday	Sun-24-Apr-2011
Easter Monday	Mon-25-Apr-2011
May Bank Holiday	Mon-02-May-2011
June Bank Holiday	Mon-06-Jun-2011
August Bank Holiday	Mon-01-Aug-2011
The Assumption	Mon-15-Aug-2011
October Bank Holiday	Mon-31-Oct-2011
All Saints	Tue-01-Nov-2011
Immaculate Conception	Thu-08-Dec-2011

Christian Unity Week

January 18th to 25th is a week of Prayer for Christian Unity. We are conscious of the many divisions among followers of Christ. It is the will of Christ that they may be one. During that week we join Christians all over the world in praying that the divisions may be healed and unity restored.

(See also front page)

Migrant Sunday

Today the Church invites us to celebrate all migrants, those who have left Ireland to find a new life elsewhere, and those who have left their own shores to come to live here. It takes courage and initiative to leave one's home and loved ones to go to a strange place. No one does it without a lot of heart-searching and loneliness. We know the story of Patrick who came to Ireland, first as a slave, suffering deep loneliness, hunger, cold, sleeplessness and fear. Later he brought us the richness of the Gospel. Those who come here, many forced from their homelands, bring many gifts, just as Irish people have brought their skills and talents to the countries they have gone to over the centuries. Let us keep all Migrants and their families in our prayers today.

Fr. George

*Recipe for Living
 Life may not be a piece of cake
 When we haven't the
 dough to rise!
 But it will never be
 as flat as a pancake,
 If we remember to add
 A spoonful of sugar
 to sweeten our desserts.*



The Irish Blood Transfusion Service Will Hold A
 Blood Donor Clinic In
**Éire Óg GAA Hall
 Ovens, Co Cork**

On

Tuesday,	Jan 18,	5.00 pm – 8.30 pm
Wednesday,	Jan 19,	5.00 pm – 8.30 pm
Thursday,	Jan 20,	5.00 pm – 8.30 pm



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MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Jan-22 & Jan-23-2011

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Muireann Nelligan

8:30 am
Triona Collins

10:00 am
Sean Collins
Katie Collins

12:00 Noon
Miriam Maunsell
Christine Coakley

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Fiona Feely

11:00 am
Sorcha Nic Mheanmain
Maire Buckley

12:30 pm
Cathy Naughton
Una Lynch
5:30 pm
Siobhan Keane-Hopcraft

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	087-2479140
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Fr. James McSweeney	021-4873308

Irish Friends of the Suicide Bereaved Information

Support Group for people who are bereaved by the suicide of a relative or friend.
Grief support programme including residential weekend, Spring/Autumn 8-week Bereavement Courses also available.
Contact Details
P.O. Box 162, Cork or Tel: 021-4316722
Meetings every Wednesday at the Planning Office, St. Finbarr's Hospital, Douglas Road



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Jan-22 & Jan-23-2011

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 Office, The Presbytery, Ballincollig is open Mon - Wed from 9 am - 1 pm & 2 pm - 3 pm.
Sat 10:30 am - 12 Noon. Phone No. (021) 4871206, Office Secretary Catherine Crowley.

**Ennismore Retreat Centre, St Dominic's Montenotte, Cork.
A Reflective Day on the Scriptures**

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. (Psalm 119:1050)
Saturday February 12th 10.30 - 4.30

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