

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 16-October-2011

Twenty Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time

The enemies of Jesus try to put him on the horns of a dilemma. Would he offend the Roman occupiers or the sensitive Jewish nationalism. Jesus rises above the situation by reminding them, that God is the supreme authority but yet we all have duties to the civic society in which we live.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Seek First the Kingdom of God

In the first reading we see King Cyrus being empowered by God to be his instrument in his divine plan to liberate the Jews, his chosen people. This shows that God can work through people who may not even recognize his name. God addresses Cyrus as his anointed one. Having received the sacrament of Baptism, we too are his anointed ones and he continues to call each one of us of by name. Just as God watched over the people of Babylon, he continues to watch over us today. He never ceases to care for his Church and reminds us that there is no other God besides him and apart from him all is nothing.

In the second reading from St Paul, we hear more about the greatness of God. His letter to the Thessalonians was addressed to the Church as a whole. Paul gives thanks to God in prayer for all the blessings that the Thessalonians have received. He commends them for the way they have shown faith in action, for their labour of love and how they have persevered through hope in Jesus Christ. We, like them, know that God is our loving Father and we too have received the gift of the Holy Spirit and are called to live a life of faith, a life of hope and a life of love. We pray for the courage and guidance to become true apostles of Jesus Christ.

In the gospel the Pharisees try to trap Jesus by asking him if it is permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not. Jesus asks them whose image is on the coin that they pay the tax with. Having responded it was Caesar's, he said to them 'give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and give back to God what belongs to God'. Just like the money was made with the image of Caesar on it, we are made in the image and likeness of God. We belong to God. Everything good that we have comes from the hand of the Lord. Our life, our ability to think and love and relate to others, our individual talents - all of these are gifts from our heavenly Father. If God has given us all that we are and have, then he deserves the very best we have to give him in return: our love, our loyalty, our faithful service. As his followers we are challenged to seek first the Kingdom of God and to be Christ-like in our relations with one another.

Sr. Colette

Reflection for Parents

This Week's Gospel is about staying true to God in our lives. In it Jesus asks us to keep God at the centre of our hearts. There are times in life when we do not know what to do or what choice to make or how to do the right thing because we are going against the fashion, the gang or a dare. This takes courage, by trying to keep a connection with Jesus through prayer and a sense of God in our hearts we will always have help and support at hand.

Sometimes we can get into debates with our children similar to the one Jesus had with the chief priests and Pharisees. Children often wear us down with their relentless arguing. We would do well as parents to imitate Jesus' simple and straightforward response.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us pray that we may not be afraid to stand up and be counted in a world that often ignores the values of Christ.

Reader

For all Church leaders: that they may not be afraid to speak out, and so provide a voice for truth and justice in the world.

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

For our political and civil leaders: that they may respect freedom of religion and freedom of conscience.

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

For those who are suffering in the cause of right.

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

For all gathered 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 special needs.

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

We pause to remember those who asked us to pray for them.

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

Priest

Lord, grant us in all our tasks your help, in all our dangers your protection, in all our doubts your guidance, and in all our sorrows your consolation. We ask you this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Give the Lord glory and power.

Visit Our Website: www.ballincolligparish.ie

BAPTISMS

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

Padraig Oisin Hickey, Park Road, Muskerry Estate.
Sophie Ellen Naughton, Knockburden, Ovens.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Paddy & Nora Mullane, Ballykerwick, Donoughmore.

Margaret (Peg) Collar, Manor Hill.

Audrie Wiseman, Cranford Pines.

Paul Mulryan. The Glen.

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

Gerard Murphy, Westcliffe.

Con Murphy, Clash.

Richard Murphy, Clash.

Cyril Murphy, London.

Jerry Lehane, Derrenanig, Macroom.

Mary O'Sullivan, Carriganarra.

William Barry, Ballyvolane.

Jimmy Kavanagh, Powdermills.

Rita Barry, Ladysbridge.

Michael & David Barry, Ladysbridge.

Phil Doyle, Greenwood Estate, Togher.

Nora Maverly, Quaker Road.

Catherine Aherne, Capwell Road.

Elizabeth McEvoy, Model Farm Road.

Gerald Horgan, Popes Road.

Mary Duane, Blarney.

Rita Fouhy, East Gate.

Patrick, Jane & Paddy Ahern, Magazine Road.

Margaret & Mary O'Leary. Curraheen.

William O'Mahony, Glanmire / Drimleague.

Billy O'Halloran, Westcourt / Crookstown.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Twenty Ninth Week In Ordinary Time

16 Sunday Is. 45: 1,4-6. Ps. 95. 1 Thess. 1: 1-5. Mt. 22: 15-21. Lect I: 714

17 Monday Rom. 4:20-25. Ps. Lk. 1: 69- 75. Lk. 12: 13-21. Lect II: 376

18 Tuesday 2 Tim. 4:10-17. Ps. 144. Lk. 10:1-9. Lect II: 1233

19 Wednesday Rom. 6:12-18. Ps. 123. Lk. 12:39-48. Lect II: 380

20 Thursday Rom. 6:19-23. Ps. 1. Lk. 12:49-53. Lect II: 382

21 Friday Rom. 7:18-25. Ps. 118. Lk. 12:54-59. Lect II: 384

22 Saturday Rom. 8:1-11. Ps. 23. Lk. 13:1-9. Lect II: 386

Next Sunday's Readings 23-October-2011

Ex 22:20-16. Ps 17. 1 Thess 1:5-10. Lect I: 717 Mt 9:1-8. Lect II: 172 or 624

"Mothers' Prayers"

We welcome Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers to join us in prayer for our children and the youth of our parish on one of the following mornings:

Wednesdays 10.30 a.m at Meeting Room at Christ our Light Church

or

Thursdays 10.00 a.m at Library Room, Parish Community Hall

Ballincollig Drama Festival 2011

The Pyke Theatre Group will be running the Festival from October 26th to October 29th.

Entries are now being taken from groups wishing to compete and arrangements can be made by contacting

Charlie or Benny Conway at any of the following numbers 021 4646223 / 087 656 7965 or 087 9609433

Can You Stop At Just One?

How About One Dozen?

Overeaters Anonymous® may have a solution for you. We are a fellowship of individuals who, through shared experience, strength and hope, are recovering from compulsive overeating, weight obsession, bulimia and anorexia. There are no dues or fees; anyone who wants to stop eating compulsively is welcome.

Everyone is welcome to attend our Open Public Meeting on

Fri 21st Oct 2011, 8 pm,

Gresham Metropole Hotel, MacCurtain St., Cork

Phone 086 3526467 (6-8 pm daily)

Email corkoa@yahoo.ie

or visit our Website www.corkoa.ie

Bible or Bibles?

How Translation Influences Our Understanding of The Scriptures

Dr. Jessie Rogers.

To mark the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible Jessie Rogers will explore the impact of translation on how the bible is received and understood. Saturday October 22nd

10.00 am - 12.30 pm. Sacred Heart Hall, Western Rd.

Registration fee €15 (€10 members).

Cork Theology Forum: Geraldine Gracie 4509574

John Scanlan 086 1931437

Anne Francis abfrancis@eircom.net .

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

In this passage from the prophet Isaiah, God is revealed as the one who calls us by name and gives us the strength we need.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

Paul reminds his community at Thessalonica that the good news of Jesus is a source of power.

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

The chief priests and Pharisees tried to trap Jesus into making a political error or renouncing God's authority. They asked whether or not it was lawful to pay taxes to the emperor. Pointing out that it was Caesar's head on the coin, Jesus told them to give to the emperor what was due the emperor, but to pay more attention to what belonged to God.

**Ballincollig Parish
Gospel of Mark**

Our occasional series of Biblical reflections continues this autumn with four talks on St Mark's Gospel. We begin the Year B Cycle of Sunday Readings focusing on the Gospel of Mark on the 27th November, the First Sunday of Advent.

The talks, 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. The schedule of meetings is as follows.

	Monday, 7.30 pm	Wednesday, 10.00 am
Talk 1	26 th October	28 th October
Talk 2	7 th November	9 th November
Talk 3	28 th November	30 th November
Talk 4	12 th December	14 th December

Let the Healing Begin

An Evening of Healing for all who have been wounded by the reality of abuse

When? Sunday, 16 October 2011 at 3.00 pm.

Where? SMA Hall, Wilton, Cork.

Muskerry Local History Society

Wish to announce the launch of their 2011 - 2012 lecture season on Tuesday October 18th at 8.00 in Ballincollig Rugby Club, with a presentation on Ballincollig Military Happenings by Noel McCarthy. The presentation will cover military history and happenings in the Ballincollig area in the 19th and 20th century.

Ceili Mor

Fundraiser in Aid of Inniscarra Blues Bocce Club
Wednesday 19th October, 2011 in Ballincollig GAA Club.

Troubled by someone else's drinking?

Try Al-anon. Local Meetings S V de P Centre Station Road
Thursdays 8.30 pm. Phone: 021 4311899.

Bulletin Board

Mission Sunday

Collection for the Propagation of the faith will be taken up at all Masses next week end 22nd & 23rd October, 2011

Children's Mass

The Children's Mass especially **for children in second class preparing for their first Holy Communion** has been organised by dedicated parents for over seven years in the parish. The children found this helpful and the parents were delighted to help them. During the past month too few parents are willing to help with the children's Mass. Furthermore huge numbers of very small children (under five years, many unaccompanied by parents) join the older children placing an intolerable burden on those trying to lead the liturgy and supervise the children. Reluctantly the children's Mass for 2nd class children will be once a month for the foreseeable future. Volunteers and helpers are needed to continue this effort.

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.

Dates for your Diary

Novena for the dead: 2nd – 10th November in both churches

Mass for the recently deceased: 11th November at 8.00 pm in Church of St Mary & St John

Mass in St Oliver's Cemetery: 5th November at 2 pm

Mass in St Mary's & St John's Cemetery: 12th November at 11 am

Advent Retreat – 28th 29th & 30th November

Special Collection for Diocesan Needs

The special collection last weekend for Diocesan Needs amounted to €4,193.00. Many thanks for your generosity which is greatly appreciated.

Accord

Pre Marriage Course is being organised by Accord at Oriel Court House Hotel Friday (7 pm – 9 pm) 18th November and Saturday 19th November, Booking 027 50272 or www.accord.ie

Fr. George

**A Special Enriching Weekend
For Married Couples**

11th - 13th November, 2011,

Lake Hotel, Killarney, Co. Kerry.

It does what it says - enriches your marriage. In these anxious times, we all need opportunities to bring greater fulfilment into our lives and into our families.

It is directed by married people and suitable for those just married or those married for many years. Marriage is a wonderful vocation and one of the most fundamental plans of God for our happiness in this world. For this reason our married relationship need priority. Take courage and treat yourself to something that will greatly benefit your lives.

**For details visit: www.marriageencounter.ie
or phone 021 4381511, 086 8334382 / 087 6670418**

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Oct-22 & Oct-23-2011

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Karen Sheehan
Padraig Graham
8:30 am
John Healy

10:00 am
Eileen O'Connell
Diandra Buckley
12:00 Noon
Declan Chalmers

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Rebecca Feely
Jessica Lingard
11:00 am
Jack Dorgan

12:30 pm
Cathy Naughton
Una Lynch
5:30 pm
Brian O'Donoghue

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

Lee Valley Vintage Car and Tractor Run

Sunday, October 23rd
Ballyanly, Inniscarra Community Centre
Sign in @10.30 am and roll out @11.30 am
and back after run for a BBQ
In aid of The Children's Leukaemia Association
in The Mercy Hospital, Cork
and Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children, Crumlin,
Contact Denis Dineen on 0217334421 or 0877460807



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Oct-22 & Oct-23-2011

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Eileen Murphy
Ted Nelligan
Eileen Corkery
Ann O'Connell
Sheila Walshe
Ann McCarthy

7:30 pm John O'Donoghue
Mary Dineen
Kathleen Daly
Mairead Keenan
Kay O'Sullivan

8:30 am Helen Kelly
Mary O'Connor
Michael Crowley

11:00 am Mary O'Mahony
Mona Bowen
Billy Barry
Mary Aylward
Pauline Baston

10:00 am Fionnuala McDonagh
Mary Buckley
Breda Ring
Mary O'Regan
John Henchy
Martin O'Leary

12:30 pm Mary Twomey
Maura O'Driscoll
Mary Lehane
Dympna Byrne
Suzanne Leech

12 Noon Ann-Marie Cosgrove
Phil Kennedy
Ellen O'Sullivan
Ursula McAuliffe
Sally Crowley

5:30 pm Shelia Curran
Elizabeth O'Sullivan

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.

For Families of Children Preparing
for First Holy Communion

**LEARNING ABOUT THE MASS
WITH KATH AND QUMEN**

WHY GO TO MASS?

When you were baptised you became a member of God's family and we call that the Church. You might think the church is just a building but the Church is also the name we give to the people who gather in the building. Without the people, the Church would be just another building. One of the most important things we do as part of God's family is go to Mass.

