

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 20-February-2011

Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

The Lord is Compassion and Love.

We cannot celebrate the Lord of love without resolving to be more like him; for we are built Into him like stones into a Temple erected to give glory to God. We belong to him.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Call to Holiness

As Christians we seek to follow Christ, in our actions, in our attitudes. Christ calls us into God's love, into his healing, salvation and peace. He calls us to be fully alive and he offers us an abundance of life leading to eternal life. The call to holiness was part of the "Old Law," part of the Law of Moses. In our reading this week-end from Leviticus God tells Moses to say to his people: "be holy, for I the Lord your God am Holy." This means no hatred in our hearts, being open and honest with those who may hurt us. It means no carrying grudges, but to love my neighbour as myself. Unresolved anger can fester and destroy our peace, resulting in a chain reaction of retaliation. As we come before God we realise that it is not just other people's sins that deserve punishment but our sins too, and we rejoice in God's mercy and forgiveness. He does forgive and wants us to be like him in forgiving others in our turn. In this way and in spite of all our imperfections we can indeed be holy as he is holy.

Jesus calls to something higher than compliance with the law. Just as God the Father is kind to those who offend him, including us, we are called to be kind and gentle to those who offend us. This is a call to love without limit, without counting the cost. This is of course the nature of sincere love, as we see in people who are in love, in the love of a mother for her child, in the love of God our Father for his children. The way of the Christian should involve loving one's enemies and praying for those who persecute us, it's not enough to be nice, or loving, to those who are nice to us. St Paul reminds us that we belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God, and that we form individually and together a temple where God dwells, a sacred place. We pray that while we are young and active we will be active loving people, and that when we are older we will be peaceful, mellow, "let it be" people, full of love. We pray for the grace to answer God's call to holiness, for the love of Christ in our hearts and for that peace of Christ which is beyond all human understanding.

Billy O'Sullivan

Reflection for Parents

Jesus tells us how to resolve our problems using love instead of violence. When someone hurts us, it is tempting to hurt them right back; but Jesus gives us another plan. It is a plan that is as unusual for our time as it was for the people of Jesus' time. He said to love the person who hurts us. Love our enemies. We know our friends and understand them. Sometimes it is because we know them that we accept some of the odd or annoying things they do. Jesus says everyone can love and forgive a friend. That part's easy. It is loving our enemy that may be the challenge. Nearly every world religion has a message of this sort . . . now if we could all just live it!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

We accept that together we are the temple of God, and we make our pray to God who crowns our lives with love and compassion.

Reader

For peace and harmony among Christians of different traditions.

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

For peace and harmony in countries where the population is made up of different religious and ethnic groups.

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

For the healing of relationships that are strained or that have gone sour.

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

For those who have hurt us in any way, and whom we find hard to love.

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

For our own special needs.

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

For those who have died; that they may enjoy eternal life with the angels and saints in heaven.

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

Priest

Merciful God, fill our hearts with love. Give us the grace to rise above our human weakness, and keep us faithful in loving you and one another. We make this pray through Christ our Lord. Amen

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Visit Our Website: www.ballincolligparish.ie

BAPTISMS

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

Ariana Jane Cotter, Crown Lane, Surrey.
 Sarah Lee O'Brien, Ballymountain, Upton.
 Ellis O'Brien, Caislean Grove.
 Grace Anna Corrigan, Highfield Park.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Nellie Heaphy, Youghal & Mayfield.
 Chris Fox, Guarranabraher.
 Rosina Brosnan, Island Way, Muskerry Estate.
 Sr. Columba, Geelong, Australia.
 Kathleen Murray, Carrigrohane Road.

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

Julie Jenkins, Glincool & Macroom
 Con O'Mahony, Ballyvolane.
 Paudie Coleman, Redemption Road.
 Dan O'Connell, West Village.
 Sr. Brendan Prenderville, Gorey.
 Norma O'Callaghan, O'Connor Park, Macroom.
 Sean & May O'Callaghan, Galway.
 Jack Dennehy, Castle View.
 Irene White, Leemount, Carrigrohane.
 Jack & Ellen Burke, High Street.
 Nora Barrett, Coolroe.
 Margaret Donovan, Glasheen.
 Josephine Buckley, Manor Hill.
 Della Collins, The Crescent.
 Shamie Burrows, Ballincollig.
 Margaret Sexton, Bweeng.
 Edward O'Sullivan, Glenleigh.
 Jack Lucey, Station Cross.
 Timothy O'Keeffe, Shamrock Drive.
 Mairead Boyce, Milford.
 Donal Murphy, Bray.
 Daniel & Margaret Murphy, Knockburden.
 Daniel O'Riordan, Rathcoole.
 Eugene & Martin Teehan, Killarney.
 Teresa Strahan, Dublin.
 Angela O'Leary, Bishopstown.
 Francis & Margaret O'Farrell, Station Road.
 Steven Downey, Macroom.
 Patsey & Nellie Hickey, Glenville.
 Tim & Lily Lucey, Prosperity Square.
 Margaret & Patrick O'Callaghan, Dripsey
 Richard O'Halloran, Muskerry Estate.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Seventh Week In Ordinary Time

20 Sunday Lev 19:1-2, 17-18. Ps 102. 1 Cor 3:16-23. Mt 5:38-48. Lect I: 656.
 21 Monday Eccles (Sir) 1:1-10. Ps 92. Mk 9:14-29. Lect II: 81
 22 Tuesday 1 Pet 5:1-4. Ps 22. Mt 16:13-19. Lect II: 962
 23 Wednesday Eccles. (Sir) 4:11-19. Ps. 118. Mk. 9:38-40. Lect II: 85
 24 Thursday Eccles. (Sir) 5:1-8. Ps. 1. Mk. 9:41-50. Lect II: 87
 25 Friday Sir. 6:5-17. Ps. 118. Mk. 10:1-12. Lect II:89
 26 Saturday Eccles. (Sir) 17:1-15. Ps. 102. Mk. 10:13-16. Lect II: 91

Next Sunday's Readings 27-February-2011

Is 49: 14-15. Ps 61. 1 Cor 4:1-5. Mt 6:24-34. Lect I: 658

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. Final talks of series:

	Monday, 7.30 pm	Wednesday, 10.00 am
Talk 8	21st February	23rd 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;

Continues every Thursday to April 7th

Time: 7:30 pm

Venue: Community Hall (Annex)

Contact : Louise 085 7542490 / Breda 085 7475971

Ballincollig YMCA

is looking for volunteers to apply to become a mentor to a young person on the STEP training course. A few hours a month could help a young person succeed in their chosen career option. By giving some of their time to provide support to young people during and after the course, a Mentor can provide the support needed to progress them towards their own personal, educational and vocational goals. Please read the information below and if you wish to apply to become a mentor please contact James on 021 4814060 in the YMCA office or download an application form from www.ymca-cobh.org

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

The best way to love yourself is by imitating God's holiness. And begin by avoiding sin, especially the hatred which leads to bearing grudges and seeking revenge. It is not in anyone's interest to bottle things up inside. Instead be up front with those who have offended you in order to clear the air. Do not let the sun go down on your anger.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Human wisdom often seems to suggest that our value depends on what we own. The more belongings we have the more people look up to us. But God's wisdom turns this pattern on its head. Our dignity stems from our belonging to Christ, who in turn belongs to his Father. The Spirit is God's mark of ownership over us. We are no ordinary dwelling place, but temples of the Spirit.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:38-48

One disadvantage of a legalistic view of morality is that it can lead to minimalism, an attitude represented by the question, 'How far can I go before I commit sin?' The scribes thought that if they followed certain rules exactly they could claim a right to God's reward. But the call to 'be perfect as God is perfect' is a reminder of the open ended nature of morality. There is always an extra mile to go for others. The saintly person is always eager to go beyond the call of duty. We are to follow the example of the Good Samaritan who not only saved a man's life but was willing to pay the innkeeper to look after him. Jesus goes beyond duty in praying for his persecutor.

Where in God's Name is God?

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

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

Lecture Outline

- 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'. The lectures provide an opportunity for much needed reflection and thought provoking discussion.

Catechesis for Adults and Youth

"This is my gift to you, a peace which the world cannot give you" (Jn. 14:27)

Come and Listen...

On many occasions and in different ways, Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI highlighted the abundance of fruits the Neocatechumenal Way brings in the life of the people, of the families, of the parish communities, and the wealth of vocations which it inspires to the priestly and religious life, manifesting itself as "an itinerary of Catholic formation, valid for our society and for our times".

The catechesis take place at 8pm on Sundays and Wednesdays, starting Sunday 20th February, 2011, and continues for 6 weeks at St. Mark's Centre, (opposite Christ Our Light Church), Innishmore, Ballincollig.

Everyone Welcome

Bulletin Board

Children's Mass

The Children's Mass continues every Sunday at 11.00 am in Christ Our Light. During this Mass children retire to the crying room where they celebrate The Liturgy of the Word in child friendly fashion. *Unfortunately entrance to the church from the eastern side requires parishioners to come through this room and this is leading to intrusion on all the children present. We kindly request all Parishioners to refrain from using this entrance for the period up to start of Mass and their return to main church at start of the offertory procession.*

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

Mass Book

Diaries to book Mass Intentions for April, May, & June, 2011 will open in both churches on Saturday 12th March at 9 am.

Car Parking

St Mary & St John and Christ Our Light
Please enter the car parks to both churches from the left hand side. This is important from a health and safety point of view. Please also be careful of pedestrians who walk to Mass or from their cars to the church. Take care also not to obstruct entrance and exit to the car parks and church doors.

Funeral Ministry Team

During the past months members of the Parish Community in Ballincollig volunteered to become active in Funeral Ministry. Ten volunteers received training organised by the Diocese of Cork and Ross. These new Ministers will initially help with the various parts of the funeral ceremony. They will support the priests of the parish in leading a dignified funeral service for our dead; this includes helping with removal prayers; rosary and also being available to help the family choose readings and prayers of the faithful. Death and funeral is a very difficult time in all our lives especially for families. We all need as much support and prayers as possible from the wider community at difficult times in our lives.

Funeral Ministers were commissioned last Sunday during masses.

Fr. George

Trocaire

We are asking people to 'Give It Up' for the charity on 4th March and raise valuable funds to support some of the world's poorest people. You can give up anything you want for the day - food, mobile phone, internet - and get family and friends to sponsor you. To order an information pack or set up an online sponsorship page log on to www.trocaire.org/giveitup or call 1850 408 408

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Feb-26 & Feb-27-2011

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Michael Fitton
Paul Kearns
8:30 am
Triona Collins

10:00 am
Grace Buttimer
Orla Horgan
12:00 Noon
Oliver O'Donovan
David Drohan

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Rosarie Cotter
Louise McGrath
11:00 am
Maebh Nic Mheanmain

12:30 pm
Tadhg Buckley
James Nyagaya
5:30 pm
Brian O'Donoghue



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Feb-26 & Feb-27-2011

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Michael Maher
Bernadette Bell
Betty Casey
Frank Riordan
Siobhan Riordan
Pauline Quane

7:30 pm Geraldine Lynch
Charlie Vaughan
Joan Stephenson
Bernie Bowen

11:00 am Neil Jeffers
Eileen O'Donoghue
Bridie Hanrahan
Cath/Hugh Moran

8:30 am Mary Buckley
Theresa Lucey
Triona Collins

10:00 am Anne Cahill
Pat Lee
Cathy Horgan
John O'Donovan
Betty Flavin
Anne Spillane

12:30 pm Denis O' Mahony
Christine O'Mahony
Tom Murray
John O'Regan
Gerard Dunne

12 Noon Helen Plunkett
Sheila Carroll
Seamus O'Donovan
Joe Coghlan
Catherine Greene

5:30 pm Bernard Curran
Siobhan Burke

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
Fr. George O'Mahony P.P.	021-4871206
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.

Cura Pregnancy Support Services

Service provided:

- Free pregnancy testing
- Crisis Pregnancy Counselling and support
- Post Natal Support
- Information on rights and entitlements
- Making links with other service providers
- Counselling after an abortion

Other services included:

- Crisis Pregnancy counselling to baby's father and other family members
- Schools Awareness Programme

If you are concerned about an unplanned pregnancy and would you like to talk to someone, in confidence contact CURA Lo-Call 1850 622626 or See www.cura.ie for local Centre details All Cura services are FREE and CONFIDENTIAL .Our support service is available to women, men and all family members

Introducing the Gospel of Matthew.

An evening to open up the Matthew's Gospel for everyone. Two opportunities: The Crypt, Dennehy's Cross, Thursday, 3rd March or Ovens parish centre, Thursday 10th March, 8.00-9.30pm. With Fr. Seán O'Sullivan. All Welcome. Cost €

Living Eucharist Today. A series of four evenings exploring the Mass and our lives today. Blackrock parish centre, March 21st, 28th, April 4th, 11th, 8.00-9.30pm. With Fr. Christy Fitzgerald and Dr. Anne Francis. All welcome. Cost €20 for the four nights.

Information and bookings
Anne Francis, 087-228-2134,
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