

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 16-September-2012

Twenty Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

The servant of God, who defends God's mercy and truth before others, must be ready to face rejection, violence, even death. Today we are reminded that God supports those who accept a cross - not for its own sake but for the sake of Christ and the gospel.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Taize

July 11th 2012 fifty one teenagers and five adults departed Ballincollig on the first leg of our journey to Taize. These young people are involved in the life of the parish as ministers of word, music and collectors for several years. More than half the group had spent four days in Taize in 2011, they were looking forward to their return visit, for the rest it was a journey to the unknown.

First stop was Annecy, then after three days on Sunday July 15th it was off to Taize. We arrived at approx three thirty, welcomed by Brother Jean Marie and the welcome team, soon accommodation was sorted and we were ready for our first night prayer with the brothers of Taize. Joining four thousand young people (from all over Europe and further a field) in prayer, singing, reading and ten minutes silence is a moving experience for all. This year we remained in Taize for a week, living in community, praying and singing with the brothers three times a day, as well as taking part in scripture talks, discussions and workshops. The week is a great experience with many highlights.

Sincere thanks to the many parishioners who made the trip possible by their financial contributions to the fund. Thanks to all who plan the trip and put all the necessary paper work in place, finally sincere thanks to the adults who give of their time to accompany the young people on the trip.

This Sunday's gospel Christ poses the question by Christ, It Who do people say, I am". The disciples gave varied answers. Peter then gave his answer. "You are the Christ". Jesus went on to teach his disciples. Peter was shocked by this teaching. Peter faith is a very personal faith, he had come to know Jesus, and he is beginning to think things out for himself. However being human he was also prone to doubts, Jesus persevered with him.

Like Peter every generation has to discover faith. We need to make the faith our own if it is to be influential in our lives. Peter's words were correct, but when he came to acting on that faith he had a hard time.

George O'Mahony

Thought for Today

Why do people reject other people? Have you ever been rejected for doing what was right or for "not going along with the crowd"? (Remember: God created each of us as unique persons. The person who rejects knowing you is the real loser! He or she is missing a unique creation of God!)

What "crosses" do you have to "take up" in your life right now? Will you ask Jesus to help you?

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

God is gracious, just and compassionate. Let us now bring our needs and concerns before him.

Reader

For all Christians: that their deeds may bear witness to the faith they profess with their words.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For government leaders: that they may strive to create a society in which all of God's children can live in freedom and dignity.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who have a heavy cross to carry: that God may lighten their burden and comfort them with his presence.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For this congregation: that each of us may strive to be the unique people that God made us to be.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For all gathered here: that the prayers we say for others may never take the place of the things we should do for them.

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

God of compassion, you know our weakness. May we reach out with joy to grasp your hand, and so walk more readily in your ways. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Brochure Launch

Launch of Brochure with index of cultural, social and sport activities will take place in Ballincollig Shopping Centre on Friday September 21st at 5 30 pm.

Launch by Declan Kidney

assisted by Olympians Sanita and Greski

I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

Visit Our Website: www.ballincolligparish.ie

BAPTISMS

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

Oisin Liam Murray, East Gate.
 Madison Lilly Kearney, Coolroe Heights.
 Hayden James Ryan, Old Court, Greenfields.
 Donagh David Power, The Close, Coolroe Meadows.
 Ciara Marie Sweeney, The Meadows, Classes Lake.
 Naoise Matthew Long, Manor Grove, Grange Manor.
 Thomas Richard Mahony O'Brien, Castlepark.
 Zach Colin Holton, Old Court.
 Sally Ann Mary O'Brien, Beech Park.
 Ella Kate Herlihy Mulcahy, The Avenue Highfield Park.
 Emily Eileen Mary O'Farrell, Sweetbriar Grove, Inniscarra View.
 Kate Ellen Barry, Rosewood.
 Paddy Christian Yelverton, Oaklands.
 Mia Teresa Bradley, Citi West Mews.
 Isobelle Grace McNulty, The Cloisters.
 Sean Matthew Kirstein, Whitethorn Drive, Inniscarra View.
 Aiden Denis Long, Fernway, Classes Lake.
 Caitlin Holly Twomey, Beech Road, Muskerry Estate.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Bridie Murphy, Crettyard, Laois.
 Catherine Gardiner, Inniscarra View.
 Noreen Linehan, Kanturk & USA.
 John McSweeney, Carrigrohane.
 John Hogan, The Crescent.
 Nora Browne, Macrom.

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

James & Evelyn McSweeney, Cloghroe.
 Joan Coughlan, Innishmore.
 Michael & Thomas O'Keefe, Dunmanway.
 James McMeekin, London.
 Joan Coakley, "Hillview" Muskerry Estate.
 Rita Lynch, Beech Park.
 Mary Scannell, Inchigeela.
 Paddy Lucey, Inchigeela.
 Jerry McCarthy, Raheen.
 Michael O'Sullivan, Rosewood, Kenmare & London.
 Hannah Marie O'Sullivan, Assumption Road.
 Nan & Maurice O'Flynn, Curraheen & Mullingar.
 Denis & Ellen O'Leary, Noonan Road.
 Frank O'Brien, Wyndham Downs.
 Christine Coady, Rosewood.
 Ann Henchy, Carrigrohane.
 Margaret Sheehan, Kilmurray.
 Gerry & Bridget Kelly, Beara.
 Katrina Horgan, Castlepark.
 Michael O'Regan, Carriganarra.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Twenty Fourth Week In Ordinary Time

16 Sunday Is 50:5-9. Ps 114. Jas 2:14-18. Mk 8:27-35. Lect I: 799
 17 Monday 1 Cor 11:17-26,33. Ps 39. Lk 7:1-10. Lect II: 763
 18 Tuesday 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31. Ps99. Lk 7:11-17. Lect II: 765
 19 Wednesday 1 Cor 12:31-13:13. Ps32. Lk 7:31-35. Lect II: 767
 20 Thursday 1 Cor 15:1-11. Ps 117. Lk 7:36-50. Lect II: 769
 21 Friday Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 Ps 18. Mt 9:9-13. Lect II:1198
 22 Saturday 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49. Ps 55. 1k 8:4-15. Lect II: 774

Next Sunday's Readings 23-September-2012

Wis. 2:12, 17-20. Ps. 53. Jm. 3:16-4:3. Mk. 9:30- 37. Lect I: 802

SHEP

(The Social and Health Education Project) is offering various short (8 week, one 2.5 hour session per week) courses in Cork and Ballincollig starting in the last week of September, including *Staying Power* (for unemployed men), *Men's Health and Well-being*; *Effective Communication, Coping with Stress, Family Communication* and *an Introduction to Personal Development*. SHEP provides courses at affordable fees, offers concessionary rates to those on low incomes and, in some cases, places are free.

For further information see www.socialandhealth.com or phone 021 466 6180

"Mothers' Prayers"

Continue

Every Wednesday at 10.30 am

Meeting Room at Christ our Light Church

Every Thursday at 10.00 am

AT NEW PARISH CENTRE (SONAS) STATION ROAD

(almost opposite Parish Community Hall)

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

(Please note change of venue for Thursday mornings!)

National Legion of Mary

Pilgrimage to Knock

will take place on Sunday, 23rd. September.
 For information and to make a booking please phone Barry at 021 4364474.

CROWLEY

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9
The prophet Isaiah notes the qualities of the Servant of God.

Second Reading: James 2:14-18
St. James reminds us that faith and good works belong together. What good are kindly wishes to those who need clothing and food for today? Faith without good works is dead. Let us be concerned for the people around us who are in need. Good intentions are not enough. The love of Christ urges us to act for justice and peace for all God's people.

Gospel: Mark 8:27-35
Jesus teaches his disciples what they have gradually come to discover: He is indeed the Messiah. But he is a Messiah who must suffer and die. Peter found this hard to accept. For Peter, the Messiah would not, could not, suffer. Judging by human standards, not God's, Peter failed to accept God's will for the Messiah. Jesus assured all his disciples that they, too, must suffer, deny themselves, take up the cross, and follow him.

**Ballincollig Parish
Bereavement Support Group**

A Bereavement Support Programme will commence in Ballincollig on Tuesday 9th October 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 is open to anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. It provides the opportunity to share one's own personal grief and experience the support of others in a confidential setting. For further details please contact: Sr Colette at 086.3557375

**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.

National Tidy Towns

Well done to Ballincollig Tidy Towns committee and its volunteers for all their hard work throughout the year that has yielded a GOLD medal and second in the county in this years National Tidy Towns Competition..

Bulletin Board

Envelope collection for the Priesthood Education.

The Annual Collection for the Education of Students for the Priesthood will take place on Saturday and Sunday September 22nd/23rd. The Diocese currently has five men in training for the Priesthood. These students are in Saint Patrick's College, Maynooth. This Collection is the principal source of funding for the education of our students. This collection has also been used to subsidise a number of lay people from the Diocese, who are involved in their parishes and are studying Theology.

Accord

Pre Marriage Course is being organised by Accord at Oriel Court House Hotel on October 12th & 13th Bookings phone 027 50272 or www.accord.ie

Altar Servers

We invite volunteers to serve as altar servers in both churches, volunteers together with parents please contact any priest after Mass or directly to parish office on telephone 021-4871206

Children's Mass

I hope to resume having a child friendly Sunday Mass in Christ Our light in the near future at 11 am. Some parents have volunteered to help, (thank you) however we need more willing hands and minds to share the work and commitment involved. Please do volunteer to help at least once a month. Give your name and phone no. to a priest or sacristan.

Fr. George.

**Walk the Camino of Cork
Walk from Kealkill to Gougane Barra**

On Gougane Sunday, 30th September, join pilgrims as they hill walk along the ancient way of Saint Finbarr from Kealkill to Gougane Barra.

Bus will leave from the Sacred Heart Church, Western Road at 8:00 am to bring pilgrims to Kealkill - Cost €6.

Suitable walking gear essential!

More information or book place on the bus contact Fr Alan Neville MSC 086 7857955

REFLECTION - BE STILL

God is our refuge and our strength.
He is a sure help in days of trouble.
Even when the world seems to dissolve in chaos, and
Nations are wracked by wars;
Yet, I will never doubt that our Great King is with us.
He has come to save us.
He counsels me,
'Wait quietly, and you shall have proof that I am God'.
Hurry blinds me to your presence.
Feverish activity allows no time for you.
Only in the peace of my soul do I recognise you.
Only in the silence of my heart can I worship you.
Soothe my emotions;
Heal my anxiety;
Allay my fears.
'Be still! and know that I am God.'
He is still our refuge and our strength.

Reflection from Psalm 46

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Sep-22 & Sep-23-2012

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Adrian Cotter
Alan Murphy
8:30 am
Pat Fennell

10:00 am
Tony Hegarty
William Greene
12:00 Noon
Miriam Maunsell
Seamus Monahan

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Michael Greene
Chidera Ebili
11:00 am
Jacob Derham
Paul Donovan
12:30 pm
Joseph Manning
Niamh Murray
5:30 pm
Emily Hardman



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Sep-22 & Sep-23-2012

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Eileen Murphy
Ted Nelligan
Eileen Corkery
Maurice Bunyan
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
Fiona Kelly
Mary O'Regan
Teresa O'Driscoll
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

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

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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

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CURA

Need to Talk?

We are there 6 days a week.

Unplanned pregnancy can be hard to take. Also when baby is born coping can be difficult. We are there to listen and support you.

Call CURA at 021 427 7544

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.

Age Action's Care & Repair Programme

Free Odd-Job/DIY Service for Older People

Are you 65+ years of age? Do you have a small repair job that you would like to have done? 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, tacking down carpets, 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 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. We can also arrange regular social visits to older people.

All volunteers are Garda vetted and carry official Age Action identification cards. To arrange to have a job done for you, simply call 021-4536554 and we will arrange to have local volunteers contact you.

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.