

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 13-November-2011

Thirty Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

How often fear and anxiety prevent people from producing their best, from using their God-given talents to the full. In today's parable Jesus shows that a God who inspires fear may inspire little else. His image of God as a loving father inspires confidence and so enables us to develop what he has given us.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Using Our Gifts

We all have gifts, talents and abilities which we use in looking after ourselves and our families. As Christians we also use them in loving service of the community to build up the body of Christ, the Christian community. The parable of the talents is one of three "end-time" parables in Chapters 24 and 25 of Matthews's Gospel reminding us to prepare for and be ready for our own end. St Paul also reminds us that we do not know the day or the hour of the coming of Christ for us, and that we should be ready. The parable speaks of recognition and reward for the five talent man and the two talent man, and of censure for the one talent man. We tend to have sympathy for the man who had less ability, was less gifted than the others.

We all have some gifts, given by God for a purpose. Spiritual gifts are given for the good of all, but if they are not used, they will not be fruitful. Some of us may feel that our gifts don't amount to much, we are not as gifted, say, as the ten talent man; yet when ordinary people accept and use their giftedness great things are achieved in the kingdom of God. God's love comes to perfection in the world and in us when we pass it on in loving service to our brothers and sisters. So we pray that we will not waste or bury our talents, that we will use our gifts in love and generosity and that that we will be happy and fulfilled in the service of God and his people.

The poem in praise of a perfect wife at the end of the Book of Proverbs is somewhat foreign to our culture and seems to us to be condescending to women. It might seem a little less strange if we imagine as being written by an ancient Irish mother, anxious to find a suitable wife for her precious son. And in fact the end section of the Book of Proverbs is headed "the sayings of Lemuel king of Massa, taught him by his mother!" The piece has been regarded as a poem in praise of wisdom, traditionally female. The wise person is someone who is loving, who helps those in need, who gives to the poor and is business-like and hard working, someone who "gets on with it," and uses his or her talents in loving service.

Billy O'Sullivan

Reflection for Parents

God has given each one of us talents. Sometimes out of laziness or lack of ambition, or sometimes because we are afraid of failure or ridicule, we do not share our talents. The gospel today challenges us to take a risk and invest our gifts for the greater good of God's people. We do this ourselves as adults, but we must also try to help our children recognize their talents and use them in a productive way.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

God wants us to use the gifts he has given us so that we may live full lives here and enjoy eternal life hereafter.

Reader

For the Church: that it may help its members to develop and use all the talents that God has given them.

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

For all leaders: that they may allow their subordinates the opportunities to develop their talents.

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

For all those who through laziness, carelessness, or simple lack of opportunity, have failed to make use of their talents.

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

For each other: that, instead of envying others who are more talented than we are, we may strive to use our own particular talents to the full.

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

For all who are ill or suffering in mind or body may find healing and peace.

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

For God's blessing on our own special needs.

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

Priest

Heavenly Father, help us to use well the gifts of grace and nature which you have given us so that one day we may merit to hear those happy words: 'Well done, good and faithful servants'. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

0 blessed are those who fear the Lord.

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BAPTISMS

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

Joseph James Wallace, Old Court, Greenfields.
Peter Frank O'Connell, Aylsbury.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Audrie Wiseman, Cranford Pines.
Dan Collins, Ovens.
Sarah Boland, Rossbrook, Model Farm Road & London.
Jim Cooney, Kilnamatyrá & England.
Gerard Cummins, Glanmire.
Paul O'Herlihy, Curraheen.

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

Charles Julia & Sean Dunne, Willow Drive.
Kathleen O'Keefe, Aylsbury.
Jeremiah & Mary O'Regan, Poulavone.
Dermot Murphy, Tullig, Coachford.
Cornelius & Catherine Cronin.
Patrick & Ada O'Leary, Poulavone.
Christopher Hennessy.
David & Abina Sheehan, Kilcorney.
Michael O'Sullivan, Kenmare, Rosewood & London.
Jack O'Mahony, Tramore Lawn, Douglas.
Tom Duncan, Charlstown, Co Mayo.
Christy Sullivan, Coolroe.
Agnes Kavanagh, Fr. Sexton Park.
Jack Shanahan, Fr. Sexton Park.
Michael & Nora Keating, Cahirciveen.
Eleanor O'Halloran, Castlepark.
Mary Emperor, Rockchapel.
Therese Brown, Ballinvoskig.
Maureen O'Connell, Ballingulley.
Tom & Mary Drinan, Waterfall.
Margaret Healy, Island Way.
Timmy & Kathleen Murphy, Ballyphehane.
John & Mary Noonan, Greenmount Buildings.

“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 Third Week In Ordinary Time

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

14 Monday Mac. 1:10-Med. Ps. 118. Lk. 18:35-43. Lect II: 425

15 Tuesday 2 Mac. 6:18-31. Ps. 3. Lk. 19:1-10. Lect II: 427

16 Wednesday 2 Mac. 7:1, 20-31. Ps. 16.1k. 19:11-28. Lect II: 430

17 Thursday 1 Mac. 2:15-29. Ps.49. 1k. 19:41-44. Lect II: 433

18 Friday 1 Mac. 4:36-37, 52-59. Ps. 1 Chr. 29. Lk. 19:45-48. Lect II: 435

19 Saturday 1 Mac. 6:1-13. Ps.9. Lk. 20:27-40. Lect II: 437

Next Sunday's Readings 20-November-2011

Ez. 34:11-12, 15-17. Ps. 22. 1 Car. 15:20-26, 28. Mt. 25:31-46. Lect I: 729

Scoil Barra Enrolment Week

14th-18th of November 2011

Any parents wishing to enrol their child in Scoil Barra for the school year 2012-2013 are invited to complete an 'Application for Admission Form' available each day from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. during Enrolment Week. Applications will be processed in accordance with Scoil Barra's Enrolment/Admission Policy.

Please note that in line with this Policy all applications for admission must be received at the school on/before Friday 18th of November 2011. In addition to Enrolment Week, parents are welcome to enrol their child at any other time before this date. Children who wish to be enrolled in Scoil Barra as Junior Infants in September 2012 must be at least 4 years of age on/before 31st of May 2012.

Prospective parents/children are invited to visit our school for an 'Open Afternoon' on Thursday 17th of November between 1.00 p.m. -2.30 p.m.

Donal O' Sullivan (Principal)

Scoil Barra, Innishmore, Ballincollig, Co. Cork.
Tel. (021) 4873459

Scoil Eoin & Scoil Mhuire

Enrolment Week (School Year 2012/2013)

21st – 25th of November 2011

Open Afternoon in both schools

on Wednesday, November 23rd from 2.00 pm -3.30 pm

Scoil Eoin 021 4871321 (Boys' School)

Scoil Mhuire 021 4870809 (Girls' School)

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.

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Prov. 31: 10-13. 19-20. 30-31
 This reading from the Book of Proverbs may need a little 'translation' for today's world! Is the ideal marriage partner hidden here?

Second Reading: Thess. 5:1-6
 This reading will have many echoes during Advent. The message is: 'Be alert!'

Gospel: Matthew 24:36, 25:14-30
 In this story, a man went away on a journey. He must have been very wealthy because he entrusted large portions of his money to three of his servants. The first two servants invested the money during the master's absence and it yielded great returns. The third servant, however, was fearful of investing (or some scholars say he was lazy). In either case, the servant buried the money he was given and returned the full amount to the master when he came home. The master was pleased with the investments of the first two servants, but was very upset with the third one. To those who have much, much more will be given. To those who have little, even that little will be taken away.

Ballincollig Parish - Gospel of Mark

Our occasional series of Biblical reflections continues with talks on St Mark's Gospel. The Year B Cycle of Sunday Mass Readings focussing on the Gospel of Mark begins on the First Sunday of Advent, the 27th November.

The talks, as before, are being 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 remaining meetings is as follows.

	Monday, 7.30 pm	Wednesday, 10.00 am
Talk 3	14 th November	16 th November
Talk 4	5 th December	7 th December
Talk 5	12 th December	14 th December

Please observe changed dates

Muskerry Local History Society

Lecture on Tuesday November 15th. There will be a talk by Seamus Healy (Historian and Member) on **Piseoga**. How piseoga influenced and affected the daily living of our ancestors. With contributions and exchange of Tales and Stories from Members. The lecture will take place in the Ballincollig Rugby Club (Tanner Park) Clubhouse at 8.00. Membership of the Society costs €10.00 per year.

Admission €3.00 for non-members for the lecture.
 Everyone Most Welcome.

HSE Seeking Foster Families for Teenagers

The HSE Fostering Team in Cork is hosting an information evening about fostering teenagers on Wednesday, 16th November 2011 at 7 pm in Unit 9A, Kinsale Road Roundabout Business Park.

Do you think you could support a teenager and help them develop life skills to prepare them for independence and adult life? If so, please come along to the information evening where more detailed information can be obtained.

No special qualifications are needed to be a foster carer. Even though the job of looking after a teenager can be a demanding and challenging job, training and support is provided and a fostering allowance is also paid to fostering carers. More information from the HSE Fostering Resource Unit on Tel: 0214923125 or e-mail fosteringcork@hse.ie

We are particularly interested in meeting local communities and groups in their own locality. Please contact the fostering resource unit, if you would like us to call to your group.

Bulletin Board

Advent Retreat

St Mary's & St John's Church 28th 29th & 30th November, Mass at 7.00 am, Prayer, Homily and Liturgy at 8.00 pm.

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will recommence on **Saturday 26th November, 2011 at 12.00 noon** 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.

Marriage Support Collection

The annual Marriage Support collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend. Please place your donations in the envelopes provided.

An Garda Siochana

Annual Mass for Deceased Members of Cork City Division - St Francis Church, Liberty St Cork at 7.30 pm on Thursday 17th November, 2011.

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.

We are 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-19 & Nov-20-2011

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Muireann Nelligan
Padraig McAuliffe
8:30 am
Eadaoin O'Leary
Gerard O'Leary
10:00 am
Rory Horgan
Kate Green
12:00 Noon
John Dorgan
Noella Ngenwie

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Pauline Collins
Niall Cronin
11:00 am
Maebh Nic Mheanmain
12:30 pm
Margaret Buckley
James Nyagaya
5:30 pm
Tom Reck

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
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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

Inniscarra Community Centre, Ballyanly

Fundraising Concert.

Concert will be held in the centre on Fri 19th November @ 8 pm.
A night of music & entertainment.
Ireland's got talent finalist "The Fitzy Chicks" and Cork's own Natural Gas Band will also be playing on the night
Tickets can also be got from the office: Mon - Fri 9 am - 1 pm
Tickets are 10.00 each.



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Nov-19 & Nov-20-2011

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



For Families of Children Preparing for First Holy Communion

Learning About the Mass with Kath and Qumen

Preparing the Church for Mass

The sacristan is a very important person in church. He or she opens and closes the building, makes sure that it is warm and welcoming, prepares the altar, lights the candles, puts out the necessary books and things needed for the Mass and makes sure that there are enough candles, wine and altar breads for Mass.

In most parishes there are people who look after the cleaning of the church. They also make sure that there are flowers to decorate the altar. They may put up the crib at Christmas and decorate the church building for special occasions.

