

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 15-January-2012



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

## Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

*The call of God comes in different ways. To Samuel it came by night, mysterious, uncertain. To Andrew it came as an invitation from Jesus 'Come and see'. Whatever our vocation (and we all have one) our response must always be 'Speak Lord. Your servant is listening'*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

## "God Calls Us"

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The theme of today's readings is 'God calls us'. Vocation is not just for a few chosen people. All of us have a vocation, a specific call from the Lord to follow and serve him in a particular way. Everyone is called by God to be something, to do something for others with their life and with their unique gifts. Jesus calls us to make his love visible in the world. When we love and care for others, we make God's love visible.

In the first Reading we see God repeatedly calling Samuel. He did not recognize God's call at first, thinking it was Eli calling him but when he realized it was God calling him he responds 'speak Lord your servant is listening'. In our life God continually calls us though we may not always realise it is him! He especially calls us to a relationship with him. Are we ready to listen to him and to give time to him in prayer? In the Gospel we hear of two men who are already disciples of John the Baptist. John points Jesus out to them, "Look! There is the Lamb of God!" Hearing this, the two disciples follow Jesus. He asks them: "What do you want?" and they respond: 'teacher where do you live'? Jesus invites them to 'come and see'; they both accept the invitation and stay with Jesus. One of the disciples was Andrew and it was he who went and called his brother Simon Peter to come and meet Jesus. We all evangelize when we bring others to Jesus! As we begin the week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18 -25 Jan) we pray the Lord will give us the grace to hear our call and respond to him.

The theme for this week of prayer is based on St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians (1 Cor 15:51-58): "We will all be changed by the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ". The prayer was prepared by a working group composed of representatives from the Churches in Poland. Christ's victory enables us to look into the future with hope. This victory overcomes all that keeps us from sharing fullness of life with him and with each other. For Christians unity among us is above all a gift of God. It is a share in Christ's glorious victory over all that divides. Change is at the heart of our Christian faith. Saint Paul said that anyone who is in Christ is a new creation, and we are called to live as children in the light.

*Sr. Colette*

### Reflection for Parents

Try to imagine the excitement these first disciples felt when they heard Jesus' words. There must have been something very compelling in what Jesus said and the hope he gave these men in order for them to drop everything and not only follow him, but to go to others with the exciting news. That's how our enthusiasm should reach our children. It would be good to check our own level of enthusiasm for Jesus' call to us so that whenever our children hear our words and stories about Jesus, they will immediately recognize our passion.

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

### Priest

Let us pray that as individuals and as a Church we may be open to the call of God.

### Reader

For the Church: that it may enable people to hear the call of God and help them to answer it with generosity.

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

For Christians: that we may also be conscious of the call we receive in baptism to be Disciples of Christ.

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

For our civil leaders: that they may promote justice and unity in society.

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

For those who have received the call to serve God in the priesthood or religious life.

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

For all gathered here: that we may deepen our own relationship with Christ through daily prayer and the living out of his commandment of love.

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

For those for whom Christ is only a name: that they may get to know and encounter him in us his followers.

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

### Priest

God of grace, grant that the Lord Jesus may not walk ahead of us, we may not follow; nor walk behind us, we may not lead; but may just walk beside us and be our friend. We make this our prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

**Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.**

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**BAPTISMS**

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

Fionn Donal Twomey, Mulgannon, Wexford.  
 Zach Noel Lucy, Gort Aoibhinn, Youghal.  
 Ava Beth Jordan, Shamrock Drive, Muskerry Estate.  
 Sofia Deffense, Manor Hill.

**† IN SYMPATHY †**

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

Sr. Bernadette Kelleher, Macroom & South Africa.  
 Catherine Lucey, Station Road.  
 Christine Power, Inniscarra.

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

Peter Healy, Beech Park.  
 Denis O'Callaghan, Macroom  
 Mary O'Callaghan, Clodagh, Crookstown.  
 Brendan O'Shea, Clodagh, Crookstown.  
 Jerome O'Shea, Clodagh, Crookstown.  
 Alison Murphy, Wyndham Downs.  
 Dermot & Nell Cronin, Connolly Park.  
 Pat, Kitty & Pat (Jnr) Sheehan, Coachford.  
 Denis Murphy, Crookstown.  
 Kathleen Daly, Mayfield.  
 Martin Murphy, Rockchapel.  
 Teresa Healy, Manor Hill.  
 Michael Carroll, Coolroe Heights.  
 Tim Riordan, Ballyburden.  
 Bridget Power, Waterford.  
 Eileen Hayden, Maglin.  
 Michael O'Regan, Carriganarra.  
 Joan Summers, Muskerry Estate.  
 Frank Collins, Ballingulley.  
 John Anne Hogan, Tipperary.  
 Mary Sheehan, Douglas.  
 Ellen & Denis Hurley, Coolgarten Park.  
 Tim & Nora Maverly, Quaker Road.  
 Michael O'Regan, Carriganarra.  
 Patricia Mary Kelly, Tipperary.  
 Denis & Mary Desmond, French's Villas.  
 Nora & Timothy O'Leary, Bishopstown.  
 Jim Shaw, Inniscarra.

***New Year's Resolution to Volunteer***

The 50<sup>th</sup> International Eucharist Congress are delighted to announce that they have now over 700 registered volunteers from all over Ireland and continue their call to volunteers as more are needed. Recently, the first volunteer induction training sessions were held and there will be more induction training sessions in January. Why not make it your New Year's resolution to volunteer. Register now and make a difference.

**The IEC2012 on Facebook**

The 50<sup>th</sup> International Eucharistic Congress invites you to join the preparations to the Congress via Facebook. Through their social media, the Congress team are making available news, photos, videos, reflections, interesting links, website updates, spiritual resources and much more!  
 Go to [www.facebook.com/IEC2012](http://www.facebook.com/IEC2012)

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Second Week In Ordinary Time**

15 Sunday 1 Sam 3:3-10,19. Ps 39. 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20. Jn 1:35-42. Lect I: 740  
 16 Monday 1 Sam 15:16-23. Ps49. Mk 2:18-22. Lect II: 470  
 17 Tuesday 1 Sam 16:1-13. Ps 88. Mk 2:23-28. Lect II: 472  
 18 Wednesday 1 Sam 17:32-33, 37, 40-51. Ps 143. Mk 3:1-6. Lect II: 475  
 19 Thursday 1 Sam 18:6-9, 19:1-7. Ps55. Mk 3:7-12. Lect II: 477  
 20 Friday 1 Sam 24:3-21. Ps56. Mk 3:13-19. Lect II: 479  
 21 Saturday 2 Sam 1:1-4, 11-12, 17, 19, 23-27. Ps 79. Mk 3:20-21. Lect II: 482

**Next Sunday's Readings 22-January-2012**

Jon 3:1-5, 10. Ps 24. 1 Cor 7:29-31. Mk 1:14-20. Lect I: 743

***Ballincollig Parish Bereavement Support Group***

A Bereavement Support Programme will commence in Ballincollig on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February** and will continue each Tuesday night for 8 weeks (7.30 to 9.30 pm). This programme is held in a small group setting. It provides a safe place where all who are grieving the loss of a loved one will have the opportunity to share their own personal grief and experience the support of others.

For further details please contact:

**Sr Colette at 086 3557375**

***"Mothers' Prayers"***

**Recommence**

***Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 10.30 am***

***Meeting Room at Christ our Light Church***

***Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 10.00 am***

***Library Room, Parish Community Hall***

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

***Hope Photography Experience India 2012!***

The Hope Foundation are looking for Photographers to join them on the HOPE Photography Experience which will take place in Calcutta (Kolkata), India, from 26 February to 6 March 2012. For more information please log on to [www.hopefoundation.ie](http://www.hopefoundation.ie) or contact Susan on Tel: 021 429 2990, it will change a child's future.

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**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3: 3-10,19

Like John the Baptist, Samuel was born when his mother thought she would never have a child. She dedicated him to the service of God in the Temple where he received his special calling from God. This extract recounts the moment of that calling and states that the Lord remained with him in a special way all his life.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians, 6: 13-15, 17-20

St. Paul explains the foundations of Christian chastity. The human body made for God must not be debased for present pleasure. The body is eternal and should be respected. The popular modern sentiment: "my body is my own" is contradicted by Paul who says: "You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for." Jesus bought and paid for us with his own blood shed on Calvary.

Gospel: John 1: 35-42

This is the moment when the Church began to find its Saviour. The solemnity and grace of the simple narrative are equal to the occasion: John the Baptist standing, two disciples nearby. The disciples follow Jesus. The heavenly attraction had begun to exercise its power. Jesus turned and gazed on the two men following him and spoke the first words from the lips of the Saviour reported by St. John: a "What do you want?". That same question is asked of all of us who follow Jesus: "Why do we follow him? What is it that we seek?"

**Muskerry Local History Society**

Muskerry Tram 1887 to 1934, the society is compiling a picture record of the Muskerry Tram and its journeys from Cork to Blarney, Coachford and Donoughmore and while having made good progress, we are missing key elements of the trip particularly on the Cloghroe to Coachford line. The particular districts we would love to place on the record are Gurteen Station, the Ardrum Estate and North Kilmurry. Should anybody have photographic or postcard material relating to these areas, please give (Tim O'Brien) a telephone call at 087 2940661. All documents will be treated with care and returned when copied.

**Lourdes 2012 - Young Adults**

An invitation to young adults (18-35) to join our group going to Lourdes from 11th to 16th June travelling from Cork with the diocesan pilgrimage to assist in taking care of the sick from our diocese. It is an opportunity for you to make new friends, spend time together walking in the footsteps of Saint Bernadette, sharing the story of Lourdes and taking time to pray and reflect on the message of Lourdes.

For further information or to book a place contact Sr Karen 021 4537601 or email: karen.kent@corkandross.org

**Pyke Theatre Group**

Monthly Event as usual in the Tanner Park RFC, Ballincollig.  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at 8 pm.

Music by Tim Desmond and Virginia Cassidy.

MC on the night Mr. Michael Kiely.

Complimentary Tea/Coffee and sandwiches.

Thanking you for all your help in 2011 and wishing you a Happy New Year 2012.

**Bulletin Board**

**Baptism Preparation**

The next Baptism preparation will recommence on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2012 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.

**Thank You**

Sincere thanks to the many people who gave their time throughout the year, Altar Society, Altar Servers, Baptism Preparation team, Choir, Cantors, Folk Group, Ministers of the Word, Ministers of the Eucharist, Collectors, Cleaners, Parents who help lead the Children's Mass, Funeral Ministry team, The Parishioner, Parish Council and Parish Council Sub Groups, people who distributed dues envelopes and the various flyers throughout the year, the Sacristans in both Churches.

Thanks to the people of the Parish for their generous support to the Priest of the Parish during the past year. Your support is much appreciated.

**Confirmation Dates 2012**

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|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Scoil Mhuire             | Fri, May 11 <sup>th</sup> 2012   |
| Scoil Eoin               | Wed, May 16 <sup>th</sup> 2012   |
| Scoil Barra              | Thu, March 29 <sup>th</sup> 2012 |
| Our Lady of Good Counsel | Thu, March 29 <sup>th</sup> 2012 |
| Gaelscoil Ui Riordain    | Mon, April 23 <sup>rd</sup> 2012 |

**Dates for your diary**

|                       |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Ash Wednesday         | Wed-22-Feb-2012 |
| St. Patrick's Day     | Sat-17-Mar-2012 |
| Mother's Day          | Sun-18-Mar-2012 |
| Good Friday           | Fri-06-Apr-2012 |
| Palm Sunday           | Sun-01-Apr-2012 |
| Easter Sunday         | Sun-08-Apr-2012 |
| Easter Monday         | Mon-09-Apr-2012 |
| May Bank Holiday      | Mon-07-May-2012 |
| June Bank Holiday     | Mon-04-Jun-2012 |
| Father's Day          | Sun-Jun-17-2012 |
| August Bank Holiday   | Mon-06-Aug-2012 |
| The Assumption        | Wed-15-Aug-2012 |
| October Bank Holiday  | Mon-29-Oct-2012 |
| All Saints            | Thu-01-Nov-2012 |
| Immaculate Conception | Sat-08-Dec-2012 |

**Dates for Pre Marriage Courses**

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|--------------|--|
| Ballincollig | March 23 <sup>rd</sup> /24 <sup>th</sup><br>October 12 <sup>th</sup> /13 <sup>th</sup> |
| Carrigaline  | Feb 24 <sup>th</sup> /25 <sup>th</sup><br>October 4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup>     |

Please contact Sandra in Bantry Centre on 027 50272 with any queries.

Bookings can be made directly on line email admin@accord.ie

**Fr. George**

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Jan-21 & Jan-22-2012

**St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**  
Adrian Cotter  
Alan Murphy  
**8:30 am**  
Pat Fennell  
  
**10:00 am**  
Grace Buttimer  
Orla Horgan  
**12:00 Noon**  
Miriam Maunsell

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**  
Niamh Murray  
  
**11:00 am**  
Jacob Derham  
Paul Donovan  
**12:30 pm**  
Adaugu Ebili  
Caterina Nugent  
**5:30 pm**  
Emily Hardman

**MASS TIMES**

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|--------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>St. Mary &amp; St. John</b> |                  | <b>Christ Our Light</b>   |
| 8:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon       | <b>Sunday</b>    | 11 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm |
| 9:30 am                        | <b>Monday</b>    | 8:30 am                   |
| 9:30 am                        | <b>Tuesday</b>   | 8:30 am                   |
| 9:30 am                        | <b>Wednesday</b> | 8:30 am                   |
| 9:30 am                        | <b>Thursday</b>  | 8:30 am                   |
| 9:30 am                        | <b>Friday</b>    | 8:30 am                   |
| 10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)        | <b>Saturday</b>  | 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**

|                                  |                    |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Priest on Duty</b>            | <b>087-2479140</b> |
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| <b>Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C.</b> | <b>021-4877161</b> |
| <b>Fr. Billy O'Sullivan C.C.</b> | <b>021-4876171</b> |
| <b>Fr. James McSweeney</b>       | <b>021-4873308</b> |

**Muskerry Local History Society**

Lecture Tuesday January 17th 2012,  
**The Great Famine in Cork City  
County Origins and Reasons**  
by Pat Gunn. Pat will outline the background leading up to the Famine of the 1840's and the factors which came together to create the Great Famine. The lecture will take place in the Ballincollig Rugby Club (Tanner Park) Clubhouse at 8.00 pm.  
Admission €3.00 for non-members for the lecture.  
Everyone Most Welcome.



**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Jan-21 & Jan-22-2012

**St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light**

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| <b>6.00 pm</b>  | Steve Wills<br>Margaret O'Sullivan<br>Rita Aherne<br>Danny Farrell<br>Jim Walsh<br>Frances O'Brien    | <b>7:30 pm</b>  | Anne O'Regan<br>Mairead Murphy<br>Finbarr Murray<br>Lettie Kelly<br>Mary Murphy            |
| <b>8:30 am</b>  | Mary Buckley<br>Rita Murphy<br>Denis Healy  | <b>11:00 am</b> | Seamus O'Connell<br>Mary O'Connell<br>Alan O'Riordan<br>Geraldine Keohane<br>Gerard Murray |
| <b>10:00 am</b> | Christina Walsh<br>Peter Reilly<br>Mary Collins<br>Christy Roche<br>Katie O'Shea<br>Claire Creedon    | <b>12:30 pm</b> | Lucy O'Callaghan<br>Jackie Sheehan<br>Mary Green<br>Michael O'Leary<br>J.P.O'Leary         |
| <b>12 Noon</b>  | Oliver O'Donovan<br>Miriam Maunsell<br>Sean Hennessy<br>Mary McLean<br>Ellen Seymour<br>Nora Hennessy | <b>5:30 pm</b>  | Noelle Buckley<br>Mary Breen   |



**For Families of Children Preparing for First Holy Communion  
Learning About the Mass with Kath and Qumen**

**THE READINGS**

The Minister of the Word goes to the ambo to read. The first reading is usually from the oldest part of the Bible called the Old Testament. In the Easter Season the first reading comes from the New Testament. The stories that we hear during the first reading are the same stories that Jesus would have heard when he was a child. Some of the stories from the Old Testament are thousands of years old. They remind us of how long people have been listening to God's word. They also tell us how much God loves us. Even though the stories are very old, they still have an important message for us today.

**THE PSALMS:** The psalms are different from the other readings from the Bible. They were written as poems or songs. There are 150 psalms altogether. Sometimes the psalm is sung. Between each verse there is a response which we are all invited to say. The psalm allows us to reflect on the reading that we have just heard.

**SECOND READING:** This reading always comes from the part of the Bible called the New Testament. The reading is taken from the books that are found directly after the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

**OUR RESPONSE TO THE READINGS:** At the end of each of the readings the Minister of the Word finishes by saying, 'The Word of the Lord' and we all respond with the words, 'Thanks be to God.' This is our way of saying thank you to God for these stories which help us to grow together as members of God's family.