

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



**St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road**

## Sunday 04-November-2012

**Thirty First Sunday In Ordinary Time.**

*The heart of our faith and its practice, is contained in today's readings. God is one and he is loved with all our being. We are to love our neighbour as ourselves. Both go together. Our faith in God and our love for him, informs our love for our neighbour and this in it's turn, is the expression of our faith—love for God.*



**Christ Our Light  
Innishmore**

### ***The Commandment of Love***

In today's Gospel, one of the Scribes approaches Jesus asking which is the greatest of the commandments of the Law. Jesus refers to the words of Moses, which we hear in the first reading: 'You must love God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength'. Jesus adds a second commandment - just as important as the first: 'you must love your neighbour as yourself'. If our love of God is real, Christ is saying, it will express itself in love for our fellow human beings. This gospel passage focuses on important areas of the Christian life. One is our personal relationship with God. Then there is Jesus' second commandment. If our love for God is genuine, it will naturally take shape in practical concern and service towards others.

When we reflect on how God loves everyone as much as he loves us, we think of everyone in a new way. Everyone is special to God. The love we know God has for ourselves is also the love God also has for the person beside me, those I live with, for my neighbour, for the people I may not particularly like, and the people who may not particularly like me! We are all God's beloved. Everyone is in some way a reflection of God, the God who loves us.

Our second reading from the Letter to the Hebrews talks of Jesus as priest: 'Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him'. When we think of how much God has done for us and how much God loves us we owe him a debt of gratitude.

This week-end, we commemorate the death of our loved ones. In the Preface for Christian death, we pray: 'Lord, for your faithful people, life is changed, not ended'. Death is not an end. For the Christian, death is a door opening to admit his or her soul into eternal life. As we celebrate the sacred memory of all those dear to us, we pray for their eternal joy and peace.

"God, our creator and redeemer, by your power Christ conquered death and returned to you in glory. May all our loved ones who have gone before us in faith share his victory and enjoy the vision of your glory for ever."

*Sr. Colette*

### ***Thought for Today***

Building our families is much like constructing a building in that you need a solid foundation in order to build a worthy structure. There are many things we might name that help build the foundation such as love, and essentials including food, clothing and shelter. Some quality time and holidays may help, too. But the main ingredient, indeed, the cornerstone, is Jesus. Not much else we offer our children will impact their lives as much as the religious foundation we provide. The most important time to remember this valuable lesson is when we feel least like living it our-

### **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

#### **Priest**

As we bring our needs before God, we are mindful of the two great commandments of love, and of how much we need God's grace to be faithful to them.

#### **Reader**

For Church leaders: that in word and deed they may up-hold the primacy of love in Christian living.

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

For all followers of Christ: that they may show their love for God by loving others.

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

For our civil leaders: that they may work unselfishly for all members of society, but particularly the weaker and more vulnerable members.

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

For those who have known little love in their lives and who practice even less.

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

For the sick and the needy: that through our love they may know that God cares about 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**

All-loving God, help us to make love the foundation of our lives. May our love for you express itself in our eagerness to do good to others. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***I love you, Lord, my strength.***

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**BAPTISMS**

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

Tara Ena Lynch, Chestnut Grove, Classes Lake.  
 Emma Jane Halpin, Old Court Drive, Greenfields.  
 John Cathal Henchy, Ballyburden.  
 Patrick Michael O'Regan, An Caislean Close.  
 Caolan Seomhamh Linehan, Tuairin Glas.

**MARRIAGES**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

David O'Leary, Carrigrohane & Emma O'Sullivan, Leesdale.  
 Brendan McNamara, Douglas & Emer O'Sullivan, Wyndham Lawn.  
 Geoffrey Barrett, Beech Park & Amy Walsh, Muskerry Estate.  
 Donal Keane, Farran & Emily Cronin, Parknamore.  
 Alan O'Driscoll & Melanie O'Mahony, The Cloisters.  
 Killian Forbes, Carrigrohane & Ruth Bourke, Glincool.  
 David Hannan, Dripsey & Louise McSwiney, Avoncourt.  
 John Hurley, Waterfall & Deirdre Murphy, Rosewood.  
 Graham O'Brien, Gurrabraher & Louise Linehan, Lee Court.

**† IN SYMPATHY †**

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

Joe Corcoran, Rosewood.

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

Patrick O'Leary, Poulavone.  
 Michael Costello, Old Court.  
 Eibhilin Ui Ghabhlain, Dublin / Mayo.  
 Bernie Owens, Hawthorn Avenue.  
 Lily & Jim McDonnell, Blarney Street.  
 Michael & Sheila Duggan, Dunmanway & Bandon.  
 Christy Sullivan, Lauragh, Kenmare.  
 Justin Monaghan, College Road.  
 Deceased members of the O'Mahony Family, Ballinora.  
 Helen Lynch, Gurranes.  
 Grace & Josie Hallihan, Powdermills.  
 James Joseph Cooney, England.  
 Ellen & Pierce Delaney, Roches Building.  
 Dan O'Leary, Rosewood.  
 Nora O'Callaghan, Carrigrohane.  
 John Sexton, Bweeng.  
 Ellen, Catherine & Eugene Lee, Dripsey.  
 Mary O'Callaghan, Yorkshire.  
 Tim, Kaye, & Deirdre O'Callaghan, Douglas.  
 Cornelius Twomey, Macroom.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Thirty First Week In Ordinary Time**

04 Sunday Deut 6:2-6. Ps 17. Heb 7:23-28. Mk 12:28-34. Lect I: 820

05 Monday Phil 2:1-4. Ps 130. Lk 14:12-14. Lect II: 850

06 Tuesday Eccles (Sir) 44:1-15. Ps 125. Lk 6:20-26.

07 Wednesday Phil. 2:12-18. Ps. 26. Lk. 14:25-33. Lect II: 854

08 Thursday Phil. 3:3-8. Ps. 104. Lk. 15: 1-10. Lect II: 856

09 Friday Ez. 47:1-2, 8-9, 12, Ps. 45. 1 Cor.3:9-11,16-17. In. 2:13-22. Lect II: 1250 or Lect I:1006

10 Saturday Phil 4:10-19. Ps 111. Lk 16:9-15. Lect II: 860

**Next Sunday's Readings 11-November-2012**

1 Kgs 17:10-16. Ps 145. Heb 9:24-28. Mk 12:38-44. Lect I: 822

**Scoil Barra Enrolment Week**

12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> of November 2012

Any parents wishing to enrol their child in Scoil Barra for the School Year 2013-2014 are invited to complete an 'Application for Admission Form' available each day from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. during Enrolment Week. Applications will be processed in accordance with Scoil Barra's Enrolment/Admission Policy.

Please note that in line with this Policy all applications for admission must be received at the school on/before Friday 16<sup>th</sup> of November 2012. In addition to Enrolment Week, parents are welcome to enrol their child at any other time before this date. Children who wish to be enrolled in Scoil Barra as Junior Infants in September 2013 must be at least 4 years of age on/before 31<sup>st</sup> of May 2013.

Prospective parents/children are invited to visit our school for an 'Open Afternoon' on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> of November between 1.00 p.m. -2.30 p.m.

**Donal O' Sullivan (Principal)**

Scoil Barra, Innishmore, Ballincollig, Co. Cork.

Tel. (021) 4873459

**The Hope Family Support Group**

Will hold their 2nd Annual Ceremony of Love Light and Remembrance for all our loved ones lost to addiction. This multi denominational candle lit ceremony will be held in the SMA church in Wilton on Thursday 8th of November 2012 at 7.30 pm . This ceremony will also feature Frankfield Gospel Choir , Irish Dancers, and other artists . All are welcome to join afterwards for Tea and coffee which is available at the SMA Community hall at the rear of the church . A Remembrance tree planting ceremony will take place at the Clashduv Community Park, Toghher on a date to be confirmed. All enquiries to: Mr Pat Herlihy Hope Family Support Group, 21a Pouladuff Road, Cork 085-7438306

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**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Deuteronomy 6:2-6  
 Moses urges his people to keep all of God's commandments. Then follows one of the most important statements in all of the Old Testament: "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!" This prayer is as dear to Jews today as it was to Jesus himself and all the apostles. It is a statement of belief in the one true God. Then follows the teaching that was so important to Jesus: we are to love and serve God.

Second Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28  
 This reading continues the teaching on Jesus the eternal High Priest. Unlike the priests of the Old Testament, whose priesthood died with them, Jesus live forever to intercede for us? He offers to the Father the perfect sacrifice of himself.

Gospel: Mark 12: 28-34  
 Today's gospel brings us to the heart of Christian living: Love God and love your neighbour. As we gather to celebrate the wonderful love of God for each one of us, we are given strength for the Christian journey. Jesus is asked to name "the first of all the commandments." In the first part of his reply, Jesus quotes the words from today's first reading: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with your entire mind, and with all your strength." Then Jesus adds another commandment, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." Jesus made the two commandments one. We now call this the Great Commandment. Loving God and loving neighbour cannot be separated. We love God by loving our neighbour as we love ourselves. The proof and measure of how we love God is shown in how much we love others.

**Society of St. Vincent De Paul**  
 Monthly Collection  
 This weekend 3rd & 4th November 2012  
**Please Support**

**Creative Reflection**

Participants are invited to look into how we invest our energy and where we are seeking meaning and fulfilment today.  
 A series of four sessions reflecting on life experiences and drawing on the lives of people in the Scriptures, with an encouragement of creative participation.

1. **Meaning and fulfilment in the life journey.**
2. **Good News that makes a difference**
3. **Light and Hope through the Church**
4. **Opening the door of faith**

Commencing Tuesday 13th November 2012 @ 8 pm  
 Annex Room—Community Hall

**Muskerry Local History Society**

Dr. Paul McCotter of the Department of Archaeology UCC will launch the latest volume of the Muskerry Local History Society journal *TIMES PAST* on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November next at 8.00 pm in the Ballincollig Rugby Club.

**Bulletin Board**

**Novena for the Dead – November 2<sup>nd</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>**

November is a month dedicated to our dead relatives and friends. It is the time of year when we are asked to pray for our dead and thank God for their efforts and goodness to us. Christ's prayer to his Father is "I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, so that they may always see the glory you have given me."  
 We encourage everyone to make a special effort to come to daily Mass during the Novena for the Dead and may be even keep up the effort for the month of November.  
 Envelopes are available in both Churches with slip inside for your Holy Souls List.  
 There will be evening Mass (morning Masses as usual) in both Churches during the Novena- 6.30 pm *Christ Our Light* and 8 pm *St Mary & St John*.

**Special Mass**

There will be a Special Mass to remember all our loved ones who died during the past year on **Monday November 12<sup>th</sup> at 8.00 pm in St Mary & St John**. All those who died from the Parish will be remembered at this Mass. Families who wish to have deceased family members (who died during the past twelve months) included in this Mass are invited to hand in their names to the Sacristy or Parish Office during the week and please include a contact name and an address.

**Cemetery Masses**

Mass in St Mary's & St John Cemetery  
 November 10<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon.

**Children's Mass**

The next Children's Mass **for children in second class preparing for their first Holy Communion** will take place on today Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November, at 11.00 am 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 10.45 am. 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.

Fr. George.

**Frank Duff**, founder of the Legion of Mary, will be commemorated at Mass to be celebrated at St. Augustine's Church, Washington St., on Saturday, 10th. November at 4 pm All welcome!

**Concert**

Fr. Liam Lawton will perform in concert in St. Patrick's Church Bandon on Friday December 14th. Tickets cost €20 and are on sale now. They can be purchased in Kevin O'Leary's Centra New Road, Hickeys and O'Farrell's Newsagent, South Main Street Bandon, St. Patrick's Church sacristy and on line [www.ticketsireland.ie](http://www.ticketsireland.ie).  
 For more information contact Carol 086 1022030.

**The Blessing of Graves**

St. James Cemetery Chetwynd, Togher  
 (Off the Bandon Road)  
 Will take place on Sunday, 11th Nov. 2012 at 3.00 p.m.  
 All Welcome

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Nov-10 & Nov-11-2012

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**  
Adrian Cotter  
Alan Murphy  
**8:30 am**  
John Healy  
Kerry O'Leary  
**10:00 am**  
Margot Twomey  
Kaylyn Lordan  
**12:00 Noon**  
Miriam Maunsell  
Seamus Monahan

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**  
Pauline Collins  
Niall Cronin  
**11:00 am**  
Jacob Derham  
Paul Donovan  
**12:30 pm**  
Joseph Manning  
Niamh Murray  
**5:30 pm**  
Siobhan Keane-Hopcraft



**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Nov-10 & Nov-11-2012

**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 / Noel Kelleher

**12:30 pm** Eileen Garvey  
Sally Power  
Breda Callanan  
Catherine Freehill  
Betty Walsh / Liam Buckley

**5:30 pm** Olan O'Mahony  
Anne-Marie Whelan

**Catholicism - A Short Introduction**

Do you know anyone who would like to know more about Catholic beliefs and way of life? Perhaps you know someone who is engaged or married to a Catholic; recently moved to Ireland or surrounded by Catholics at home or work, or perhaps have questions they never had a chance to ask. These evenings are for anyone who would like a better understanding of Catholic belief and practice - why we do what we do. These sessions will give a simple and informal introduction, with plenty of time for questions and discussion. There will be no expectation that participants have any interest in becoming Catholic. All welcome. Led by Fr. Cormac Breathnach SMA, Fr. Declan Mansfield, Anne Francis.

Wilton Parish Centre, (to the right of the church).

4 Mondays Nov 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. 8.00 pm.

1. **Catholic Believing**
2. **Catholic Living**
3. **Catholic Praying and Worshipping**
4. **Catholics in the Modern World**

**MASS TIMES**

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

8:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon	<b>Sunday</b>	11 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	<b>Monday</b>	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	<b>Tuesday</b>	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	<b>Thursday</b>	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	<b>Friday</b>	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
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	<b>Saturday</b>	4:30 pm
Except First Saturday of Month		First Saturday of Month
12:45 pm	<b>Sunday</b>	

**PARISH CLERGY**

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<b>Fr. Pdraig O'Donoghue</b>	<b>021-4876171</b>
<b>Fr. James McSweeney</b>	<b>021-4873308</b>

**Fuaimlaoi Concert**

Saturday 17th November 2012, 8.15 pm

Sacred Heart Church, Western Road.

Fuaimlaoi is a group of singers and instrumentalists producing liturgical music rooted in our native Irish tradition. Proceeds to SHARE and Presentation Brothers missions. Tickets €10. Contact Eileen at 021-4392160.

**Upcoming Events at Ennismore Retreat Centre**

6th November 6 week Prayer Course beginning at 7.30 pm. with Fr. Frank Downes OP

6th November - Ennismore at the Movies - 5 Tues. evenings @ 7.30 pm.

10th November - Coping with Loss (10.30 a.m. - 4.30 p.m.) with Pat Sheehan

For further details phone 021 4502520 or ennismore@eircom.net

**Ballincollig Scout Group**

Are preparing for their 27<sup>th</sup> Annual **Bazaar & Auction** to be held in Ballincollig Community Hall on **2<sup>nd</sup> December @ 2 pm** More to follow.....

**St. Mark's Gospel**

Why are the scriptures so important? How do we live the message **we** find in the **gospel**? We need your help in grappling with the questions raised in the gospel of **St. Mark** which we will be praying and reflecting on between now and Christmas.

**Join us in exploring** how **we** bring Jesus into our lives.

We meet every Wednesday evening for **1** hour at the new Parish Centre, Sonas, Station Road, (across from the Community Hall) at 8 pm.

**Looking forward to seeing you.—Everybody welcome.**