

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 23-October-2011



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time
Mission Sunday

By its nature, the Church is missionary. Christ sent her to let her light shine to the whole human race. We cannot leave this task to the professionals. The prophets and the apostles were ordinary lay people when chosen to speak and act in God's name. As the result of our baptism, each of us has a duty to work for the missions in our own special way and in our own particular place.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

'Together In Faith'

The theme for this Mission Sunday is 'Together in Faith'. Today we celebrate our faith, the work of all missionaries and all those who make this work possible. We remember in prayer all our Irish missionaries and the many Irish lay volunteers supporting their pastoral work. In his message Pope Benedict says that "Missionary activity renews the Church, revitalizes faith and Christian identity, and offers fresh enthusiasm and new incentive. Faith is strengthened when it is given to others."

The First Reading from the Book of Exodus speaks of the loving relationship that the Israelites ought to have towards those who are under-privileged. The under-privileged were the aliens, those forced to leave their homes because of circumstances such as wars, plagues or famines. The Israelites are reminded of the ordeal that they endured as strangers in the land of Egypt when they were the victims of injustice, and also of what God had done in liberating them and guiding them to their own land. Here Moses is instructed to remind them of their obligation to take care of the needs of others and to treat them with justice and compassion.

Perhaps a question for us on this Mission Sunday how can I reach out to the people most in need and to the strangers/newcomers here in our parish community? We see in the second reading that by the example of our Christian lives, we can lead others to Christ. It is a call to live in love, as Christ lived and has loved us and gave himself up for us, as a sacrifice to God.

As a parish community journeying 'Together In Faith', we give witness in many ways. On Good Friday we recalled Jesus' suffering and Passion by journeying together the 'Way of the Cross' through the streets of Ballincollig, and again at our Eucharistic Procession. During this past year, the people in Ballincollig have also shown their missionary spirit by their generous financial contributions, through Trócaire, for the annual Lenten appeal and again for the special appeal for the needs of the people in East Africa (Somalia). All of us are called to further the Mission of Jesus wherever we live. While many give of their time and share their gifts in so many ways here in our parish community, the needs are many and we would very much welcome more parishioners to become actively involved in sharing their gifts/talents here in our parish! The Lord is inviting each one of us to a personal relationship with him in prayer, so that strengthened by him we may remain faithful to our baptismal call to witness to the Gospel message both in word and deed.

Sr. Colette

Reflection for Parents

Our children see us live out this gospel message in the every-day things we do for other people. How often do they quietly notice us help an elderly relative, take food to a sick neighbour, or visit someone in a nursing home. We don't really have to preach this gospel message to our children, but sometimes just inviting them along is witness enough to shape their lives. If your child has a worry or something causing anxiety, it is important to talk to the child. Forgiveness and moving on is always there for us, God loves every hair on our heads, our names are written on the palm of God's hand, so don't ever be afraid to ask for forgiveness!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

We join in our hearts and our voices in prayer to the God who is our rock, our mighty help, our stronghold.

Reader

On this World Mission Sunday, we offer our love, our support and prayers to all the Christian communities throughout the world. We ask God to pour out his choicest blessings on this one great family gathered together in faith.

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

For political leaders: that they may show special concern for the weaker members of society.

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

For the world in which we live: that love and peace may prevail over hatred and violence.

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

For refugees and strangers that they may find hospitality in our communities.

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

For all gathered here: that we may love ourselves in such a way that it enables us to love others and to love God.

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

For all Christians: that they may live out in their lives the two commandments of love.

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

Priest

All loving God, your Son summed up all your law in two commandments: that we should love you and love one another. He himself lived these two commandments to the full. Help us to follow his example. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen

I love you, Lord, my strength.

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BAPTISMS

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

Ciara Ellen O'Mahony, Berryfield, Classes Lake.
 Michael Eoin Tos, Parknamore Rise.
 Emma Elizabeth Walsh, Daffodil Fields.
 Oliver James O'Regan, Westcourt Heights.
 Mathew Michel Herlihy, Manor Hill.
 Cian Joseph Lonergan, Grange Glen, Ovens.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

James O'Mahony, Leesdale.
 Martin O'Mahony, Vicarstown.
 Mary Gallagher, Crossmolina, Co Mayo.
 Ronny Kilgannon, Liverpool.
 Kathleen Foley, Castlepark.
 Valerie Sheehan, Togher.
 Des Scannell, Aylsbury.
 Kathleen Allen, Rosewood.
 Sr. Carmel O'Keeffe, Infant Jesus Sisters.
 John Casey, Garryowen, Limerick.

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

Joseph, Betty & Goretti LeBlanc, Ballincollig & Innishannon.
 Geraldine Horgan, Popes Road.
 Patrick Byrne, West Court Heights.
 Mary & Bridget Ann Murray, Coleraine.
 Mary Theresa Kelleher, Inniscarra
 Breda, James & Denis O'Donoghue, West Village.
 Denis Bowen, Glasheen Road.
 Miah Murphy, Clash.
 John & Elizabeth O'Callaghan, Ballygown, Killavullen.
 Jim Deasy, Inniscarra View.
 Bill Casey, Waterfall.
 Arthur Collins, Carrigrohane.
 Jerry O'Leary, Knockburden.
 Nellie O'Leary, Kilmichael.
 Gertrude Riordan, Glasheen Road.
 Padraig O'Callaghan, Oaklee.
 Kathleen Foley, Waterfall.
 James & Elizabeth Flynn & Family, Durrus.
 John Lucey, Macroom.
 Dec Members of the Ring Family, Ballincollig & Dungourney.
 Nancy Hogan, O'Donovan Crescent.
 John Callaghan, Fr Sexton Park.
 Margaret Broderick, Wyndham Downs.

Gramophone Recital

Musical morning in the Ballincollig Library from 11.00 am on Tuesday 25th October, 2011. This month's musical choice is presented by Paddy Murphy. Admission free all are welcome.

Movies with Meaning

Four evenings exploring themes of Faith, Loss, Hope and Transformation using the medium of story and film
 Ennismore Retreat Centre
 November 8th 15th, 22nd, 29th at 7.30 pm
 Facilitators;
 Fr. Ben Hegarty. Fr. Stephen Cummins. Mr. Pat Sheehan.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Thirtieth Week In Ordinary Time

23 Sunday Ex 22:20-16. Ps 17. 1 Thess 1:5-10. Lect I: 717 Mt 9:1-8. Leet II: 172 or 624
 24 Monday Rom. 8:12-17. Ps. 67. Lk. 13:10-17. Lect II: 388
 25 Tuesday Rom 8:18-25. Ps 125. Lk 13:18-27. Lect II: 390
 26 Wednesday Rom. 8:26-30. Ps. 12. Lk. 13:22-30. Lect II: 392
 27 Thursday Rom. 8:31-39. Ps. 108. Lk. 13:31-35. Lect II: 394
 28 Friday Eph 2:19-22. Ps. 18. Lk. 6:12-19. Lect II: 1242
 29 Saturday Rom. 11: 1-2, 11-12, 25-29. Ps. 93. Lk. 14: 1, 7-11. Lect II: 397

Next Sunday's Readings 30-October-2011

Mal. 1:14-2:2, 8-10. Ps. 130. 1 Th. 2:7-9:13. Mt. 23:1-12. Lect I: 719

“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

Pieta House

The Centre for the Prevention of Self-Harm or Suicide

T: 6010000 | **A:** Lucan Road, Lucan, Co. Dublin

E: mary@pieta.ie | **W:** www.pieta.ie

Pieta House opened its doors in Lucan in January 2006. It provides one-to-one counseling for people who have tried to take their life, those who are thinking about it, and those who self-harm, This solution focused approach takes the person in crisis, out of crisis.

Suicide: We work to move the suicidal person away from ideas of suicide as quickly as possible.

Self-Harm: Self-harm is seen as a way of expressing an incredibly strong pent-up emotion; it is an act of survival.

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26

Moses is given a lesson on how to treat the stranger.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1 :5-10

Paul marvels at the dynamism of the Christian community in Thessalonica. Though he must have been pleased with his role as a missionary to them, he acknowledges the primary work of the Holy Spirit in leading them to Christ. In our own day, we hear wonderful stories from around the world of how Christian communities find life and hope in their togetherness in faith, and we too pray for and thank God for such blessings.

Gospel: Matthew Matthew 9:1-8

Have you ever noticed how many people respond to winning a competition or the Lotto or some other contest with the words, 'I can't believe it!' Though they long for the win and may work very hard for the success, there is a sense in which they don't really expect it. This was not the case with 'some people' who appeared bringing their paralytic friend to Jesus. We don't know anything about them or how they were affected by their visit to Jesus that day, but they got what they came for and went home with their friend healed.

**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	24 th October	26 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

**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**

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

On this special day we are given the opportunity to express our unity with and support to Christian communities everywhere. Collection will be taken up at all Masses this 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.

Next Mass for children in second class who are preparing for their first Holy Communion will take place on Sunday 6th November, at 11.00 am in Church of Christ Our Light.

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

St James Cemetery, Chetwynd, Togher

Blessings of Graves will take place on Sunday, 6th November, at 3.00 pm

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

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MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Oct-29 & Oct-30-2011

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Aine Sheehan
Mark Prendergast
8:30 am
Triona Downey

10:00 am
Grace Buttimer
Orla Horgan
12:00 Noon
Sean Hennessy
Shane Lehane

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Michael Greene

11:00 am
Alex Hatsigrigoriou
Alison Henchion
12:30 pm
Adaugu Ebili
Caterina Nugent
5:30 pm
Christine O'Brien

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

Today 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-29 & Oct-30-2011

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Steve Wills
Margaret O'Sullivan
Rita Aherne
Danny Farrell
Jim Walsh
Frances O'Brien

8:30 am Mary Buckley
Rita Murphy
Denis Healy

10:00 am Christina Walsh
Peter Reilly
Mary Collins
Christy Roche
Katie O'Shea
Claire Creedon

12 Noon Oliver O'Donovan
Miriam Maunsell
Sean Hennessy
Mary McLean
Ellen Seymour
Nora Hennessy

7:30 pm Anne O'Regan
Mairead Murphy
Finbarr Murray
Lettie Kelly
Mary Murphy

11:00 am Seamus O'Connell
Mary O'Connell
Alan O'Riordan
Geraldine Keohane
Gerard Murray

12:30 pm Lucy O'Callaghan
Jackie Sheehan
Mary Green
Michael O'Leary
J.P.O'Leary

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.



For Families of Children Preparing for First Holy Communion

**LEARNING ABOUT THE MASS WITH KATH AND QUMEN
WHAT DO WE DO AT MASS?**

There is a special name for all the people gathered together for Mass. They are called the Assembly (a more old-fashioned name was the Congregation). Everyone in the Assembly helps to make the Mass a celebration of God's love for us by:

- Joining in the prayers
- Standing, kneeling and sitting at the right times
- Singing when there is music
- Listening carefully
- Offering our gifts to be shared
- Coming to the table to receive communion or a blessing.

In other words, we are all part of the action! In Church language this is called 'full, active and conscious participation'.