

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 17-June-2012

Eleventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

"To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade."



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Self Spirituality

The past week has been dominated by sport stories and their ups and downs for some, at other times the Eucharistic Congress has received some coverage in various media. During the week I was given a copy of an article by Ger Brennan, the centre half back on the Dublin All Ireland winning football team. Some months after their All Ireland win and great celebrations in Dublin, Ger joined the monks in Glenstal to live and pray with them, he did this to help him look back on all that had gone on during the year and bring him back to what really gives him great happiness. However reflection and examining his life happens almost every day and are not just set aside for momentous occasions.

Ger says "I try to be a good person, not to be doing stuff just to be seen. For me if I don't reflect on that experience daily and see where God is part of that experience, I feel as if I'm missing out on something. It's from Ignatius' spirituality whereby you look back over your day, the good things that happened and the bad things as well. Just to see what was going on for you there, was God part of that experience, is there anything to be grateful for, anything to ask for or anything you are concerned about. God has certainly brought me to this point where if I am not in church, if I am not going to Mass or I'm not spending a bit of time in prayer I actually become quite unhappy and I feel there is an imbalance to my life. Too much socialising, too much football or too much sport, I feel empty and that I'm missing out in something.

"Not since I have been a kid, I haven't prayed to win. I always joke, why you would ask God for something you can do yourself. I pray for the lads in both dressing rooms, that no one gets a serious injury. Then get stuck in - and what happens." Ger Brennan a young sports star is an inspiration to each of us. I hope and pray that our faith in Christ the bread of life will be stronger as a result of the Eucharistic Congress. May all those travelling, travel safe.

George O'Mahony

Good News for Today

Today's gospel reminds us that through God's care and blessing great things can grow from even the smallest of efforts. It is important that we place our thoughts, our words, our actions, our ideas and inspirations into God's hands. He helps us find the finest ground for all seeds to grow big and strong, Let us ask the Holy Spirit to help us plant seeds of goodness, forgiveness, joy, trust and faith that will enable us to grow into daughters and sons of God.

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 governments: 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 or 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, whatever 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 a moment, we remember in silence our own particular 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.

It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

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BAPTISMS

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

Isaac Frederick Hegarty, Ovens.
 Shay Trevor Power, The Cloisters.
 Charlie Michael McGrath-Cronin, Coolroe Meadows.
 Harry Eamonn Dennehy, Highfield Park.

MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

David O'Leary, Leemount & Emma O'Sullivan, Leesdale.
 Geffrey Barrett, Beech Park & Amy Walsh, Muskerry Estate.
 Donal Keane, Farran & Emily Cronin, Parknamore.
 Alan O'Driscoll, Old Quarter & Melanie O'Mahony, Beech Park.
 Daniel Twohig, Castlepark & Denise Hurley, Rosewood.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Nellie Keohane, Carrigidene.
 Norma O'Sullivan, Mayfield.
 Kitty O'Donoghue, Newmarket.
 Elizabeth O'Leary, Farrnanes.

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

Kevin O'Cruaolaó, Maglin.
 Julia Kelly, Dunmanway.
 Jerry Forde, Corbally, Waterfall.
 James O'Sullivan, Tudor Grove.
 Eamon Sheehan, Silverwood.
 Finbarr O'Brien, Friars Walk.
 Patrick & Bridget Hurley, Farranree.
 Denis McCormack, Rosewood.
 Frederick Strahan, Dublin.
 James & Bessie Hurley, Carrig on Suir.
 Mary Anne Sheehan, Blarney Street.
 Michael Barry, Clonakilty.
 Patrick & Josephine Murphy, McCurtain Villas.
 Michael Burke, Douglas.
 Conor Ronan, Oakley.
 Nancy Manning, Farranree.
 Sheila Dineen, Curraheen Cross.
 Martin O'Driscoll, Classes Lake.
 Thomas & Mary Murphy, Kilcorney.
 John Murphy, Kilcorney.
 Thomas & Julie May O'Leary, Turners Cross.
 James Harris, Turners Cross.

"The Circle of Life"

Scoil Barra Presents a Musical Drama featuring all your favourite characters and songs from "The Lion King"
 Don't miss the opportunity to see this wonderful theatrical treat! Musical Matinee: Sunday, 17th June at 2.00 p.m.
 Musical Evening Performances, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, June 19th-22nd at 7.30 p.m.
 Tickets are available from the Secretary's Office, Scoil Barra,
 Innishmore, Ballincollig,
 Co Cork. Tel. 021-4873459

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Eleventhth Week In Ordinary Time

17 Sunday Ezek 17:22-24. Ps 91:2-3, 13-16, R/ cf. v. 2 Cor 5:6-10. Mk 4:26-34. Lect I: 763
 18 Monday 1 Kgs 21:1-16. Ps5. Mt 5:38-42. Lect II: 587
 19 Tuesday 1 Kgs 21:1 7-29. Ps 50. Mt 5:43-48. Lect II: 589
 20 Wednesday 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14. Ps 30. Mt. 6:1-6, 16-18. Lect II: 591
 21 Thursday Eccles (Sir) 48:1-14. Ps 96. Mt 6:7-15. Lect II: 594
 22 Friday 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20. Ps 131. Mt 6:19-23. Lect II: 596
 23 Saturday 2 Chron 24:17-25. Ps 88. Mt 6:24-34. Lect II: 599

Next Sunday's Readings 24-June-2012

Jer, 20:10-13. Ps. 68. Rom. 5:12-15. Mt. 10:26-33. Lect I: 668

Parish Council Meeting Notes

A brochure has been compiled by the Parish Council giving information on Community Services. Contact names and numbers are included in this brochure. It is hoped to officially launch the brochure in September 2012.

The refurbished house on Station Road, formally known as the Youth House, is the location for coffee mornings every Friday following 9.30 am Mass. The coffee mornings are organised by parish volunteers and an invitation is extended to and a welcomed awaits everyone. This is a great opportunity for neighbours and friends to meet and catch up. It normally runs from 9.45 until 12.00.

Preparation are now complete for the parish pilgrimage to the Congress on Sunday 17th June 2012. Two coaches will leave Ballincollig on the morning of the 17th. We wish the pilgrims all the very best for the day.

Do you know that Ballincollig Parish can now be accessed on Facebook. Please visit www.facebook.com/BallincolligParish and leave a comment.

One of the items covered at the Parish Council Meeting on Monday the 11th was ensuring that all people present are encouraged to voice their opinion freely. This topic will be worked on over the summer months and it is hoped that we will have strategies in place to ensure that all voices are heard and opinions respected.

Our next Parish Council Meeting will take place in September 2012 – date to be confirmed.

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading Ezekiel 17:22-24

In this reading the prophet Ezekiel spoke about the better days that were to come for the Chosen People when Yahweh would take back His people once more, and dwell in their midst forever. Today's extract is a messianic prophecy in which God says that he will raise up a descendant—a sprig from the lofty cedar David, who will yet be the glory of Israel.

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

St Paul tells his Corinthians that his constant desire and motive in life is to please God. In this he wants them to imitate him. While on earth this is his aim and when he goes to God in heaven this will be his purpose and his delight.

Gospel Mark 4,26-34

The Gospel reading today contains the parable of the mustard seed. This parable, telling of how the smallest of all seeds of the Earth grew into the largest of plants, reminds us that through God's care and blessing great things can grow from even the smallest of efforts. It is important that we place our thoughts, our words, our actions, our ideas and inspirations into God's hands, and that we invite God to bless and to use all of these things for the greater good of the kingdom and for the greater good of the Church on Earth.



50th INTERNATIONAL
EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS
DUBLIN

Sunday 17th June, 2012

Statio Orbis (Closing Liturgy) in Croke Park Stadium

The Television Broadcast of the Closing Liturgy in Croke Park will be shown on a large screen in the Church of St Mary and St John on Sunday afternoon. This is an opportunity for those not travelling to Dublin on the day to participate as a Parish group.

The transmission will be shown from 2.00 pm, in good time to include the *Statio Orbis* Mass at 3 o'clock and the closing ceremonies which conclude at 5.15 pm. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be held in the Church immediately after the broadcast.

Knock Summer Festival

Is a one day event taking place on the **28th July-2012**.

It is for all young people between the ages of **17-30**. On this day young people will come together in a faith setting and to deepen their relationship with Christ, explore, ignite and celebrate their faith.

The event will have **interactive talks, prayer, testimonies from young people, drama and music**. We will finish the day with the celebration of the Eucharist, with a step by step guide to the new translation. There will also be a lot of time for young people to engage in conversation, reflect on what they have heard, chill out and have fun!

THE THEME IS "ONE"

The theme of this year's festival is 'ONE'. We will be concentrating on three themes of ONE in relation to the Church. One Love, One Community, One Body

Groups & Cost

The festival is free of charge, we are also offering free accommodation for groups over 10, we are also encouraging groups to stay and climb Croagh Patrick on the 29th Reek Sunday. Join us for a pilgrimage to the West!

Bulletin Board

Children's Mass

The next Children's Mass will be on **Sunday 24th June at 11.00 am in Christ Our Light**. The Children of 2nd class retire to the crying room at the beginning of Mass where they celebrate The Liturgy of the Word in child friendly fashion – word searches, colouring and maze search are some of the methods used. Volunteers are welcome and needed to help, training and practice will be given. Parents are welcome to join their Children for the celebration of the Word of God.

Mass Diary

Diaries to book intentions July, August, and September are now open in both churches.

Examination Time

We ask for your continuing support and prayers for our students as they sit their Leaving and Junior Certificate Examinations. May they be successful in their efforts.

Eucharistic Procession

Thanks to all who participated last weekend.

Special Collection

Second collection this week end 16th & 17th June at all Masses for the Eucharistic Congress.

Peter's Pence Collection

The annual Peter's Pence collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend. Please place your donations in the envelopes provided.

Fr. George.

Scoil Eoin Fundraiser

Monday June 18th

08:45 am to 9:30 am only

Please bring old / new clothes, shoes, hand-bags, household textiles and mobile phones.

All monies raised will go directly to Scoil Eoin.

Innishmore Family Centre

At the heart of the Community, for all Children for 25 Years!

Now taking bookings for the FREE 2012 ECCE pre-school Government Scheme

- Innishmore Family Centre provides FREE pre-school education to all children between 3 years 3 months and 4 years 6 months (on the 1st September each year)
- Every child is entitled to 15 hours per week for 38 weeks
- Innishmore Family Centre provides your child with a Aistear/Highscope pre-school education for 3 hours a day, 5 days a week for 38 weeks preparing your child for a seamless entry to junior school.

Enrolling NOW so contact Mary or Rita for further information and to register your child.

Contact 021 4810481

or email innishmorefamilycentre@eircom.net

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Jun-23 & Jun-24-2012

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Ailish O'Reilly
Daniel McAuliffe
8:30 am
John Healy

10:00 am
Tony Hegarty
William Greene
12:00 Noon
Declan Chalmers

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Fiona Feely

11:00 am
Sorcha Nic Mheanmain
Maire Buckley
12:30 pm
Joseph Manning
Niamh Murray
5:30 pm
Christine O'Brien



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Jun-23 & Jun-24-2012

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 Margaret Bunyan
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

Dobra Ncrwina na Dzis.

Dzisiejsza Ewangelia przypomina, ze dzięki bozej opiece I blogoslawienstwu nawet prxy ad roblnie **checi I zapalu** **mozna osiaqnac wielkie izecky. Clasem bowien I clegos** na **pozor** malego i slabego **moze** powstac rlecy wiellia I **silna.** Bardzo wzne jest pixy **tym** aby nasze **rnyсли, slowa, czynny,** idee I inspiraye addac w Rece **Panshie. On** **bowiem pomaga nam odnalezc adpowiedni qrunnt pod** to, aby nasie poczynania pizynosily **zameixone** od-powiednie **efekty. Prosmly Oucha** Swietego aby **pomogli** nam zasiat **ziama** dobroci, pxxebacrenia,nadosci, zau-fania i **wiary,** ktore potixebne sa do wzrastaniai w **Bogu** jako **jego dzieci.**

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

Age Action's Care & Repair Programme

Free Handyman Service for Older People Are you 65+ years of age and living in Cork City and suburbs, Ballincollig, Kinsale, Carrigaline, Glanmire or Carrigtwohill? Do you have a small repair job that you would like to have done for you? Age Action's Care & Repair service uses a pool of trustworthy volunteer handypersons to carry out minor repairs and odd jobs for older people who find it difficult to do these jobs themselves. Some of the jobs that our volunteers can do include changing light bulbs, changing locks, minor painting and decorating, hanging curtains, minor gardening, minor carpentry and installing smoke alarms. The service is free; you only pay for the materials used. For your bigger jobs that are beyond the scope of our volunteers, we maintain a register of reliable and honest tradespersons whose contact details we can provide for you. We can also arrange regular social visits to older people. All volunteers are Garda vetted and carry official Age Action identification cards. You can arrange to have a job done for you by phoning the Age Action Care & Repair number, 1890 369 369.

Age Action is Ireland's leading charity for older people. We believe that Ireland should be the best place in which to grow older. We work to fight discrimination, promote positive ageing and improve policies and services for all older people. Care & Repair is sponsored by Irish Life.

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.