

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

## Sunday 20-January-2013

Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

*A wedding is a time for joyful celebration; it is a time of hope and promise. According to John the wedding at Cana marked the beginning of Jesus' ministry. It showed the joy and plenty that his coming brings because in him, God's promised love is present reality.*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

### Wedding Feast

Jesus - The Invited Guest to the Wedding Feast

The best until last

Is He first or last on our guest list of life and its unfolding events?

No matter how popular or how unpopular we might feel we are at times most of us have experienced what it is like to be involved in organising and hosting a special occasion like a birthday party, a wedding reception, an anniversary party, a family reunion, a station mass, a school event.

Life provides us with due reason to remember and celebrate significant occasions and events in our lives.

Even when we are small we have our list of friends who we are eager to share our toys and our joys with and there are others who haven't quite managed to impress us and so we inevitably exclude them.

And we know too that there are some people who are very talented at organising these things and they are the sort of people you put on your invitation list straight away because you can rely on them and depend on them to help things run smoothly.

Today's Gospel reading reflects the interaction that took place with Jesus in the ordinary events of everyday life. He often revealed, taught, healed and transformed situations which made things that much better for those who encountered the dual effects of His divinity and humanity. Jesus and his mother Mary at a wedding reception in Cana.

They are invited guests and turn out to be guests with human understanding and consideration for their hosts who find themselves without the necessities. The miracle of Jesus changing water into wine at Cana is a statement regarding his giving of something of his humanity and his godhead to others.

This is the mystery of Jesus' embodiment of the human condition and the incarnation of Jesus as the word made flesh and evermore dwelling among us. The mixed response is of both a human and godlike nature.

Jesus was able to fulfill a short term human need but also reveal the gifts of the infinite that he offers to all who would invite him to be their guest in the significant moments of our lives.

It is no coincidence that the sacraments of the Church run alongside and parallel with birth, childhood, adolescence, adulthood, sickness, old age, death. As I see it Jesus wishes to be in partnership with us throughout our lives. The readings today speak of Jesus' partnership with us in terms commonly applied to marriage. It is Jesus who is the eternal bridegroom joined to his people.

How is our partnership with Him going?

*Dave O'Connell*

### Taizé

The next Taizé Prayer Service  
at Christ Our Light Church

will be **on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30 P.M.**

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

### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

**Priest**

Jesus brought joy to the wedding guests at Cana by turning water into wine. Let us bring our needs before him with confidence.

**Reader**

For the Pope, the bishops, and all who exercise any ministry in the Church: that they may see themselves as agents of Christ's love and compassion.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For all those who hold public office in our society: that they may be agents of truth, justice and peace.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For all married couples: that they may taste the new wine of unselfish love.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For couples who are experiencing difficulty in their marriages and those who have never known the wine of love and joy in their lives.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the faithful departed: that they may be admitted to the wedding feast of eternal 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**

God of love and mercy, may we experience your Son's presence in our lives, so that when our own efforts are not enough, he may support us with his grace. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.*

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**BAPTISMS**

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

Eve Mabel Garrett, Leslies Arch, Old Quarter.  
James Paddy Kierse, Pullerick, Crookstown.

**† IN SYMPATHY †**

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

Mary O'Mahony, Classis Lake & Mallow.  
Joe Barrett, England & Ballyphehane.  
Fr. Christy Harrington PP, St Joseph's Mayfield.  
Lydia Barry, Dublin Pike.  
Denis Minihane, Skibbereen.

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

Ellen Buckley, Bakers Road.  
Joseph Sheehan, Kilcorney.  
Denis, James & Breda O'Donoghue, West Village.  
Denis O'Callaghan, Innishmore Grove.  
Margaret O'Keeffe, Killeens.  
Denis & Kate Calnan, Youghal.  
Martin Murphy, Rockchapel.  
Daniel O'Neill, High Street.  
Michael Harrington, Gould Street.  
Daniel Cronin, Rathmore.  
Shelia Goggin, Ballyvolane.  
Kevin Byrnes, Parknamore.  
Patrick & Margaret Kenneally, Curraheen.  
Donal Coughlan, Schull.  
Mary Chapling, Schull.  
Michael McNulty, Fr. Sexton Park.  
Bella Maverley, Inniscarra View & Evergreen Street.  
Deceased members of O'Keeffe, Boyce & Aherne families.  
Kate Durcan, Charlestown, Co Mayo.  
Deceased members of the Cunningham family, Waterford.  
Trevor Philips, England.  
Dan, Hannah & Ellen Dempsey, Leemount.  
Mary Forrest, Ballygarvan.  
Delia & Orla Kinnane, Douglas & Clare.  
Catherine O'Donnell, Drimoleague.  
Micheal O'Gabhlain, Dublin & Mayo.  
Michael Carroll, Coolroe Heights.

**Mindfulness Workshop**

Bru Columbanus, Wilton - 10.15 - 4.15  
Saturday 26 January - €50.  
Details from: Mary: 087 4187447 - corkpd@gmail.com  
www.corkpersonaldevelopment.com

**Reflection for Parents**

The point Jesus wanted to illustrate by performing this sign was to introduce a change. Many scholars interpret the wedding as the new age and the huge stone jars represent the magnitude of the wonder. There is great abundance in the story and that is the message of the new order Jesus promises - God lavishes us with his abundant love and we come to know that love through

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Second Week In Ordinary Time**

20 Sunday Is 62: 1-5. Ps. 95. 1 Cor 12:4-11. Jn 2:1-11. Lect I: 838

21 Monday Heb 5:1-10. Ps 109. Mk 2:18-22. Lect II: 15

22 Tuesday Heb 6:10-20. Ps 110. Mk 2:23-28. Lect II: 17

23 Wednesday Heb 7:1-3, 15-17. Ps 109. Mk 3:1-6. Lect II: 19

24 Thursday Heb 7:25-8:6. Ps 39. Mk 3:7-12. Lect II: 21

25 Friday Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22. Ps 116. Mk 16:15-18. Lect II: 928

26 Saturday 2 Tim 1:1-8 or Tit 1:1-5. Ps95. Lk 10:1-9. Lect II: 931

**Next Sunday's Readings 27-January-2013**

Neh 8:2-6, 8-10. Ps 18. 1 Car 12:12-30. Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21. Lect I: 841

**"Mothers' Prayers"**

**Continue**

**Every Wednesday at 10.30 am**

**in Meeting Room at Christ our Light Church**

**And every Thursday at 10.00 am**

**At Parish house - 'Sonas' - Station Road**

*(almost opposite Parish Community Hall)*

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



**Blood Donation Urgent Appeal**

The public are being urged to give blood this month in light of dwindling supplies nationwide.

The Irish Blood Transfusion Service (IBTS) is calling on people to donate blood over the next few weeks to bolster depleted blood supplies and to ensure the service can meet demand from hospitals.

Nationally IBTS have between four to five days' supply in the three major groups, O-positive, A-positive and O-negative. The requirement is six to seven days supply.

With supplies running so low; IBTS are asking for immediate donation, please contact;

**Munster Regional Transfusion Centre**

**in the grounds of St. Finbarr's Hospital,**

**Douglas Road, Cork.**

**Locall 1850 731 137 or telephone 021 4807 400**

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**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Is 62:1-5

God's people will be shown to be right; this will be their day of vindication. God will take his people to himself, like a bridegroom, like a new husband.

Second Reading: Cor 12:4-11

People have many different gifts. Nevertheless, the Church is united, because all these gifts come from the one God.

Gospel: John 2:1-11.

While the Wedding in Cana is a familiar story, it only appears in John's Gospel. Scholars call it the first of Jesus' signs.

Mary, Jesus' mother, observed that the wine was running low at a wedding feast she and Jesus were attending. She didn't specifically ask Jesus to do something about the situation, but he understood the implication. He instructed the servants to fill six stone jars with water and then take some to the waiter in charge. The waiter was surprised that the bridegroom had saved the best wine for last. The servants were surprised because they knew the jars were filled with water and they had witnessed something remarkable.

**Lourdes 2013 - Young Adults**

**An invitation to young adults to help with the Cork and Ross Pilgrimage to Lourdes for the 11th to the 16th June 2013.**

An invitation to young adults (18-35) to "come and see & be a helping hand" from 11th to 16th June travelling with the Cork and Ross diocesan pilgrimage. This is the third year of this initiative and so far 40 young people have participated in the pilgrimage group giving of their time to assist with the sick and elderly who travel with the diocese, accompanying them to Masses, procession and visits to the grotto as well as spending time socially with them.

The group also has its own parallel programme which includes: walking in the footsteps of Bernadette, time for prayer and reflection, visit to the Medical Bureau and meeting with Dr Francis, leading the Opening Mass of the pilgrimage and social time as a group.

If you are interested in joining the group bookings are now being taken - information is available from Sr Karen 021 4537601 at the Pastoral Development Office, Ballyphehane.

**Come To Me**

A Lenten resource for the Year of Faith.

*Come to Me* is a set of materials for four sessions which can be used in the parish or pastoral area as a basis for faith development during Lent. Each is stand-alone so people can undertake just one session or use all four. Each comprises a scripture passage, discussion, elements of Church teaching, prayer and tea. The user-friendly resource contains the outlines of the evenings, texts and handouts and leaders notes. There will be two meetings (the same night twice) to introduce this resource on January 24<sup>th</sup>. This will be an opportunity to experience some of the content and to discuss how to use the resource locally. All welcome.

January 24<sup>th</sup> 8.00 pm The Crypt, Dennehy's Cross.

Please let us know you are coming – Anne Francis 087-228-2134 abfrancis@eircom.net

**Bulletin Board**

**Baptism Preparation**

The next Baptism preparation will take place on **Saturday January 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Offertory Collection Boxes**

I wish to thank all the families who have taken boxes of envelopes for the weekly offertory collection. I thank those who have already registered the number of their box. I hope over the coming weeks other families will follow their example and register the number, either in the Sacristy or the Parish Office. This will enable the Parish (which is registered as a charity) to apply for a tax rebate at the end of the year.

**Coeliac Host**

Coeliac Host available at all Masses in both churches. Generally the Priest celebrating the Mass has the Coeliac Host. To help the Celebrant you might please let him know before the Mass.

**Car Parking at Church of St Mary & St John and Christ Our Light**

Please keep to left hand side as you approach the car parks. This is important from a health and safety point of view. Please also be careful of pedestrians who walk to Mass or from their cars to the church. Take care also not to obstruct entrance and exit to the car parks and church doors. **Please be vigilant do not let handbags or any other items in your car, and if you observe any inappropriate activity in the church or on the church grounds please report to the gardai.**

Fr. George

**The late Fr. Christy Harrington**



Parish Priest of St. Joseph's, Mayfield. He served as parish priest of St. Joseph's, Mayfield since his appointment in 2011. He previously served in **Ballincollig**, Blackpool and as Chaplain in St. Finbarr's /Victorial Hospital. He served on the Diocesan Mission in South America in the eighties and again in the late 1990's. He was very involved with prayer groups in the city and further a field. Bishop Buckley, in a tribute, said that he was a most effective and holy pastor and was very popular with all who came in contact with him. Bishop Buckley said that his prayers and sympathy are with Fr. Christy's family at this sad time.

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Jan-26 & Jan-27-2013

**St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**  
Aine Sheehan

**8:30 am**  
Triona Downey

**10:00 am**  
Cormac Kelly  
Ashling O'Shea  
**12:00 Noon**  
Chloe Dalton O'Connor  
Catherine O'Sullivan

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**  
Pauline Collins  
Niall Cronin  
**11:00 am**  
Chidera Ebili  
Kristian Calvert  
**12:30 pm**  
Eoghan Barrett  
Laura O'Leary  
**5:30 pm**  
Siobhan Keane-Hopcraft

**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                  | <b>Monday</b>    | 8:30 am                   |
| 9:30 am                  | <b>Tuesday</b>   | 8:30 am                   |
| 9:30 am                  | <b>Wednesday</b> | 8:30 am                   |
| 9:30 am                  | <b>Thursday</b>  | 8:30 am                   |
| 9:30 am                  | <b>Friday</b>    | 8:30 am                   |
| 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**

|                                 |                    |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Priest on Duty</b>           | <b>087-2479140</b> |
| <b>Fr. George O'Mahony P.P.</b> | <b>021-4871206</b> |
| <b>Fr. Dave O'Connell C.C.</b>  | <b>087-2479140</b> |
| <b>Fr. James McSweeney</b>      | <b>021-4873308</b> |

**Lord Mayor's Tea Dance**

City Hall, Cork Sunday 27th January 2013  
3.00 pm- 6 pm  
Evelyn Grant and the Cork Pops Orchestra  
Molly Lynch Soprano  
Viva Dance Studio  
Tickets €10 Pro Musica Oliver Plunkett St., Cork

**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.



**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Jan-26 & Jan-27-2013

**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

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

**8:30 am** Mary Buckley  
Theresa Lucey  
Triona Collins

**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

**5:30 pm** Bernard Curran  
John Canty

**Clergy and Religious Orders  
Donate almost €1m to Trócaire**

Donations from individual members of the clergy and the Religious Orders to Trócaire amounted to almost €1m in 2012. Members of the clergy donated €765,866 of their own personal income to Trócaire last year, while the Religious Orders made donations amounting to €150,977.

"What these figures show is that members of the clergy lead by example when it comes to supporting vital work overseas," said Justin Kilcullen, Executive Director of Trócaire. "As well as facilitating collections at churches all over Ireland, priests also donate a significant proportion of their own money to help support communities across Africa, Asia and Latin America. This support is absolutely vital in our quest for a just world. As we begin a new year, I would like to thank parishes across the country for their ongoing support, which is changing the lives of the people we work with."

**Social / Coffee Mornings**

Will resume next Friday morning Jan 25<sup>th</sup> in parish house "Sonas" on Station Road at 10 am.  
Everyone welcome as it is an ideal opportunity to get and know people from our community.

**S.O.S. Concert in aid of R.N.L.I.**

Friday, January 25th in Ballinadee Catholic Church at 8 p.m.  
January 25th is S.O.S. Day, a special day set aside for fundraising for the R.N.L.I.

**S.O.S. Sing Our Songs**

Taking part are Spiro and Glaslinn Ladies' Choir, vocalists Dan Twomey of R.T.E. fame, Orla Fogarty, Roos Demol, Mairead McCarthy, Bernie Harrington, Aine O'Gorman, Deborah Murphy and others...  
Donations kindly accepted.  
No set charge. Give what you can.