

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 16-June-2013

Eleventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

God is mercy unlimited - that is for those who are ready to turn from their sin to seek his love. Today's readings remind us that it is not God who limits his love. It is either our complacency or our fear which refuses to trust in so great a love.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Forgiveness, Sorrow, Unconditional Love, Amnesty of the Heart.

I try to keep up with visiting family and friends when I can. The welcome the host often provides along with a comfy seat; the cuppa; and even the bite to eat is always appreciated. As we chat there is often a wonderful exchange of truths about our successes, failings, love, sorrow, forgiveness, understanding and compassion.

A giving and receiving that is interdependent and often just pure gift. In today's Gospel there is the giving of a gift of another sort. It's the gift of God's forgiveness. In the heading for our reflection I inserted the word amnesty alongside forgiveness, sorrow, unconditional love, as I have heard forgiveness referred to as Amnesty of the Heart.

Of all the controversial things which Jesus said and did, nothing seemed to raise as much resentment as when he forgives sinners. Some would have thought that Jesus' gift was perhaps very extravagant and even blasphemous. The guests at Simon's house were not very pleased when Jesus pronounced the sinful prodigal daughter forgiven.

They complained 'Who is this man that even forgives sin?'

The Pharisees worked very hard at keeping the Jewish laws. Jesus saw that they were so centred on the sins of others that they forgot all about their own. There is the touch of a Pharisee in us all.

The person who has made himself or herself unable to admit their sinfulness and need of healing denies themselves one of the most powerful gifts that God offers, the gift and experience of being forgiven. Being forgiven enables us to forgive in return and thus to love as Christ loved. If you have not received the gift of forgiveness then how can you forgive?

Let us look at the places in our lives, in our families or circle of friends that need forgiveness, healing, amnesty of the Heart. We do so only under the umbrella of God's love and within ourselves an attitude of humility.

At the end of that meal at Simon's house, who do you think were the two happy people? The sinful Mary and her Saviour Jesus.

The woman was happy her deeds and sin were not going to be held against her, not by the Lord at any rate and Jesus was happy that His mission to find the lost had moved forward.

On behalf of Fr George, myself and yourselves the parishioners of the Parish, I wish to thank most sincerely Karen Sheehan, Tom Murray, Pat Kelleher and Con O'Sullivan for their dedication and commitment to the Parishioner which is such an important Parish/Pastoral resource. Thanks and enjoy, one and all, the summer break.

Dave O'Connell

Taizé Prayer

at Christ our Light Church
on Friday 28th June at 7.30 p.m.

You are all very welcome to join our Taizé group
for some quiet reflective prayer with the Songs of Taizé.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Jesus received the sinful woman with great kindness and respect. We are confident he will receive us in the same way as we approach him with our needs.

Reader

For the Church: that it may be a place where sinners can experience the love and mercy of Christ.

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

For Christians: that they may imitate the compassion and forgiveness of Christ.

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

For those who make and administer our laws: that they may be both wise and compassionate in their judgements.

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

For those who have been the victims of unfair and harsh judgements.

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

For grace never to belittle the dignity of another person.

**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 mercy, help us to keep our hearts pure, our minds clean, our words true, and our deeds kind. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Forgive, Lord, the guilt of my sin.

Visit Our Website: www.ballincolligparish.ie

BAPTISMS

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

Matt Joseph Mellenui, Elm Lawn, Muskerry Estate.
 Ellie Yvonne Rita Downey, Castlepark.
 Connor William Kelly, Wyndham Downs.
 Donncha Murray, Nenagh.
 Frankie Goggin, Aylsbury Downs.
 Ella Elizabeth Shorten, Lisheen Fields.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Phelim Marron, Bishopstown.
 Julia Daly, Coolroe.
 Con Corkery, Shamrock Drive.
 Julie O'Donovan, Rosewood.
 Alex Heskin, Dublin.

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

Nellie Collins, Ovens / Westgate.
 Mary Barry, Inniscarra.
 Mary Kelly, Kilmichael.
 Con & Mary O'Donovan, Station Road.
 Neilus Kelleher, Donoughmore.
 Denis Horgan, St. Teresa's Road.
 Pearl Collins, Dunmanway.
 Niamh Carroll, Freemount.
 William & Mairead Boyce, Milford.
 Timothy O'Keeffe, Shamrock Drive.
 Michael Lynch, Dunmanway.
 Denis McCormack, Rosewood.
 Sally & Tom Lane, Hillsboro.
 Michael Barry, Clonakilty.
 Frederick Stratton, Dublin.
 Noreen Keyes, Douglas.
 Marie O'Flaherty, Coolroe Meadows.
 Jimmy Nora & Jnr Barrett, Kilcrea Park.
 Jerry & Kathleen Forde, Corbally, Waterfall.
 Ian Wiley, Scotland.
 May O'Leary, Curraheen.
 James O'Sullivan, Tudor Grove.
 Joan & Tom Boland, Ballinlough.
 Lawrence O'Flynn, Lyras, Aherla.
 Pat Joe & Peg O'Donovan, Ballineen.
 Mary Nyhan, Coolroe Heights.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Eleventh Week In Ordinary Time

16 Sunday 2 Sam 12:7-10, 13. Ps 31. Gal 2:16, 19-21. Lk 7:36-8:3. Lect I: 866
 17 Monday 2 Cor. 6:1-10. Ps. 97. Mt. 5:38-42. Lect II: 136
 18 Tuesday 2 Cor. 8:1-9. Ps. 145. Mt. 5:43-48. Lect II: 138
 19 Wednesday 2 Cor. 9:6-11. Ps. 111. Mt. 6:1-6, 16-18. Lect II: 140
 20 Thursday 2 Cor. 11:1-11. Ps. 110. Mt. 6:7-15. Lect II: 142
 21 Friday 2 Cor. 11:18, 21-30. Ps. 33. Mt. 6:19-23. Lect II: 144
 22 Saturday 2 Cor. 12:1-10. Ps. 33. Mt. 6:24-34. Lect II: 146

Next Sunday's Readings 23/June/2013

Zech. 12: 10-11, 13: 1. Ps. 62. Gal. 3:26-29. Lk. 9: 18-24. Lect I: 870

Celebrate The Gathering with "SPRAOI @ CIT"

Cork Institute of Technology, in association with The Gathering, is holding "Spraoi @ CIT" - a free family fun day on Saturday, 22nd June. Events will commence at the Bishopstown campus at 11.00am and will continue in the afternoon in the Crawford College of Art and Design and in the evening at CIT Cork School of Music.

The CIT courtyard will host Cork Community circus performers, face painters, Blarney Brass & Reed Band, CIT Blackrock Castle Observatory StarDome, artisan and food stalls. Other activities include performances from Downtcha Puppets, a cookery demonstration, Coder Dojo, a 'sea quest' treasure hunt, music workshops, and ceramic and puppet-making workshops.

Three CIT alumni will return to CIT to talk about their successful careers and experiences. CIT is pleased to welcome back Peter Kelly, better known as Franc, one of Ireland's best known wedding planners. Franc operates a very successful event design company specialising in 'Weddings by Franc', and Franc will host an interactive events -design session commencing at 11.00am. "At noon, we move from design with flair to sport with flair as we are delighted to welcome back two of Cork's sporting heroes: Conor Counihan and Donal Óg Cusack. Conor is the current manager of the Cork Senior Football team and Donal Óg is one of Cork's iconic goalkeepers" said event organiser, Dr Margaret Linehan. Conor and Donal Óg will be in conversation with sports reporter, Diarmuid Sheehan.

At 4.00pm, graduates of CIT Crawford College of Art & Design are invited to a barbecue in Sharman Crawford Street to continue celebrations.

Finally, at 7.30pm in CIT Cork School of Music, on Union Quay, there will be a concert titled 'Rising Stars' to highlight past and present musicians at the school.

All events free of charge - however, some of the events have a limited number of spaces, so booking is required.

"We look forward to welcoming you to CIT in Bishopstown and our constituent colleges to join with us in celebrating the year of The Gathering with 'Spraoi @ CIT'" said Dr Linehan.

Golden Jubilee

For Church of The Holy Family Caheragh

A Jubilee Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 30th June at 3.30pm in the Church and all are welcome, especially anyone connected with Caheragh Church down through the years

Reflection for Parents

No matter how large the world we call our own, no part of our contact is as important as our children. Not only are we called to share the message of hope with them, but they see by our actions how we live the Good News in the world with which we come in contact.

CROWLEY

FUNERAL DIRECTORS

*Bóthar Saclay, Ballincollig, Co. Cork
 Tel: 021-4874777 Mobile: 087-2759254*

Email: michaelfd@eircom.net

www.crowleyfuneraldirectors.ie

*Complete Funeral Arrangements
 24 Hour Service Embalming Service*

Member I.A.F.D.

*Golden Charter Funeral
 Pre-Planning Available*

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: 2 Samuel 12:7-10, 13

Nathan tells King David a story that helps David to see the terrible sin he has committed. Because he wanted another man's wife for himself, David deliberately placed the soldier in the front line of battle where he would be killed. God had given David so many blessings and David now realizes he has sinned against God. David is filled with sorrow but Nathan assures him of God's forgiveness. Like David, any one of us can lose our perspective and let our desires rule us. We are not entitled to take what belongs to somebody else. Pray for God's help against this temptation

Second Reading: Galatians 2:16, 19-21

St. Paul says that having faith in Jesus is what makes us favourable in God's eyes. Paul tells us that his faith is so strong that it's as if he no longer lives, but Christ lives in him. People should be able to see God's love radiating in us. Those who are so intent on keeping the law that they don't reflect God's love are missing the point. Keeping the law is important, but the law alone will not help us to be saved.

Gospel: Luke 7-36-8:3

In today's Gospel we see how Jesus forgave a woman, who 'had a bad name in the town', for 'her many sins' because she had shown sorrow for her sin; this happened in Simon's house where Simon had invited Jesus to a meal. Jesus turned to the woman and told her, 'Your sins are forgiven'...'Your faith has saved you; go in peace'.

We too hear these words of God's forgiveness spoken to us by the priest when he gives-us absolution for our sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Documents of Vatican II.

As the year of faith moves on (ends on 24th November 2013- Feast of Christ the King) we may be asking ourselves if we have made some effort to deepen our faith. The door of Faith is opened at one's Baptism but during the year Catholics are asked to open it again, walk through it and rediscover and renew their relationship with Christ and his Church. This year was chosen because it is the 50th Anniversary of the Vatican Council (Vatican II) and among the methods of deepening one's faith, Pope Benedict Recommended the reading of The Documents of Vatican II of which there are sixteen. All these can be read on the Internet or in Public Libraries.

To encourage people to read at least some of the Documents, snippets from them will be given in the " Parishioner" from now until the end of November.

Relation of The Church to Non Christian Religions.

The Church Reproves, as foreign to the mind of Christ, any discrimination against men or harassment of them because of their race, colour, condition of life, or religion. On the contrary following in the footsteps of the holy apostles Peter and Paul, this sacred synod ardently implores the Christian faithful to 'maintain good fellowship among the nations' (1 Peter 2:12) and if possible to live for their part in peace with all men, so that they may truly be sons of the Father who is in heaven.

Vatican II Declaration on the relation of the Church to Non Christian Religions Nostra Aetate, 5.

Father's Day

We wish all families a very happy day today.

Bulletin Board

Examination Time

We ask for your continuing support and prayers for our students as they prepare for their Leaving and Junior Certificate Examinations. May they be successful in their efforts.

Mass Diary

Diaries to book intentions July, August, and September are now open in both churches.

Altar Servers

Volunteers are invited to serve as Altar Servers in both Churches. Please contact any priest, together with parents, or contact parish office Phone: 021 4871206.

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.

Rally for Life

Rally for Life will take place on Saturday, July 6th at Parnell Square, Dublin City Centre at 2pm. Bring family and friends to stand up for life!

For information on buses please contact 086 0752777.

Fr. George

Special Collection

Ballincollig Parishioner & Mass Missalette

An **EXIT COLLECTION** will be taken up after all Masses this weekend 15th & 16th June.

Your Contribution will help towards the purchasing of the Mass Missalette and the printing costs of The Parishioner.

Hope Foundation

Claire O'Sullivan, a fifth year student in Ballincollig Community School will be selling Butlers chocolate bars after all masses on the weekend of the 22nd and 23rd of June. The bars are €2 each and all proceeds go to the Hope Foundation. She would greatly appreciate your support.

Night at the dogs in aid of Hope Foundation.

A Fundraising Event in aid of the Hope Foundation will be held Friday 21st June in Curraheen Park Dog Track. Tickets are available from Ballincollig Community School students Claire O'Sullivan and Ronan Collins who will be travelling to Calcutta with the Hope Foundation next February. Tickets are €10 and must be purchased in advance from 085 1263601 or 0879559871 or 085 1435653.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Jun/22 & Jun/23/2013

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Sandra Walsh
Brian Hennessy
8:30 am
Tom McDonagh

10:00 am
Tony Hegarty
William Green
12:00 Noon
Chloe Dalton O'Connor
Katie Tobin

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Jessica Lingard
Morgan Smith
11:00 am
Chidera Ebili
Kristian Calvert
12:30 pm
Eoghan Barrett
Laura O'Leary
5:30 pm
Brian O'Donoghue

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

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
Except First Saturday of
Month

Saturday

4:30 pm
First Saturday of Month

12:45 pm

Sunday

PARISH CLERGY

Priest on Duty

087-2479140

Fr. George O'Mahony P.P.

021-4871206

Fr. Dave O'Connell C.C.

087-2479140

Fr. James McSweeney

021-4873308

Social / Coffee Mornings

Continue every Friday morning 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.

Care to Drive

The Irish Cancer Society's Care to Drive service is currently seeking volunteers to drive local patients to and from their chemotherapy treatments in Cork University Hospital & the Mercy University Hospital. We are looking for volunteers from all over Co. Cork – from Youghal, to Kenmare, to Mitchelstown - to pick patients up at their homes, drive them to the door of the hospital, pick them up again when they are finished their treatment and bring them home. The service is free to the patient and drivers expenses are paid. Telephone Gail on 01 2310 566 or email transport@irishcancer.ie

Thank You

The editorial team of the Parishioner would like to thank our advertisers and contributors for their support during the year. Publication of the Ballincollig Parishioner will resume after the summer break on Sunday 8th September 2013.

To all our readers have a safe & wonderful summer
Con, Tom, Pat & Karen

Troubled by someone else's drinking?

Try Al-anon. Local Meetings S V de P Centre Station Road
Thursdays 8.30 pm. Phone: 087 6651707.



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Jun/22 & Jun/23/2013

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Patsie Murphy
Pat Moore
Mary Walsh
Marie Healy
Margaret Kearney
Nora Barry

7:30 pm Sheila O'Connor
Martin O'Regan
Brid Healy-Harris
Kit Cahill

8:30 am Theresa Lucey
Rita Murphy / Tom
Butler
Mona Holland

11:00 am Carmel Ryan
Eileen Byrne
Bernadett Spillane
Noel Kelleher
Laurence / Angela
Cunningham

10:00 am Margaret Bunyan
Mary Murphy
Joan Tobin
Breda Monaghan
Niamh Nic Gearailt
Ann McCarthy

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

12 Noon Marie Bowen
Breda Lenihan
Jacinta Jeffers
Rena O'Connor
Sean Farrell
Mary Hennigan

5:30 pm Olan O'Mahony
Ann-Marie Whelan



Ballincollig Tidy Towns



June & July are months of vital importance to our
Town — Community — Parish

Judging in The National Tidy Towns began on June 1st and is followed by the Entente Florale in July.

The committee / Volunteers are working non stop to enhance our town. **We do need help**, you can help by painting, power washing of walls, removing kerbside weeds, safe disposal of litter / dog fouling, refrain from dumping cigarette butts, chewing gum on our streets, footpaths etc.

In July judges from eleven countries will spend a day in our town looking at all aspects of life in our community.

This is a huge honour for our town to be Ireland's representative for the 2013 competition.

Let us reward our selection by being extra vigilant and helping to make our town a place for Europeans to admire & visit.