

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 06-February-2011

Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

The light of Christ's love has been given to each one of us but it will go out if we fail to use it. We are invited to share our food, our homes, our possessions with the needy so that through us they can see the light of God and give him thanks.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Making a Difference

Jesus wants his followers to make a difference to the world around them, to be recognisable as followers of his, recognisable as Christians. People see the externals, but God sees the heart, so we pray that firstly we are recognisable as followers of Jesus to his Father. He wants each of us to be a visible guiding light, a light of hope to those around us. We are told to be salt of the earth, and to remain salty. We are to be the light of the world, and to remain shining. Salt in the ancient world was used extensively as a preservative to keep meat and fish healthy, from going bad, as well for flavour. As followers of Jesus we are asked to keep society healthy, to be concerned about social justice, freedom from discrimination and concerned about the casualties of society, those who are oppressed or are in want. Each of us has a part to play. Jesus wants us to have a wide influence for good on the world around us, on our families, in our neighbourhood, at work, in our recreation. We are called to be in the world but to be different, to have standards based on something higher than self-interest. If we are really the salt of the earth our Christianity will not be confined within little religious salt cellars.

Jesus refers to our good works, our public Christianity, as light; a light to the world. We are to let the light of Christ shine through our lives. And of course our good deeds will involve loving our neighbour as ourselves, being honest and truthful, encouraging others rather than putting them down, showing help, kindness and patience at home and serving those on the margins of society. In this Sunday's Old Testament reading from about five hundred years before Christ, Isaiah said that as we do away with aggression and oppression of others, as we give food to the hungry and relief to the oppressed, our light will rise in the darkness. And in response to Jesus' words in the gospel for this Sunday we pray that if our saltiness has become insipid, that the Lord will renew us, if our light is a bit dim that the Lord will brighten us. We pray that each of us will be a source happiness and joy, a source of flavour and light for our anxious and sometimes tasteless and dull world.

Billy O'Sullivan

Reflection for Parents

Some children worry whether or not their parents will live as long as the child needs them--basically forever! But often, parents worry more that they will someday be a burden to their children. Once in a while, parents know they only have a short period of time left with their children and they quickly take stock of what is truly important and act accordingly. Even without this notice, it would be good to evaluate each day with our children. How many nights do we fall into bed praying that this is not the last day our children remember with us!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Called by Christ to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, let us pray to the Father for all our needs.

Reader

For Christians: that the light of their good deeds may be clear for all to see.

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

For our political and civil leaders: that they may help to keep society good and healthy by promoting truth and justice.

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

For those Christians whose light has gone out.

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

For each one here: that our lives may bear witness to the faith we profess with our lips.

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

For our own needs.

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

For our beloved dead, that they may have eternal life and joy.

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

Priest

Merciful God, we thank you for the light of grace and love your Son Jesus brought into our world of sadness and shadows. Help us to keep his light burning brightly in our lives. On seeing this light others will find their way, and so you will be glorified. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen

The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.

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BAPTISMS

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

Sarah Jennifer O'Donovan, Chestnut Lawn, Classes Lake.
 Emer Grace Kelly, Wyndham Downs.
 Joseph Jeremiah Moynihan, Whitethorn Ave, Inniscarra View.
 Diarmuid Ronan Hennessy, An Caislean.
 Angelina Kriauciunoite, An Caislean.
 Tyler Patrick O'Driscoll - O'Sullivan, Carriganarra Estate.
 Eoghan Christopher Murphy, Rosewood.
 Oisín Sean O'Connell, Elm Lawn, Muskerry Estate.
 Kayleigh Marie Bernadette O'Connell/Buttimer, Sweetbrian Lane, Inniscarra View.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Eugene Linehan, Turners Cross.
 Mick O'Donnell, Westport, Co. Mayo.
 Catherine Herbert, Inniscarra View.
 Enda Patricia Gregerson, Mallow Road.

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

Paddy Horgan, Collyduff, Inniscarra.
 Nora Heelan, Inniscarra.
 Jack McCarthy, Ballintemple.
 May Murphy, Blarney
 William Murphy, Blarney.
 Rita Kinesella, Carrigrohane.
 Margaret O'Connor, Carrigrohane.
 Derry Murphy, Powdermills.
 William & Catherine Murphy, The Mills.
 Danny & Josie Griffin, Roscrea.
 John & Ellen O'Sullivan, Glanmire.
 Peter Murphy, Deshure, Terelton.
 Dec members of the O'Mahony Family, Clash.
 Donal Coughlan, Schull.
 Mary Chaplin, Schull.
 Donal Walsh, Fair Street.
 Sheila Sexton, Farnanes.
 John Patten, Willowfield.
 Mick Gilleran, Rosewood.
 Denis & Margaret Linehan, Inniscarra.
 James & Mary McCarthy, Ballymacoda.
 Noel Ginty, Hawthorn Avenue.
 Paddy Lucey, Carriganarra.
 Timothy Dinneen, Curraheen Cross.
 Pat Manning, Farranree.
 Thomas Scully, Castlematyr.

Ballincollig Tidy Towns

The committee have recently invested in an enclosed trailer and are currently seeking a secure place to store the unit and have access to it on a weekly basis. We are hopeful that some business in the locality might have a vacant unit or area which they may allow us to use.

If anyone can assist please contact

Pat Clarke at 087 6348807

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Fifth Week In Ordinary Time

06 Sunday Is. 58:7-10. Ps. 111. 1 Cor. 2:1-5. Mt. 5:13-16 Lect I: 650
 07 Monday Gen. 1:1-19. Ps. 103. Mk. 6:53-56. Lect II: 54
 08 Tuesday Gen. 1 :20-2:4. Ps. 8. Mk. 7: 1-13. Lect II: 56
 09 Wednesday Gen. 2:4-9., 15-17. Ps. 103. Mk. 7: 14-23. Lect II: 59
 10 Thursday Gen. 2: 18-25. Ps. 127. Mk. 7:24-30. Lect II: 61
 11 Friday Gen 3:1-8. Ps 31. Mk 7:31-37. Lect II: 63
 12 Saturday Gen. 3:9-24. Ps. 89. Mk. 8: 1-10. Lect II: 65

Next Sunday's Readings 13-February-2011

Eccles (Sir) 15: 15-20. Ps 118. 1 Cor 2:6-10. Mt 5:17-37 Lect I: 652

Ballincollig Parish - Gospel of John

Our series of talks on St John's Gospel concludes this month. The final two, as before, will be held in the St Mark Centre, opposite the Church of Christ Our Light in Innishmore. These will include presentation of the material by Fr Billy O'Sullivan followed by tea and group discussion. Copies of information leaflets will be available for everybody. The schedule of meetings is as follows:

	Monday, 7.30 pm	Wednesday, 10.00 am
Talk 7	14 th February	16 th February
Talk 8	21 st February	23 rd February

Ballincollig - Bereavement Support

The next Bereavement Support Programme will commence in Ballincollig Parish on **Tuesday 22nd February**. It will continue each Tuesday night for 8 weeks (7.30-9.30 pm). For anyone experiencing the grief and loss of a loved one, you are very welcome to attend.

For further information,
 please contact: **Sr Colette: 0863557375**
 or Parish Office: 4871206.

Neighbourhood Retreat

A seven week retreat in small groups for Lay People.

This retreat aims to promote a deeper understanding of God and of each other. Introduction to the New Testament and different ways of praying. It will offer an opportunity to slowdown, to listen and to pray.

We will meet weekly on Thursdays as follows;

Dates: February 17th - April 7th

Time: 7:30 pm

Venue: Community Hall (Annex)

Contact : Louise 085 7542490 / Breda 085 7475971

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10
 Isaiah prophesied: Share bread with the hungry. Shelter the homeless. Clothe the naked. Do not turn away from your own. "Then your light shall break forth like the dawn."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5
 Paul's teaching did not come from himself but from the convincing power of the Spirit. So the faith he passed on rests "not on human wisdom but on the power of God."

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16.
 It is common for us in our times to be careful about the salt we use. However, in Jesus' day, salt was a very important commodity. It was used to pay salaries. Like us, people used salt to flavor food. But, because there was no refrigeration, salt was also used to preserve food. That is why, when Jesus called his disciples "salt" and "light," he declared their great importance. What was of significant importance to Jesus was the enthusiasm with which the disciples spread the Good News.

Where in God's Name is God?

Fresh Insights for People and Communities of Faith.
 Every Thursday Night up to March 10th

Presentation Brother's, Mardyke House, Cork (7.30 - 9 pm)

Lecture Outline

- 10th Feb Talking to, for and about God in dark times
 Dr. Jessie Rogers
- 17th Feb Wherein lies hope?
 Dr. Rik Van Nieuwenhove
- 24th Feb Can the Church govern itself?
 Dr. Patrick Connolly
- 3rd March God's presence and action:
 looking for the signs
 Dr. Thomas Grenham
- 10th March Discerning God's presence in all things
 Dr. Eugene Duffy

This series of lectures creates an opportunity for thought and discussion among members of the various church communities that need to 'think out loud'. Recent events, especially the findings of reports into child abuse, have raised questions for people of faith. In collaboration with the Presentation Brothers in Cork, the NOSTRA programme at Mary Immaculate College, Limerick has created a series of lectures to consider some of these questions. The lectures provide an opportunity for much needed reflection and thought provoking discussion. The lectures are free, we advise that you come early to ensure you get a seat

Ballincollig Tidy Towns

Annual General Meeting
 Oriel House @ 8:00pm

Wednesday 16th February 2011

Reports on 2010 activities and achievements. Looking ahead to 2011 with some interesting projects in the pipeline. If you are interested in joining us we will be needing people to work on various tasks such as clearing overgrowth, grass cutting, painting, administration etc.

All welcome to this important meeting.

Bulletin Board

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place on **Saturday 26th February, 2011 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

Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund

Special Envelope Collection this weekend February 5th & 6th. This collection subsidises the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes for individuals whose health/or means would otherwise prevent them from travelling to Lourdes. It also subsidises medical expenses and travel care personnel.

Ministers of the Eucharist

Fr O'Halloran of the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament will speak to Ministers of the Eucharist during this month of February. He will reflect on the basis for Christian Ministry and Eucharist Ministry. Parishioners are also welcome to attend.

The meeting will take place on Saturday 19th February, 2011 at 11.00 am in the Library, Community Hall.

Fr. George

Do You Want To Be A Volunteer?

A young adult with Special Needs is looking for a companion / friend who will accompany them to activities in their local community.

Requirements:

1. To have some knowledge of special needs.
2. To be available evenings and a few hours one Saturday in the month.

Suitable candidates will be asked to attend an informal meeting before any volunteer work takes place.

If you are interested please contact: Colette or Helaine at the Brook Day Service. Tel: 021 4891940 or Email: thebrookdb1@eircom.net

**Remembrance Mass for
 Lost Loved Ones to Suicide**

Today Sunday 6th February 2011 at 1 pm

St. Augustine Church, Washington Street, Cork City

EVERYBODY WELCOME

Organised by Breaking The Silence & SOSAD

(Save Our Sons & Daughters)

Breaking The Silence works to help create a Suicide Safer Community by connecting the person at risk of Suicide with Life Preserving Resources. For further details please email breakingthesilencecobh@gmail.com or find us on facebook www.facebook.com/btskobh SOSAD started these masses in

Drogheda and today these masses will be taking place across the country on 6th Feb 2011

The Pyke Theatre Group

Next entertainment night takes place in Tanner Park RFC, Ballincollig on Tuesday 8th February 2011. All are welcome, good music, good fun, a cup of tea or coffee and a sandwich but above all good entertainment. Come and enjoy 8.30 pm and be sure to bring your friends.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Feb-12 & Feb-13-2011

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Karen Sheehan
Padraig Graham
8:30 am
Eadaoin O'Leary
Gerald O'Leary
10:00 am
Margot Twomey
Lauree Hegarty
12:00 Noon
Tony Lynch
Evan Keating

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Rebecca Feely
Jessica Lingard
11:00 am
Chide Ebili
Karen Flavin
12:30 pm
Kay Carew
Jane O'Leary
5:30 pm
Phil O'Connell

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

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Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C.	021-4877161
Fr. Billy O'Sullivan C.C.	021-4876171
Fr. James McSweeney	021-4873308

Apostolic Visitation

The Apostolic Visitation to Ireland referred to in the Pope's letter to the Catholics of Ireland is now in progress. The four Visitors are Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor for Armagh, Cardinal Seán O'Malley for Dublin, Archbishop Thomas Collins for Cashel and Emly and Archbishop Terrence Prendergast SJ for Tuam. Anyone wishing to contact one of the Visitors may do so through the
Apostolic Nunciature, 1
83 Navan Road, Dublin 7 (Telephone 01-8380577).

**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.**

The Social and Health Education Project

The following programme of courses for adults will be held in Ballincollig. Each of these night courses runs for 8 weeks (total 20 hours per course). The provision of SHEP courses is supported by the HSE, the Department of Community Affairs and Cork City VEC to make them as accessible as possible to those who would most benefit from them.

Course Places Must Be Booked In Advance

For further information or to book your place, phone Kerri FitzGerald: 021 466 6180

Introduction to Personal Development Start Date: Monday 14th February Time: 7.30 – 10 pm

This course is adapted to the particular needs of the group. It provides an opportunity to explore issues that affect your emotional well-being and growth, including the management of feelings, stress, listening, communication and relationships.

Men's Health and Well-being Start Date: Tuesday 15th February Time: 7.30 – 10 pm

This course is for men of all ages. As well as encouraging participants to learn from one another, the tutor will introduce basic information regarding those health-related issues which are of concern to the men in the group. The course takes a broad view of health and wellbeing and involves an exploration of emotional health and relationships as well as of physical health.

Family Communication Start Date: Wednesday 16th February Time: 7 – 9.30 pm

This course is for parents of children of any age. It seeks to affirm and support you in your role as a parent. The tutor will help you explore the importance of self-esteem, both for yourself and your children and look in a practical way at issues such as feelings, listening, communication, conflict and discipline.