

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 11-November-2012

Thirty Second Sunday In Ordinary Time.

Our readings today show us two widows giving generously what they could hardly afford to give. Poverty need not lead to bitterness. It can lead to heroic generosity and courage. Such poor as these two widows, stand as a living condemnation of us who have so much. We give so little, as we watch the perpetuation of Injustice and poverty in our world.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Spirit of Generosity

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus warning the crowds not to follow the example of the scribes in seeking honour and attention from others. Jesus words to his disciples about the Scribes is as relevant today - that the spirit in which we give is more important than the amount we give. The widow in the first reading had only enough food left for one more meal before she and her son would die. She was about to prepare it when the prophet Elijah comes along asking her to share their meal with him. He promised her that in exchange God would replenish her stock. Here is a widow faced with the demands of a stranger. She took the risk doing as Elijah asked her and God repaid her trust and generosity.

The Temple in Jerusalem was the centre of Jewish worship in the time of Jesus. It was expected that observant Jews would make pilgrimages to the Temple to offer prayer and sacrifices. Pilgrims were also expected to make a financial contribution to the temple treasury. Jesus observes that those who were rich contributed large sums to the treasury. Those with less means made smaller contributions. Jesus' attention is drawn to a poor widow who makes the smallest of contributions - two small coins of little value. Jesus brings her offering to the attention of his disciples saying she has given much more than all the others. They gave from their surplus wealth; but she has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on. Despite her poverty and the anxieties that brings, God is at the centre of her life and in giving of her all it shows her deep faith and trust that God will provide for her needs.

The gospel as well as the first reading can challenge us to reflect on two issues: first, our response to those around us who are most vulnerable; and second, how generous are we willing to be in sharing of ourselves to build up God's kingdom. We are called on to be generous with our resources - not just material resources, but also to be generous with our time, our gifts and talents, our love and to be aware of the needs of others in our midst. In times of great need, we pray for a deep trust in the generosity and providence of God and we pray for a generosity of spirit to reach out to those who today are finding it difficult to cope with life's situations.

Sr. Colette

TAIZÉ PRAYER

The next Taizé Prayer Service at Christ Our Light Church will be on **FRIDAY 23rd NOVEMBER**

All are welcome to join us for some quiet reflective prayer with the Songs of Taizé

Thought for Today

Why do we admire people who "give their all"? What does "giving my all" mean to me in my life? Do I give my all to my family? to my studies? to sports? What does it mean to "give my all" to God?

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us pray that God may help us to imitate the faith and generosity of the widow.

Reader

For the leaders of the Church: that they may teach and practice the values of Christ.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For all those who have charge over others: that they may reward people, not according to results, but according to the effort made.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those whose work is hard and unrewarding, and who seldom receive recognition.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For all gathered here: that we may work to please the Lord rather than to win human rewards.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who lack the basic necessities of life, that they may be assisted by generous friends.

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, you have been generous with us. Everything we have is a gift from you. Help us to be generous with others. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

My soul give praise to the Lord.

Visit Our Website: www.ballincolligparish.ie

BAPTISMS

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

Marek Alexander Sterdas, The Green, Coolroe Meadows
 Gladys Tsybulkina, Oaklands.
 Alysasa O'Connor, Oaklands.
 Orlaith Catherine Collins, The Oaks, Classes Lake.
 Evelyn Carroll, Waltham Abbey, Old Quarter.
 Maximilian Frank Heinz Rohringer. Whitethorn Drive.
 Martha Helen Walsh, O'Donovan Crescent.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Patrick Farrell, Maglin.
 John McSweeney, Carrigrohane.

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

Deceased Members of the O'Mahony & Greene Families.
 Charlie, Julia & Sean Dunne, Muskerry Estate.
 Deceased members the O'Mahony Family, Barrack Street.
 Jeremiah O'Sullivan, Avoncourt.
 Mary Emperor, Rockchapel.
 James & Katie Ellen O'Grady, Sligo.
 John & Ellen Beamish, Clonakilty.
 John & Hannah O'Connor, Dingle.
 Catherine & Edward Hogan, Ballincollig.
 Brid Hogan, Greenmount & Ballincollig.
 Michael Gaffney, Castle Avenue.
 Helena Santry, Victoria Cross.
 Michael Costello, Old Court.
 Joan Lucy
 Statia Furlong, Wexford.
 Jim & Eileen Riordan, Hartlands Avenue.
 Paddy Forde, Castlepark.
 Richard Hourigan, Limerick.
 John & Margaret Linehan, Guranabraher.
 Ton Duncan, Co Mayo.
 Michael & Johanna Hennigan, Inniscarra View.
 Ton Drinan, Waterfall.
 Edwin McDermot, Poulavone.
 Sheila Hickey, Innishmore.
 Michael & Nora Keating, Cahirciveen.
 Mary & Patrick O'Mahony, Newcestown.
 Noel & John O'Mahony; Newcestown.
 John Creed, Inniscarra View & Woodside.
 Bridget O'Callaghan, Macroom.
 Davy Forde, Terelton.
 Eric Gould, Knocknaheeny.

T&YouCat

Next monthly gathering for young adults (18-35)
 Thursday 15th November in Ballyphehane at the Pastoral Development Office. Tea and sandwiches at 5:30 pm and discussion on the youth catechism (YouCat) from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.
 All welcome and invite a friend too!
 For more info: Fr Charlie 021 4537603

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Thirty Second Week In Ordinary Time

- 11 Sunday 1 Kgs 17:10-16. Ps 145. Heb 9:24-28. Mk 12:38-44. Lect I: 822
- 12 Monday Tit 1:1-9. Ps. 23. Lk. 17:1-6. Lect II: 862
- 13 Tuesday Tit 2:1-8, 11-14. Ps 36. Lk 17:7-10. Lect II: 864
- 14 Wednesday Tit. 3:1-7. Ps. 22. Lk. 17:11-19. Lect II: 866
- 15 Thursday Philem. 7-20. Ps. 145. Lk. 17:20-25. Lect II: 869
- 16 Friday 2 Jn. 4-9. Ps. 118. Lk. 17:26-37. Lect II: 871
- 17 Saturday 3 Jn. 5-8. Ps. 111. Lk. 18:1-8. Lect II: 873

Next Sunday's Readings 18-November-2012

Dan 12:1-13. Ps 15. Heb 10:11-14, 18. Mk 13:24-32. Lect I: 826

Scoil Barra Enrolment Week

12th-16th 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 16th 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 31st of May 2013.

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

Donal O' Sullivan (Principal)

Scoil Barra, Innishmore, Ballincollig, Co. Cork.
 Tel. (021) 4873459

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.

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16

'Do not be afraid!' Elijah says to the widow. In times of loss, in moments of struggle, on the day when all avenues of escape seem to be closed, we are called to stand firm and remember that God does not abandon his people to death and despair. God will always find a way. Trust in him.

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28

Christ does not measure himself out in terms of what he has to spare. He holds nothing back from the Father and he holds nothing back from us. He gives himself totally, once and for all, emptying himself so that we might be filled with the divine life forfeited by our first parents. Christ teaches us how to give so that we may receive the abundance of God's mercy.

Gospel Reading: Mark 12:38-44

If we make a show of holiness we make a mockery of God. It is in the hidden, ordinary acts of love that true heroism is most often shown. If we are lavish in our outward demonstration of piety or charity but have hearts turned in on ourselves, what do we hope to gain? God sees not only our actions but also the intentions which lie behind them and we will be rewarded not so much for how much we give but for how much it costs us to give. The more we hold on to, the less free we are to move forward. They achieve holiness who dare to risk everything for God.

The Journey of Faith – In the Dance of Life

A series of four sessions reflecting on our own life experiences and drawing on the lives of interesting people in the scriptures.

Where are we looking for meaning and fulfilment today and how can our spirituality be more enriched by religious beliefs and practices?

How can we share the difficulties in believing in a society so preoccupied with what is immediate and immeasurable?

How do we experience the mission of the church today and where do we belong in it?

1. **Finding God in the Scriptures and in the World.**
2. **Good News through Jesus Christ**
3. **Light and Hope through the Church**
4. **The Challenge of Believing Today**

Commencing Wednesday 14th November 2012 @ 8 pm

Annex Room—Community Hall

Facilitated by Fr. Donal Linehan (021 4873448)

Scoil Eoin & Scoil Mhuire

Enrolment Week (School Year 2013 / 2014)

19th – 23rd of November 2012

Open Afternoon in both schools

on Wednesday, November 21st from 2.00 pm - 3.45 pm

Scoil Eoin 021 4871321 (Boys' School)

&

Scoil Mhuire 021 4870809 (Girls' School)

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

Bulletin Board

Special Mass for the recently deceased Monday 12th November at 8 pm in the Church of St Mary & St John.

Advent Retreat 3rd 4th & 5th December in Church of St. Mary & St John, Mass at 7.00 am, Prayer, Homily and Liturgy at 8 pm.

Marriage Support Envelope Collection

The annual Marriage Support collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend. Please place your donations in the envelopes provided.

Autumn Dues

The Priests of the Parish would like to thank you for returning your Autumn Dues. Your continued support and generosity is greatly appreciated.

Fr. George.

An Garda Siochana in Cork

Annual Mass for Deceased Members of City Division
St Francis Church, Liberty St. Cork

7.30 pm on Thursday 15th November, 2012.



The copy of The Czestochowa Icon peregrinates "From Ocean to Ocean", - from Vladivostok in Russia to Fatima in Portugal, for the intention of the defence of life and family. The Icon has already visited over 20 countries. From 16th November, it will be travelling around Ireland and on 24th November will reach Cork, St. Augustine's Church. On that day we invite you for prayers and welcome the image of Our Lady

Queen of Poland.

Czestochowa Icon pilgrimage "From Ocean to Ocean" by the world in the defence of life is a joint initiative of the pro-life movement from many countries and international organisation "Human Life International". A copy of the icon of Czestochowa was applied to the original and consecrated by Archbishop Stanislaw Nowak, Metropolitan of Czestochowa at Jasna Gora.

Prior to this icon, leaders of the pro-life movement of the 20 countries, made the "Act to entrust the protection of the civilization of life and love". The Icon of Czestochowa is a gift of Polish pro-life movement for the Russian movement. Leader of the pro-life movement in the East is the Orthodox Church, and in the West, most of them are Catholics. They turn to their bishops, asking for a blessing and adoption of pro-life pilgrimage icons. Czestochowa icon links East and West.

Ireland is 22nd of the 25 countries to which the image of Our Lady of Czestochowa will make its pilgrimage. Then the image will be taken to France, Spain and Fatima in Portugal. Pilgrimage "From Ocean to Ocean" is a great act of faith in victory. The Czestochowa icon in the East is called: "Invincible Victory."

More information: <http://www.fromoceanoocean.org>

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Nov-17 & Nov-18-2012

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Daniel McAuliffe
Laura O'Keefe
8:30 am
Triona Downey

10:00 am
Lauree Hegarty
Mary O'Driscoll
12:00 Noon
Declan Chalmers
Niamh Keelan

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Rebecca Feely
Eoghan Barrett
11:00 am
Sorcha Nic Mheanmain
Maire Buckley
12:30 pm
Margaret Buckley
James Nyagaya
5:30 pm
Marlyn O'Connor



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Nov-17 & Nov-18-2012

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Eileen Murphy
Ted Nelligan
Eileen Corkery
Maurice Bunyan
Sheila Walshe
Ann McCarthy

8:30 am Helen Kelly
Mary O'Connor
Michael Crowley

10:00 am Fionnuala McDonagh
Mary Buckley
Fiona Kelly
Mary O'Regan
Teresa O'Driscoll
Martin O'Leary

12 Noon Ann-Marie Cosgrove
Phil Kennedy
Ellen O'Sullivan
Ursula McAuliffe
Sally Crowley

7:30 pm John O'Donoghue
Mary Dineen
Kathleen Daly
Mairead Keenan
Kay O'Sullivan

11:00 am Mary O'Mahony
Mona Bowen
Billy Barry
Mary Aylward
Pauline Baston

12:30 pm Mary Twomey
Maura O'Driscoll
Mary Lehane
Dympna Byrne
Suzanne Leech

5:30 pm Shelia Curran
Elizabeth O'Sullivan

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 12th, 19th, 26th, December 3rd. 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

Sunday

11 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm

9:30 am & 8 pm

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

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021-4871206

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021-4876171

Fr. James McSweeney

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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.

Ballincollig Scout Group

Are preparing for their 27th Annual **Bazaar & Auction**

to be held in Ballincollig Community Hall on

2nd December @ 2 pm More to follow.....

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.

For more information contact Carol 086 1022030.

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.