

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 06-November-2011

Thirty Second Sunday In Ordinary Time.

The wisdom of God is given to us if we are open to seek it. Having received it, it teaches us to be always open, alert for the approach and the presence of God. With this wisdom God's coming will not catch us unprepared to receive Him.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Wisdom

True wisdom is more than knowledge or cleverness. We have seen many sad examples of cleverness and knowledge without wisdom in Irish economic and political life in recent years, and we all live with the consequences of that foolishness today. This Sunday's reading from the Book of Wisdom tells something about the nature of wisdom. It is available to those who seek it and it is essentially of God. A wise person will have a lightness and brightness of heart, a loving heart is wise. Wisdom is a gift from God, and we may pray with the Psalmist: "give me the Wisdom that sits by your throne.

The more obvious lesson to be taken from the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids in our Gospel reading, is that we should be prepared for and take thought for the future. It reminds us of the danger of losing everything through thoughtlessness or foolishness. Jesus is speaking in the context of end times, the end of the world and the ending of our lives. The wedding feast was a long established biblical metaphor for banquet of the Kingdom of God, an image of salvation. Similar wedding customs to those described, lasted until the early twentieth century in the middle east. The maidens in the bridal procession would carry torches made of sticks wrapped in oil soaked rags or old rope, which were kept lighting, charred pieces being trimmed off and more oil added as necessary. We may wonder if we will be able to rekindle our faith in a time of crisis, will there be a spark left. Without faith we may be unable to hear the words of life, unable to accept the gift of God's salvation. We pray that we will be wise, and keep the light of faith burning in our hearts.

As Christians we face the reality of death, and are not afraid to talk about it. St Paul encourages us to be certain about those who have died in the Lord and not to be like those with no hope. We have a sure and certain hope for ourselves and those we love. Jesus tells us he has prepared a place for each of us and will return to take us to himself, so that, as he says, "where I am you may be too." We live in that hope, in that promise, as we pray for our beloved dead in this month of November.

Billy O'Sullivan

Reflection for Parents

Sometimes we grow impatient when we read the scriptures that anticipate Christ's return. After all, it's been two thousand years and not a word! It's easy for all of us to be lulled into complacency by such silence. But we not only have a responsibility to ourselves to be prepared, we must impress upon our children the importance of being ready for Jesus when he returns. One way to do this is show our children how the Kingdom of God has already begun. Even though the Kingdom is not complete yet, we can point out signs where life today is in some ways already like the Kingdom. For example people loving one another, caring for one another, and reaching out to one another in kindness, are all ways that point toward the coming Kingdom.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

With hope in our hearts we pray for light and wisdom.

Reader

For the Church: that through effective preaching of the Gospel it may provide a lamp of hope for a world darkened by despair.

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

For all political leaders: that they may be watchful and responsible, and so provide a lamp of peace for a world darkened by war.

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

For all those who grieve the loss of a loved one: that they may know the comfort of God.

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

For those who have nothing to wait for, nothing to hope for.

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

For this congregation: that through the practice of prayer and good works we may wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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

For our own special needs!

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

Priest

God of Mercy, you continue to love us even when we live foolishly and forget who we are and where we are going. Help us to grow in wisdom and love, as we travel towards the wedding feast of your Kingdom. We ask you this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

Visit Our Website: www.ballincolligparish.ie

BAPTISMS

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

Thomas Peter Kenneally, Halfway, Ballinhassig.
 Louis Daniel Healy, Limeworth.
 Nikita Siauduytyte, Time Square.
 Ellsie Fiona Russell, Lucan, Co Dublin.
 Aoibhinn Elizabeth Sweeney, Beech Park.
 Ethan Joseph Moore, The Oaks, Classes Lake.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Dan Collins, Westgate.
 Ina Gavin (nee Duggan), College Road & California.
 Adian O’Grady, Castlepark & Kinsale.
 Phil Baxter, Bishopstown.
 Gerry O’Mahony, Lee View.
 Margaret O’Mahony, Lee View.

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

John Murray, Churchfield.
 Billy O’Hallorhan, Crookstown & Ballincollig.
 Sarah & Richard Hourigan, Limerick.
 Edwin McDermot, Poulavone.
 Dan & Margaret Lynch, Ballydehob.
 Joan O’Sullivan, Caheragh.
 Con Jefferies, Blarney Street.
 Nora O’Callaghan, Carrigrohane.
 Tim & Bridget O’Callaghan, Carrigrohane.
 Mary O’Callaghan, West Yorkshire.
 David, Ellen, Eugene & Catherine Lee, Dripsey.
 John Sexton, Bweeng.
 Tim, Kate & Deirdre O’Callaghan, Douglas.
 Eibhlin Ui Ghabhlain.
 Catherine & Edward Hogan, Ballinlough.
 John & Hannah O’Connor, Dingle.
 Timmy Goggin, Goleen.
 Justin & Monica Monaghan, College Road.
 Jim Butler, Inniscarra PO.

“A Day of HOPE”

This National Fundraising day will take place around the country on Friday November 25th and will help raise awareness and much needed funds for HOPE to continue their work in Kolkata (Calcutta). “HOPE funds and operates over 60 projects by reaching out to those most forgotten; offering protection, healthcare, nutrition, education, rehabilitation and a family for life. HOPE works to free children and poor families from lives of pain, abuse, poverty and darkness”. It is just amazing to know that by simply buying a bar of HOPE Butlers Chocolate. You can make a difference to someone’s life!
 Schools and Companies are invited to come on board and help us Fundraise by selling Butlers HOPE bars of chocolate for only €2 and in doing so, help HOPE help the street and slum children who desperately need our help. All money raised on the day will go towards helping the children. Each bar of chocolate sold could immunize a child against life threatening diseases.
 Please visit www.hopefoundation.ie .
 Email: adayofhope@hopefoundation.ie or contact the office on 021 - 4292990 to get involved in “A Day of HOPE”

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Thirty Second Week In Ordinary Time

06 Sunday Wis. 6:12-16. Ps. 62. 1 Thess. 4:13-18. Mt. 25:1 13. Lect I: 722
 07 Monday Wis. 1:1-7. Ps. 138. Lk. 17:1-6. Lect II: 412
 08 Tuesday Wis. 2:23-3:9. Ps. 33. Lk. 17:7-10. Lect II: 414
 09 Wednesday Ez. 47:1-2, 8-9, 12. or 1 Cor. 3:9-11, 16-17. Ps. 45. Jn. 2:13-22. Lect II: 1250
 10 Thursday Wis. 7:22-8:1. Ps. 118. Lk. 17:20-25. Lect II: 418.
 11 Friday Wis. 13:1-9. Ps. 18. Lk. 17:26-37. Lect II: 420
 12 Saturday Wis. 18:14-16, 19:6-9. Ps. 104. Lk. 18:18. Lect II: 422

Next Sunday’s Readings 13-November-2011

Prov. 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31. Ps. 127. 1 Thess. 5:1-6. Mt. 25:14-30. Lect I: 72

“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.

Our ground-breaking approach can involve daily therapy sessions if needed.

Our service is completely free of charge.

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Wis. 6:12-16
The gift of wisdom is freely given to all who seek it.

Second Reading: 1 Thess. 4:13-18
People of faith do not grieve like others who have no hope.

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13
Jesus told the story about ten maidens waiting for a bridegroom to return home with his new bride. Most likely he had been delayed at her home working out the negotiations for her with the bride's father. Five of the maidens came with enough oil to keep their lamps burning through the night. The other five foolishly brought none. This passage is clearly about the end times and our being ready for it. The maidens needed oil to keep their lamps burning in order to be ready for the bridegroom. The message for us relates back to the Great Commandment we read about two weeks ago. We need to love God and our neighbours to insure that our lamps are ready for the end time.

**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 continues as follows.

	Monday, 7.30 pm	Wednesday, 10.00 am
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**

Society of St. Vincent De Paul

Monthly Collection
This weekend 5th & 6th November 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

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

Novena for the Dead

Novena for the dead: 2nd - 10th November. During the weekdays of the Novena there will be evening Mass (*morning Masses as usual*) in both churches **6.30 pm Christ Our Light and 8.00 pm St Mary & St John.**
Envelopes are available with slips inside for your Holy Souls List.

Dates for your Diary

Mass for the recently deceased: 11th November at 8.00 pm in Church of St Mary & St John
Mass in St Mary's & St John's Cemetery: 12th November at 11 am
Advent Retreat - 28th 29th & 30th November

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.

Funeral Ministry (Further Volunteers Needed)

During the early weeks of 2011 ten members of the Parish Community who had volunteered to become involved in Funeral ministry received training and preparation at diocesan level. This group has worked in two's to provide support and backup for the priests of the parish in helping families pray for their dead. The work of the funeral ministers has added dignity and enhanced funeral service in Ballincollig Parish.

I am inviting additional parishioners to volunteer to become involved in this ministry. Those interested might give their names and contact details to one of the priests of the parish, the sacristans, or the parish office as soon as possible. Training and preparation will again be provided by the Diocese.

Pastoral Areas Parish Clusters

For some years the Parishes of Kilmurry, Cloughdub and Canovee; Ovens / Farran; and Ballincollig has been grouped together in a cluster. Bishop Buckley announced on 28th October "having considered the reasons put forward by Ballinora Parish for a reconfiguration, and having carefully considered the needs of both Pastoral areas that would be effected by such a change, I have decided that Ballinora Parish would in all likelihood be best serviced by such a change". This means a revised cluster of four parishes, with eight churches served by six full time priests, plus two priests with other appointments who help out when available at weekends. Bishop Buckley has directed that each priest may only celebrate three masses each weekend. This in effect means a reduction of Masses in the cluster area, at present this looks like a reduction of four. There is a variety of Mass times available each Sunday, in the case of Ballincollig ranging from 8.30 am; 10.00 am; 11.00 am; 12 noon; 12.30 pm and 5.30 pm. Change and reductions are always difficult as well as disappointing; however I am asking for parishioners understanding, forbearance and prayers. Comments and suggestions are welcome as we strive to come to a decision at parish level and cluster level.

Fr. George

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Nov-12 & Nov-13-2011

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Brendan Collins
Michael Collins
8:30 am
Pat Fennell

10:00 am
Jordan Crowley
Fergal Monahan
12:00 Noon
Chloe Dalton O'Connor
Sharon Kelleher

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Niamh Murray

11:00 am
Cormac Manning
Marie Ni Niada

12:30 pm
Brian O'Donoghue
Chidera Ebili
5:30 pm
Marlyn O'Connor

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 & 8 pm	Monday	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	Tuesday	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
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
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
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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

Home Instead Senior Care

Home Instead Senior Care has launched a campaign called the 'The 40 - 70 Rule' which is designed to help adult children as well as their ageing parent's begin to address difficult issues with each other such as driving, finances, independence, end-of-life- issues, and even romance. Research has revealed nearly one-third of adult children have a major communications obstacle with their parents that stems from continuation of the parent-child role. In other words, it can be difficult to get the conversation going because the child is still in a child rather than an adult role with their parents. Talking sooner is better than waiting until a crisis has occurred. A free copy of the '40/70 & 70/40 Rules' is available from your local **Home Instead Senior Care Office Tel: 021-50002190**



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Nov-12 & Nov-13-2011

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Patsie Murphy
Pat Moore
Mary Walsh
Marie Healy
Margaret Kearney
Nora Barry

8:30 am Theresa Lucey
Rita Murphy
Mona Holland

10:00 am Tadgh Murphy
Mary Murphy
Joan Tobin
Eileen O'Connell
Niamh Nic Gerailt
Breda Monaghan

12 Noon Marie Bowen
Breda Lenihan
Jacinta Jeffers
Rena O'Connor
Sean Farrell
Mary Hennigan

7:30 pm Sheila O'Connor
Martin O'Regan
Brid Healy-Harris
Kit Cahill

11:00 am Bernadette Spillane
Angela Cunningham
Laurence Cunningham
Eileen Byrne
Carmel Ryan

12:30 pm Eileen Garvey
Sally Power
Breda Callanan
Catherine Freehill
Betty Walsh

5:30 pm Olan O'Mahony
Ann-Marie Whelan



For Families of Children Preparing for First Holy Communion

LEARNING ABOUT THE MASS WITH KATH AND QUMEN WHO DOES WHAT AT MASS (2)

At every Mass you will notice that some members of the assembly have different jobs. We call these jobs 'ministries'. Let's look at some of them:

THE COLLECTORS:

The people who collect our gift of money during Mass.

THE MINISTER OF THE EUCHARIST:

The person who helps to give out communion at Mass. They sometimes bring communion to those who are unable to come to Mass because they are sick.

MUSIC:

Many parishes have choirs – groups of people who sing at Mass. Their singing helps the whole assembly to pray and we are all encouraged to join with the choir. Some parishes may have people who lead the assembly in singing. These are called cantors..