

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 22-January-2012



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

Both Jonah and Jesus brought urgent messages for the need for repentance and change in peoples lives. Such change was needed to make them open to the action of God. If there is to be unity among the followers of Christ, we all need to change.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Repent and Believe the Good News

In today's Gospel we see the beginning of Jesus' public ministry when he sets out for Galilee to proclaim the good news from God, saying: 'the time has come and the kingdom of God is close at hand - repent and believe the Good News'. This message contains both the purpose of Jesus' coming and how we are to respond - it is a call and a challenge for each of us. In following the Lord's call to be his messengers in today's world, we may have to think and live in a way that is often different from the culture around us.

In the first reading we see Jonah being sent as the Lord's messenger to the people of Nineveh with a warning for them to renounce their evil behaviour. The people listen to Jonah. They renounce their 'evil ways', they repent and believe in God. God accepts their remorse. The lesson for all of us is that it is never too late to 'repent'. Our God is compassionate and always ready to forgive. Jesus invites us to repent and to believe. 'Repent' is more than just being sorry for the past; it involves a change of heart, a change of direction and priorities in one's life. St Paul in today's Second Reading tells the Corinthians to live in total freedom and detachment. Nothing we have, whether personal or material attachments, are permanent and can disappear at a moment's notice. Whether life is very good or very bad, nothing lasts except the fundamental values of truth and love, of freedom and justice. It is who we are, not what we have that counts.

In the second part of today's gospel we see the response of the four fishermen to the call of Jesus to follow him. They were busy going about their business of fishing and earning a living. Yet, their encounter with Jesus caused them to not only stop their work and listen to Him, but they left it all to go with him. They had no idea where they were going. They had no idea of what the future held for them. It shows their great trust in this man who came out of the blue into their lives and challenged them to leave behind their security and to go with him. They would go through many unexpected experiences, some of them joyful, some of them full of pain. They would become 'fishers of people', the mission and ministry begun by Jesus to bring people to a new way of living in truth, love, freedom and justice. As Christians, this invitation comes to us even today and we need the courage of the apostles to say yes to him. Being 'fishers of people', ambassadors of Christ, we represent Christ and are called to be lights in His world.

Sr. Colette

Thought for Today

Take a bucket and fill it with water.
Put your arms into it up to the wrists
Take them out and the hole that remains
Is the measure of how you'll be missed?

You may splash all you please when you enter;
You may stir up the water galore;
But stop and you'll find in a minute
That it looks just the same as before.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us pray that God may make his ways known to us and teach us to follow his path.

Reader

For all the baptised that they may live up to their calling to be disciples of Christ in the world.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the leaders of government: that God may give them strength and wisdom so that the nations may live in peace.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who have consecrated their lives to the service of Christ in the priesthood and religious life.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those in pain: that they may know that God cares for them.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For each of us here: that, what ever our task in life, we may listen to Christ's call to a deeper and a more authentic life.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For our own special needs.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Priest

Lord in your gentle mercy, guide our wayward hearts; for we know that left to ourselves we cannot do your will. We make our prayers through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord, make me know your ways

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BAPTISMS

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

Sean Jakub McDonnell , Prosperity Square, Barrack Street.
Daniel John O'Sullivan, The Manor, Poulavone.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Eugene Cremin, Coolyduff, Inniscarra.
Victor Wills, Blackpool.
Sean O'Dowd, Cloghane, Kerry.
May (Mary) Keohane, Leeview, Inniscarra.
Catherine (Rene) Lucey, Station Road.
Margaret O'Brien, Drinagh.
Cecila Harte, Clonakilty.

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

Ellen Buckley, Bakers Road.
Bill & Kitty O'Callaghan, Ballypnehane.
Michael Carroll, Coolroe Heights.
Charles & Marie Ross, Dublin.
Denis, James & Breda O'Donoghue, West Village.
Michael O'Mahony; Whitethorn Ave, Inniscarra View.
Michael O'Gabhlain, Dublin & Mayo.
John Desmond, Garryhesta.
Delia Kinnane, Douglas.
Baby Orla Kinnane, Corrofin.
Eleanor O'Mahony, Castletownbere.
Jack McCarthy, Ballintemple.
Dec. members of the McCarthy & Barry families, Muskerry Est.
John & Lal Deasy, Dublin Hill.
Patrick & Margaret Kenneally, Curraheen.
Peter O'Sullivan, Rosewood.
Eileen Riordan, Blackrock Road.
Hannah O'Riordan, Kilcorney.
Catherine & Thomas O'Donnell, Drimoleague.
Mary Forrest, Ballygarvan.
Denis & Ellen O'Leary, Noonan Road.
James & Catherine O'Dwyer, Limerick.
Tess Goggin, Goleen.
Jim & Lilly McDonnell & daughter Bernie Owens, Inniscarra View.
Con Owens, Blackpool.
Jimmy Fitzgerald, Farranferris.
Dan Kearney, London & Inchigeela.

Free Computer Training

6 hours of free training on internet/email usage at
The National Learning Network, Model Farm Road
on weekdays from 4 to 6 pm, weeknights 7 – 9 pm or on Saturday mornings 10 – 12 pm. you decide what time suits you best!
Training Commences 4th February.
For more information:-
Contact alicia or maria at 021 4341028.
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Third Week In Ordinary Time

22 Sunday Jon 3:1-5, 10. Ps 24. 1 Cor 7:29-31. Mk 1:14-20. Lect I: 743
23 Monday 2 Sam 5:1-7, 10. Ps 88. Mk 3:22-30. Lect II: 484
24 Tuesday 2 Sam 6:12-15, 17-19. Ps 23. Mk 3:31-35. Lect II: 486
25 Wednesday Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22. Ps 116. Mk 16:15-18. Lect II: 928
26 Thursday 2 Tim 1:1-8 or Tit 1:1-5. Ps95. Lk 10:1-9. Lect II: 931
27 Friday 2 Sam 11:1-10, 13-17. Ps50. Mk 4:26-34. Lect II: 493
28 Saturday 2 Sam 12:1-7, 10-17. Ps 50. Mk4:35-41. Lect II: 495

Next Sunday's Readings 29-January-2012

Deut 18:15-20. Ps 94. 1 Cor 7:32-35. Mk 1:21-28. Lect I:745.

Ballincollig Parish Bereavement Support Group

A Bereavement Support Programme will commence in Ballincollig on **Tuesday 7th 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"
Continue

Every Wednesday at 10.30 am
Meeting Room at Christ our Light Church

Every Thursday at 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.

Dyslexia Association of Ireland – Cork Branch

Presents Information meeting On
DARE (Disability Access Route to Education)
for Second Level Students with Dyslexia
Venue: Bishopstown Community School
Date: 23rd January, 2012 Time: 7.30 pm
Guest Speaker - Mary O Grady,
Disability Advisor to Students with Dyslexia, U.C.C.
Admission: €10.

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Jonah 3: 1-5, 10

Most probably the story of Jonah is a type of parable or story to teach a lesson rather than an exact historical book. Looked at that way it would compare with the parables like the Prodigal Son and the Good Samaritan told by Jesus. The central doctrine of the Book of Jonah is the universality of God's love and providence extending beyond the bounds of the Chosen People to pagan nations. Jonah brought an urgent call to repentance to a pagan city. Surprisingly the citizens listened to his message and repented.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians, 7: 29-31

These reflections of St. Paul are not a plea for neglecting earthly concerns, but for concentration on God's service and for treating other things as of secondary interest. Paul sees the need for detachment from this world because of the growing hostility of the pagan world to the Christians, the possibility of an early Second Coming and the shortness and precariousness of human life.

Gospel: Mark 1: 14-20

Like Jonah in the Old Testament, Jesus comes with a similar call to repentance. He proclaimed the good news that the age of Redemption which the Prophets had foretold was at hand. He called on everyone to do penance in order to enter into the new Kingdom.

**Lord Mayor's Tea Dance
For the Young at Heart**

City Hall, Cork

Sunday 29th January 2012 from 3 pm to 6 pm

Tickets €6 Pro Musica Oliver Plunkett St., Cork

2012 is the European Year of Active Ageing
and Intergenerational Solidarity

**The Social and Health Education Project
Community Courses in Ballincollig**

Venue: SHEP, Ballincollig

Course Places Must Be Booked In Advance

Family Communication

Start Date: Wednesday 25th January Time: 7.30 – 9.30 pm

For parents of children of any age who are looking for support in staying connected with their children, inspiring them with hope for their future and guiding them towards a fulfilling adulthood.

Men's Well-being

Start Date: Wednesday 1st February Time: 7.30 – 10pm

This course is open to men of all ages who are interested in looking at the issues which have an impact on their lives. No prior qualifications are needed – just a willingness to be personally involved and interact with others.

The provision of SHEP courses is supported by the HSE and Cork City VEC to make them as accessible as possible to those who would most benefit from them.

The following programme of courses for adults will be held in Cork. Each of these courses runs for a total of 20 hours over either 8 or 10 weeks.

For further information or to book your place,
phone Kerri Fitzgerald: 021 466 6180

Bulletin Board

Special Collection for Diocesan Needs.

Bishop Buckley issued a letter on Sept 27th outlining the income and expenditure of the diocese of Cork and Ross. He paid particular attention to the central fund of the diocese, this is the working fund of the diocese; it supports the diocesan office, Education office, parish development office, child protection office and Marriage Tribunal. There are a number of sources of income for this fund, among them contributions from parishes, donations and investment incomes. There was a shortfall of €375,000.00 for 2010; similar shortfalls are predicted for the current year and into the future.

The letter acknowledges that many families are already struggling to make ends meet. The Bishop proposes that each parish take up a second collection each quarter beginning in October 2011. This collection will be taken up here next weekend (Jan 28th & 29th) at all Masses. Thanking you in anticipation for your support for this diocesan collection.

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will recommence on **Saturday 28th 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.

Dates for Pre Marriage Courses

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| Ballincollig | March 23 rd /24 th |
| | October 12 th /13 th |
| Carrigaline | Feb 24 th /25 th |
| | October 4 th /5 th |

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



The Irish Blood Transfusion Service Will Hold A
Blood Donor Clinic In

| | Ballincollig | GAA Pavilion |
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| Mon 13 th | February, | 4.30 – 8.00 |
| Tue 14 th | February, | 4.30 – 8.00 |
| | Ovens Éire Óg GAA Hall | |
| Wed 15 th | February, | 5.00 – 8.30 |
| Thu 16 th | February, | 5.00 – 8.30 |

Ballincollig Country Market Ltd.

It is with deep regret that due to the current economic climate, the members of Ballincollig Country Market have to inform all its customers that we are no longer trading. Thank you to all who have supported us for almost 40 years.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Jan-28 & Jan-29-2012

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Ailish O'Reilly
Daniel McAuliffe
8:30 am
Eadaoin O'Leary
Gerard O'Leary
10:00 am
Sean Collins
Kate Collins
12:00 Noon
Declan Chalmers

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Fiona Feely
11:00 am
Sorcha Nic Mheanmain
Maire Buckley
12:30 pm
Joseph Manning
5:30 pm
Marlyn O'Connor

MASS TIMES

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| 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

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| 4:30 pm | Saturday | 4:30 pm |
| Except First Saturday of Month | | First Saturday of Month |
| 12:45 pm | Sunday | |

PARISH CLERGY

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| 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 |

XPERT Programme

Free Diabetes Group Education Programme

Maeve Carmody, a senior community dietitian with the HSE will be starting a group education programme for people with type 2 diabetes in February. The local X-PERT programme is a FREE six-week (2½ hours a week) group diabetes education programme and will be held in Ballincollig. If you are interested in attending the Programme in Ballincollig please contact Maeve on 087 1234035 for further information.



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Jan-28 & Jan-29-2012

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Michael Maher
Bernadette Bell
Betty Casey
Frank Riordan
Siobhan Riordan
Pauline Quane

7:30 pm Geraldine Lynch
Charlie Vaughan
Joan Stephenson
Bernie Bowen
11:00 am Neil Jeffers
Eileen O'Donoghue
Bridie Hanrahan
Catherine / Hugh Moran
Padraig Fleming

8:30 am Mary Buckley
Theresa Lucey
Triona Collins
10:00 am Anne Cahill
Pat Lee
Cathy Horgan
John O'Donovan
Betty Flavin
Anne Spillane

12:30 pm Denis O' Mahony
Christine O'Mahony
Tom Murray
John O'Regan
Gerard Dunne

12 Noon Helen Plunkett
Seamus O'Donovan
Joe Coghlan
Catherine Greene
Joan Barrett
Dymphna Canny

5:30 pm Bernard Curran
John Canty



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

THE GOSPEL

After the second reading, the Minister of the Word will invite us to stand and greet or welcome the Gospel. Before the Gospel is read we sing or say the Gospel Acclamation. For most of the Church year we greet the Gospel with the word 'Alleluia', a joyful song of praise.

The Alleluia is followed by a verse of scripture from the Bible. This verse reminds us of the theme of the Mass and readings. During the season of Lent we do not use the word 'Alleluia'. The Gospel stories tell us about Jesus and we hear what he said to his friends and those who came to listen to him. So the reading of the Gospel is different to the other readings. It is the most important part of the Liturgy of the Word.