

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 30-September-2012

Twenty Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

The ways of God cannot be confined within the limits of narrow human ideas. We must be ready to see his Spirit working in unexpected places, we must never be closed to the goodness in others. At the same time we must be ready to turn drastically away from the evil in ourselves.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

A Cup of Cold Water

God speaks with Moses took some of the spirit and gives the spirit to many others including some that were outside the tent. The coming of the Holy Spirit on this group of people was a call to serve the people especially through leadership. God's choice is not a personal privilege to be guarded jealously but a call to serve his people. This message is misunderstood by the people of the Old Testament and again by the apostles at the time of Christ. However Christ uses this moment as an opportunity to teach his disciple using the image of the cup of cold water

Story told, The church was decorated for weeks by artificial flowers. While they looked well they lacked one thing – they emitted no smell. Then one day someone brought in a bunch of fresh bluebells and placed them on the Altar. When parishioners walked in they noticed the difference. The fragrance given off by the bluebells filled the place.

How the genuine article shines out and quietly makes its presence felt. It doesn't have to be big. Jesus said to his disciples "anyone who gives you a cup of cold water, because you belong to Christ, he will most certainly not lose his reward." The cup of cold water is a symbol of a small kind deed; few of us are given an opportunity to perform great deeds. The chance to give a cup of water can come up several times a day. A small act of kindness can turn winter into summer at least for another person. It becomes a small but significant stepping stone for that person.

Deeds don't have to be big in order to be a help and comfort to the person for whom they have been done. They just have to have a certain quality; that quality is warmth. All deeds which come from the heart have this quality.

George O'Mahony

Thought for Today

Love is one of those things that grows in itself. The more you give, the more it grows. There probably is no scientific way to measure why love works that way, but we just know it does. The same is true with acts of kindness-which in a way are the same thing as love. Like the person exorcising demons in Jesus' name, the more the better. That's how Jesus saw it, even though the disciples in their human jealousy and desire for ownership thought the person was an intruder. We see this in our own lives and try to pass it on to our children. It's hard to be mean to someone who just said, "I love you," or gave you a hug, or climbed up on your lap. As we try to get along with other people and teach our children to get along with siblings, friends, and classmates, we will make significant progress by acting and reacting in kindness and love.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us bring our needs before God who wants us to be, not stumbling blocks, but stepping stones for one another on the road to his Kingdom.

Reader

For Christians: that they may be a light to others and never a source of darkness, a stepping stone and never a stumbling block.

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

For our political and civil leaders: that God may give them strength and wisdom.

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

For all employers: that they may treat their employee in such a way as to further their dignity and self respect.

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

For all those who are victims of exploitation or abuse: that they may be able to recover from the sins committed against them.

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

For all gathered here: that we may be conscious of the evil that is within us, and strive to overcome it.

**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 love and mercy, we are weak and each of us is poisoned by sin. We ask the grace that we may never drag our brothers or sisters down; rather, let our hands be the hands by which you lead them along the path of eternal life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.

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BAPTISMS

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

Lauren Jane Costello, Woodberry, Greenfields.
Kian David Kenny, The Drive, An Caislean.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Terry Yelverton, Innishmore.
Cathal O'Connor, Bishopstown.
Paul O'Connor, Model Farm Road.
Ann Carroll, Innishmore/Ovens.
Breda McSweeney, Beech Road.

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

James Purcell, Kilcrea Park.
John & Maureen O'Brien, Blackpool.
John Walsh, College Road.
Pat, Kitty & Pat (Jnr) Sheehan, Coachford.
Noreen Healy.
Noreen Nyhan, Inniscarra View.
Florence Kelly, Fr. Sexton Park.
Jack, Essa & Ursula Lane, Blarney Street.
Maureen Driscoll, Castlegregory.
O'Driscoll family, Kinsale.
Pat Hallahan , Greenfields.
Michael O'Sullivan, Rosewood/London/Kenmare.
Michael & Teresa Morton, Dundalk & Blarney.
Rita Whelton, Glendower.
Tim & Rosemary O'Donovan, Bishopstown.
Patrick, Jane & Paddy Aherne, Magazine Road.
Esther Walsh, Bishopstown.
Margaret Linehan.
Susan O'Driscoll, Carrigdenne.
Twomey Family, Main Street & West Village.
Henry Russell, Drimoleague & Bandon.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Twenty Sixth Week In Ordinary Time

30 Sunday Num 11:25-29. Ps 18. Jas 5:1-6. Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48. Lect I: 804
01 Monday Ex 23:20-23. Ps 90. Mt 18:1-5, 10. Lect II: 1212
02 Tuesday Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23. Ps 87. Lk 9:51-56. Lect II: 791
03 Wednesday Job 9:1-12, 14-16. Ps87. Lk 9:57-62. Lect II: 793
04 Thursday Job 19:21-27. Ps26. Lk 10:1-12. Lect II: 795
05 Friday Job 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5. Ps 138. Lk 10:13-16. Lect II: 79
06 Saturday Acts 1:12-14. Ps Lk 1:46-55.1k 1:26-38 Lect II: 1217

Next Sunday's Readings 07-October-2012

Gen 2:18-24. Ps 127. Heb 2:9-11. Mk 10:2-16. Lect I: 807

SHEP

The following programme of courses for adults will be held in Cork. Each of these courses runs for a total of 20 hours over 8 weeks. It is essential to book your place in advance as numbers are strictly limited Venue: SHEP Ballincollig

Effective Communication

Tuesdays: 2nd October to 20th Nov

Time: 7.30 - 10 pm €50 (€25 conc.)

Build self-esteem and develop skills and awareness to improve communication in ways that help enhance the quality of life and relationships.

Family Communication

Weds: 3rd October to 21st Nov

Time: 7.30 - 10 pm €50 (€25 conc.)

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.

Introduction to Personal Development

Thursdays: 27th Sept to 15th Nov

Time: 7.30 - 10 pm €50 (€25 conc.)

Explore issues affecting emotional well-being and growth, including the management of feelings, stress, listening, communication and relationships.

To book your place or for further information, phone 021 466 6180

Annual General Meeting

The Dyslexia Association of Ireland - Cork Branch is holding its Annual General Meeting on Monday, 1st October at 7 pm in Bishopstown Community School.
All welcome

Chocolate Sale.

Butler's Chocolate Bars will be on sale after 11.00 am Mass in Christ Our Light on October 7th.
This collection is in aid of the Hope Foundation. Profits will go directly to helping the street children of Calcutta.
All support is greatly appreciated.

"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!)

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Numbers 11:25-29
 Today we hear how Moses allowed two good men to continue their work. Even in the desert, there was freedom among God's People; Moses was a leader, not a dictator.

Second Reading: James 5:1-6
 People who have money and power sometimes discriminate against the poor; they may live in luxury and not pay fair wages. Such selfishness is a serious sin; today's reading tells why.

Gospel Mark 9:38-43
 Today in the Gospel Christ frowns on the exclusivism of the Apostles, today exclusivity is a real temptation within the church. In our communities there are many little ones, weak, ill-instructed people whose faith we sometimes dismiss as puerile. Nothing authorises us to reject or despise them. Still less may we scandalise them, as though, having the monopoly of the Spirit, we were free to do what we liked.

**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

An Invitation to Remember...

A Service of Remembrance will be held by Cork University Maternity Hospital on Sunday 14th October at 4 pm in Sacred Heart Church, Western Road.
 All who have experienced pregnancy or infant loss are welcome to attend

Coeliac Society of Ireland.

Cork Support Group meeting notice
 Date: Tuesday 2nd October, 2012
 Venue: SMA Centre, Wilton, Cork
 Time: 8 pm
 Topic: Review of recent news, dietician talk information night.
 All welcome, €4 entrance fee.

Baptism

Preparation for the sacrament of baptism resumed in Ballincollig last Saturday. At present there are three parishioners involved in the presentation. That team could be increased by at least two adults as hospitality is part of each preparation. I am inviting more adults to volunteer for this ministry with a view to having two teams involved to share the task and give witness to their faith, preparation will be provided in advance.

Bulletin Board

First Friday

Friday October 5th is the first Friday of the month. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St Mary & St John from 6.30 pm to 7.45 pm, you are invited to come and spend some time with the Lord. There is Mass in St Mary & St John on Friday evening at 8.00 pm. The priests of the parish visit the sick of the parish on the first Friday of each month; please let us know if you have a family member or neighbour who is sick or housebound.

Children's Mass

The next Children's Mass **for children in second class preparing for their first Holy Communion** will take place on Sunday 7th October at 11.00am in Church of Christ Our Light. The Parents of children who are seven and eight are asked to bring them to this Mass. Preparation with children commences in the main body of the church at 10.45am. The Children retire to the crying room where they celebrate the Liturgy of the Word in a child friendly fashion. They will return to the main church at the start of the offertory procession.

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place on **Saturday October 20th 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.

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

Special collection for Diocesan Needs

The next collection for Diocesan needs will be taken up at all Masses next weekend 6/7th October

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.

Confirmation Dates 2013

Scoil Barra	Friday, April 12 th
Scoil Eoin	Thursday April 18 th
Scoil Mhuire	Thursday 9 th May
Gael Scoil	Monday 13 th May

First Holy Communion Dates

Gael Scoil	Sat. 20 th April
Scoil Barra	Sat. 27 th April
Scoil Eoin	Sat. 18 th May
Scoil Mhuire	Sat. 25 th May

Fr. George.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Oct-06 & Oct-07-2012

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Sandra Walsh
Brian Hennessy
8:30 am
John Healy
Kerry O'Leary
10:00 am
Grace Buttimer
Orla Horgan
12:00 Noon
Sean Hennessy
Shane Lehane

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Pauline Collins
Niall Cronin
11:00 am
Jack Dorgan
Harry O'Brien
12:30 pm
James Nyagaya
Margaret Buckley
5:30 pm
Siobhan Keane-Hopcraft



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Oct-06 & Oct-07-2012

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

8:30 am Mary Buckley
Theresa Lucey
Triona Collins

11:00 am Neil Jeffers
Eileen O'Donoghue
Bridie Hanrahan
Catherine / Hugh Moran
Padraig Fleming

10:00 am Anne Cahill
Pat Lee
Cathy Horgan
Claudine Tiendioh
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
Eleanor Knowles
Catherine Greene
Joan Barrett
Dymphna Canny

5:30 pm Bernard Curran
John Canty

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

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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

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021-4871206

Fr. Dave O'Connell C.C.

087-2479140

Fr. Padraig O'Donoghue

021-4876171

Fr. James McSweeney

021-4873308

Society of St. Vincent De Paul

Monthly Collection

Next weekend 6th & 7th October 2012

Please Support

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.

What is Carbon Monoxide (CO) - Extract from Awareness Week 2012

Carbon Monoxide (also known as CO) is a colourless, odourless poisonous gas and is a common yet preventable cause of death from poisoning worldwide. Approximately half of the deaths from unintentional CO poisonings result from the inhalation of smoke from fires. Other significant causes are vehicle exhausts and deaths in industrial / commercial settings. On average between 1 and 2 people die each year in Ireland from unintentional CO poisoning in the home in incidents related to domestic heating or other fossil fuel installations in the home (i.e. excluding the inhalation of smoke from fires).

The incomplete combustion of organic fossil fuels such as oil, gas or coal is a common environmental source of CO and is responsible for many cases of non-fatal unintentional CO poisoning.

In normal conditions the combustion process (the addition of oxygen) will result in carbon in the fossil fuel, combining with oxygen, in the air, to produce Carbon Dioxide (CO2), the same substance we exhale when we breathe. However, if there is a lack of air for the combustion process or the heating appliance is faulty, Carbon Monoxide can be produced. When CO is inhaled into the body it combines with the blood, preventing it from absorbing oxygen. If a person is exposed to CO over a period, it can cause illness and even death.

Carbon Monoxide has no smell, taste or colour. This is why it is sometimes called the "Silent Killer".

Carbon Monoxide alarms can be used as a backup to provide a warning to householders in the event of a dangerous build up of CO.

Check that the Carbon Monoxide alarm complies with the EN 50291 standard. Remember that Carbon Monoxide alarms are no substitute for regular inspection and maintenance of appliances, vents, flues and chimneys.

(more next week)