

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 06-March-2011

Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time

It is through Christ alone that we can keep our side of the covenant, which is to love God with all our heart and keep his commandments so as to gain his blessing.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Choice

Moses reminds us in today's reading from Deuteronomy that we have a choice, to choose life by following God's way or to choose another way which leads to death. We need to hear God's voice, not the death voices of selfish individualism, violence and retaliation. Our gospel reading for the ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time concludes a series of extracts from the Sermon on the Mount in the Gospel according to St Matthew. The Sermon on the Mount sets out guidelines for living in a right relationship with God and with other people, on living as followers of Christ. A superficial religion of pious expressions and external observance without love is not sufficient, such a religion will not be able to withstand the storms and troubles of life, including storms within the Church of God, and many whose religion is shallow and not based on a real faith and relationship with Jesus will fall away from God. Lent begins this week, it is a good time for a reality check, to ask ourselves how real is our commitment to following the way of Jesus.

The way of Jesus is the way of love, even to forgiving and loving enemies, the way of the peace maker, of the gentle. We are asked to have a spirit of detachment from the purely material things of life, to seek first the kingdom of God. We must be prepared to be different, to be the sharp salt that keeps the whole community flavoursome and healthy. We need to let the light of Christ shine through us by our life-style, our attitude to other people, by the goodness of our lives so that those who need him may see Christ reflected in us. We are called to love God and our neighbour in a whole hearted way, not to be half hearted. St Paul tells us in our reading from Romans that God's forgiveness is a free gift through our redemption by Christ Jesus. God is quick to forgive us, but a sign that we have received and accepted his forgiveness is that we in turn forgive those who have offended us. Jesus encourages us to build our lives on solid foundations, on rock rather than sand. We are to act on his words, not just listen to them. So we pray this weekend as we prepare for the start of Lent that we will indeed build our lives on rock and not on sand.

Billy O'Sullivan

Lenten Retreat

Ballincollig Parish Lenten Retreat will take place on Sunday March 20th and will continue until Tuesday 22nd March at 7.30 p m.

The theme will be the Eucharist.

During the retreat there will be Mass

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday at 7.00 a m.

The retreat will take place in Church of Christ Our Light

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

We open our hearts in prayer to the God who leads us and guides us.

Reader

For the Church: that it may continue to bring the message of Christ to the world.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For all Christians: that they may live their lives according to the values of the Gospel.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For world leaders: that they may seek the help and guidance of God in all their undertakings.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who are building their lives on values that are contrary to those of the Gospel.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For each of us: that we may not just listen to the words of Christ, but put them into practice in our lives.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For our own special needs. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Priest

Lord, grant that what we have said with our lips, we may believe with our hearts, and practice with our lives. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Be a rock of refuge for me, O Lord.

Visit Our Website: www.ballincolligparish.ie

BAPTISMS

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

Ryan Patrick Thompson, Highfield Park, Carriganarra.
Terence Donnchadh O'Leary, Rosewood.
Rhys Gareth Watkins, Aylsbury.
Levi Emmanuel Okorie, An Caislean.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Susan Summerville, Innishmore.
Mary Cronin, Manor Hill.
Ann Downey, Model Farm Road.
Jerry Crowley, Ardcahan & Fermoy.
Billy Johnson, Bishopstown.
Hannah Mary O'Sullivan, Gneeveguilla, Co. Kerry.
Richard Cassidy, Lissarda & Collins Barracks.
Scott Fitzgerald, Lisheen Fields & Innishmore.
Charlie Hennessy, Timoleague.

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

Pat, Kitty & Pat (Jnr) Sheehan, Coachford.
Denis & Kate Calnan, Youghal.
Ellen Thompson, Wyndham Downs.
Joe Spillane.
Denis Looney.
John Desmond.
Sean McGeough, Muskerry Estate.
Jerry Buckley, Meelin.
Shane Kelly, Allihies.
Gerald & Theresa Kelly, Allihies.
Tom Mulqueen, Rosewood.
Paddy & Mary Jo Connaughton, Galway.
Joe McGinn, Muskerry Estate.
Harry Walsh, Innishmore.
Teresa Gilleran, Ballinlough.
Dec Members of the Gilleran Family.
Dec Members of the Reilly & Hanney families.
Eileen Walsh, Holly Road.
John & Denis Lucey, Carriganarra.
Mabel Neenan, Millstreet.
James & Mona Horgan, Limerick.
Daniel O'Sullivan, Donoughmore.
Nora Vaughan, Kilnamartyra.
Thomas & Kathleen Holmes, Leo Murphy Tce.
Paddy & Julia Murphy, Ovens.
Marlin Power, Ovens.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Ninth Week In Ordinary Time

06 Sunday Deut 11:18, 26-28, 32. Ps 30. Rom 3:21-25, 28. Mt 7:21-27. Lect I: 661
07 Monday Tob. 1:3,2:1-8. Ps. 111. Mk. 12:1-12. Lect II: 107
08 Tuesday Tob. 2:9-14. Ps. 111. Mk. 12:13-17. Lect II: 110
09 Wednesday Joel. 2:12-18. Ps. 50. 2 Cor. 5:20-6:2. Mt. 6:1-6. 16-18. Lect I: 191
10 Thursday Deut. 30:15-20. Ps. 1. Lk. 9:22-25. Lect I: 194
11 Friday Is. 58: 1-9. Ps. 50. Mt. 9: 14-15. Lect I: 196
12 Saturday Is 58:9-14. Ps85 Lk 5:27-32. Lect I: 198

Next Sunday's Readings 13-March-2011

Gen. 2:7-9, 3:1-7. Ps 50. Rom. 5:12-19. Mt. 4:1-11. Lect I: 201

Autism Awareness

The Fourth Annual World Autism Awareness Day is being held on April 2nd, 2011.

April is Autism Awareness Month.

Irish Autism Action is celebrating this by holding a series of national collection days and running unique fundraising activities throughout the month of April in the 26 counties around Ireland. If you have any of the following days Free April 1st, 8th, 14th and 29th Please join us!
Get behind our Patron Keith Duffy and come out and collect for your county to help raise much needed funds for local families affected by Autism. We would love to hear from you regarding how you would like to get involved - contact us directly on 087 - 2496068

Ballincollig Country Markets

Wish to advise all its patrons that the market opens again for business on Friday March 11th in the Community Hall from 10 am to 11:30 am.

The market will be closed on March 18th due to our joint participation with The Farmers Market on St. Patrick's Day

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.

Continues every Thursday to April 7th

Time: 7:30 pm

Venue: Community Hall (Annex)

Contact : Louise 085 7542490 / Breda 085 7475971

Diabetes

What's happening in diabetes research?

What is being done to find the cure?

What are the newest research developments?

Coping with a diagnosis of diabetes

To find out more come along to our next public meeting on

Sunday 13th March in the Gresham Metropole Hotel,

Cork at 2.15 pm and hear from the experts:

Diabetes Ireland Research Alliance,
76 Lower Gardiner Street, Dublin 1.

Tel: 00 353 1 876 4577

Fax: 00 353 1 836 5182 www.diabetesresearch.ie

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Deuteronomy 11:18, 26-28, 32
 In today's first reading, Moses stresses the importance of the commandments to the Israelites by comparing the keeping of them to a blessing or the neglect of them to a curse. This spells out the seriousness of God's covenant with his people. When we turn away from God's commandments, we start to follow other gods. Moses encourages them and us to take God's words into our hearts and live by them.

Second Reading: Romans 3:21-25, 28
 Paul's letter to the Romans highlights God's great love for us in redemption. Paul uses the phrase "the righteousness of God" to mean God's initiative in saving us. We cannot boast of our own holiness. We are holy because God has made us holy. It is God's free gift, and nothing but God's great love makes us deserving of this.

Gospel: Matthew 7:21-27
 In today's gospel, Jesus points out that following him is more than a matter of simply saying words. We are each called to put our words into action. That is the way we truly do the will of God. Jesus compares it to a house that has a solid foundation and a house that is built on sand. If you've ever found water seeping into your basement after a heavy rainstorm, you know what it means not to have a house with a solid foundation. Our lives are like that. Living according to God's words and teachings make up the solid foundation of our lives. Faith becomes like the rock that will not erode. When God's words are not deep in our lives, our faith is like a house built on sand which gradually erodes and is swept away. Action, not just knowledge or words, provides a secure foundation for a life of faith.

**Ballincollig
 St Patrick's Day Parade 2011**

Ballincollig's St Patrick's Day parade 2011 promises to be bigger and better than last year and we encourage everyone to come along to promote and support our community.

This year the Route has been extended to allow the parade be viewed more easily.

Parking Restrictions will be in place from the evening of Wednesday 16th March in the immediate Town Centre and for the duration of the parade on St. Patrick's Day.

All diversions will be fully signposted.

People are asked to co-operate with the Gardai and Stewards and to observe the diversions and Parking Restrictions.

Your cooperation and understanding is much appreciated

*Ballincollig Farmers & Craft Market starting at 11 am,
 Music & Entertainment starting at 2 pm.
 Parade Starts at 3 pm.*

Parade Organised by Ballincollig Business Association

Vocations Information Day

The Presentation Brothers are holding an Information Day for men interested in religious life on Saturday 12th March 2011 at Mardyke House in Cork city, 11 am - 2.30 pm.

The event is free of charge and is without obligation.

Contact Br Ray Dwyer at 01-2300824
 or email prescall@eircom.net
 Visit www.PresentationBrothers.org

Bulletin Board

Ash Wednesday – 9th March

Lents begins on Wednesday 9th March, Ash Wednesday, Ashes will be blessed and distributed at all Masses on that day.

For the duration of Lent there will be evening Mass in Church of **Christ Our Light at 6.30 pm** and Church of **St Mary & St John at 8 pm**.

Mass Book

Diaries to book Mass Intentions for April, May, & June, 2011 will open in both churches on next 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.

Envelope Collection

Bishop's Commissions collection will be take up at all Masses this week end 5th & 6th March, 2011

Trocaire Boxes

Lenten boxes are available at the back of both churches. Parishioners are asked to please take one and to make a weekly contribution during lent. Boxes will also be distributed to the schools.

Fr. George

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)

Final Lecture

10th March Discerning God's presence in all things
 Dr. Eugene Duffy

Reflection for Parents

What are some storms your family has faced? Share with one another individual struggles or difficulties you have experienced as a family. Offer suggestions of what your family's foundation might be. How does the foundation allow you to weather the storm; or has the foundation ever crumbled? What can you learn from these events? What can you do to shape the future of your family based on former experiences?

Living Eucharist Today.

A series of four evenings exploring the Mass and our lives today. Blackrock Parish Centre, March 21st, 28th, April 4th, 11th. 8.00-9.30 pm. 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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MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Mar-12 & Mar-13-2011

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Muireann Nelligan

8:30 am
Pat Fennell
Susan Fennell

10:00 am
Tony Hegarty
William Green

12:00 Noon
Declan Chalmers
Chloe Dalton O'Connor

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Niamh Murray

11:00 am
Aisling O'Leary
Alex O'Donovan

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 & 8 pm

Wednesday

8:30 am & 6:30 pm

9:30 am & 8 pm

Thursday

8:30 am & 6:30 pm

9:30 am & 8 pm

Friday

8:30 am & 6:30 pm

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

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021-4877161

Fr. Billy O'Sullivan C.C.

021-4876171

Fr. James McSweeney

021-4873308

Society of St. Vincent De Paul

Monthly Collection

This weekend 5th & 6th March 2011

Please Support

Would you like to speak, in complete confidence,
to a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society?
Please Phone: SVP Ballincollig 086 3202182
or SVP Tuckey St., Cork: 021 4270444

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Sat 10:30 am - 12 Noon. Phone No. (021) 4871206, Office Secretary Catherine Crowley.**

***Rites of Sending and Election (Catechumens)
Good News for Ballincollig Parish.***

On the first Sunday of Lent, in cathedral churches all over the world, adults who wish to be baptised are presented to their Bishop by the parish groups who have come to know them. This ceremony is called the Rite of Election. This year there are four people preparing for Adult Baptism in our parish, Neil Wyllie, Jeffery Ogbomo, Lynsey Marie McShera and Altin Rexha. At the 6 pm Mass Saturday March 5th, we as a parish community will formally send them, with our blessing, to be presented to Bishop Buckley on Saturday March 12th and they will be accompanied by their godparents and companion group (RCIA).

We congratulate them on entering this final stage of preparation to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.

Please continue to pray for Neil, Jeffery and Altin, that in these final weeks, the Holy Spirit will lead them to a deep awareness of God's loving plan in their lives as they are called to full unity with Christ in the Church.

We pray too, during Lent, that Christ's light will shine on every part of our lives and our parish community so that we will be able to renew our Baptism with faith and joy at Easter.