

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

## Sunday 20-October-2013

### Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*The enemies of Jesus try to put him on the horns of a dilemma. Would he offend the Roman occupiers or the sensitive Jewish nationalism? Jesus rises above the situation by reminding them, that God is the supreme authority but yet we all have duties to the civic society in which we live.*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

### Mission Sunday

The theme for this Mission Sunday is "Growing in Faith". During the summer Pope Francis' first encyclical, entitled 'Light of Faith' was issued. It had been partly written by Pope Benedict before his resignation and was completed by Pope Francis. The following is a short extract: "As the Year of Faith comes to an end, it is an important opportunity to strengthen our friendship with the Lord and our journey as a Church that preaches the Gospel with courage. Faith is God's precious gift, which opens our mind to know and love him. Faith, however, needs our personal response, the courage to entrust ourselves to God, to live his love and be grateful for his infinite mercy. It is a gift, not reserved for a few but offered with generosity. There is an urgent need then, to see once again that faith is a light, for once the flame of faith dies out, all other lights begin to dim."

In the Gospel, Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. Jesus addresses a challenging question to us: 'when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?' Faith is not something that we can take for granted. Jesus encourages us to remain faithful to God in prayer and not to 'give up' even when the going gets tough. In our first Reading God asked Moses to lead his people to the Promised Land. Even though they had to face hardship and battles, Moses continually reminded them that their God was with them. It was due to Moses' perseverance in prayer on their behalf and the support of those around him which helped them through all they had to endure. It is so easy to 'lose heart' and drift away from prayer especially when we're going through a difficult time. As a Christian community we do not journey alone and during difficult times it helps to know that others are supporting us in prayer.

On this Mission Sunday, we are reminded that we are all brothers and sisters in God's family. We have a duty to be especially concerned about those members of his Body who are less fortunate than ourselves. We thank God for the generosity of our Missionaries and for the generosity of the people at home supporting them financially and in prayer. We pray that we will always receive the grace to remain faithful to God.

*Sr. Colette*

### Reflection for Parents

What happens when our children pester us long enough for something? If it's not life threatening and they've bugged us long enough, we usually find a way of giving in without losing face. We know just how the judge in Luke's Gospel felt! Let the story of the persistent widow strengthen your prayers. Even if they are not answered in just the way we ask, God hears our prayers and cares for us.

### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

#### Priest

Jesus urged us to pray without ceasing. So let us now pray to God for our own needs, and for the needs of the Church and world.

#### Reader

For all believers: that they may never doubt God's presence with them in all their trials.

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

We pray for all missionaries: for the Christian communities that sent them and for all those who received and welcomed them. We ask God to bless all our missionaries and to bless those sent to minister to us at home.

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

For the sick and those who care for them.

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

For those who are in trouble of any kind.

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

For the grace to make room for prayer in our daily lives.

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

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

#### Priest

Lord, grant what we have said with our lips, we may believe in our hearts, and practise in our lives. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.*

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**BAPTISMS**

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

Fiadh Norma Bullman, An Caislean Drive.  
 Mason Michael William Scott, Coolroe Meadows.  
 Jane Dorothy Crotty, Coopers Grange, Old Quarter.  
 Thomas Ryan Power, Beech Road, Muskerry Estate.  
 Patrick Alexander Murphy, Maglin Crescent, Maglin.

**† IN SYMPATHY †**

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

Tom O'Mahony, Old Quarry.  
 Joe Shanahan, Bandon & Ballincollig.  
 David Holmes, London & Ballincollig.  
 Seamus Barry, Inniscarra.  
 Lil Healy, Berrings.

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

John Hegarty, McCurtain Villas.  
 Arthur Collins, Carrigrohane.  
 Tom & Rosie Scanlon, Bishopstown.  
 John & Rita Cullinane, Ballyphehane.  
 Paddy Nolan, Wicklow & Manchester.  
 Kay O'Keeffe, Cherry Walk.  
 Breda, James & Denis O'Donoghue, West Village.  
 Kathleen Daly, Mayfield.  
 John and Elizabeth O'Callaghan Ballygown Killavullen.  
 Kathleen Allen, Rosewood.  
 Bridget Broderick, Wyndham Downs.  
 Nicholas Tarrant, Inniscarra View & Millstreet.  
 Nancy Hogan, The Crescent.  
 Margaret O'Leary, Curraheen.  
 Tim Horgan, Carriganarra Estate.  
 Jerry O'Leary, Knockburden.  
 Geraldine Horgan, Popes Quay.  
 Elizabeth McEvoy, Model Farm Road.  
 Margaret Sheehan, Kilmurray.  
 Mary Dunne, Blarney.  
 Rita Fouhy, East Gate.  
 Dec members of Keohane family.  
 Gertie & Michael Riordan, Glasheen Road.  
 Dan Collins, Ovens/Westgate.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Twenty Ninth Week In Ordinary Time**

20 Sunday Ex. 17:8-13. Ps. 120. 2 Tim. 3: 14-4:2. Lk. 18: 1-8. Lect I: 922  
 21 Monday Rom. 4:20-25. Ps. Lk. 1: 69- 75. Lk. 12: 13-21. Lect II: 376  
 22 Tuesday Rom. 5:12,15,11-19. Ps. 39. Lk. 12:35-38. Lect II:378  
 23 Wednesday Rom. 6:12-18. Ps. 123. Lk. 12:39-48. Lect II: 380  
 24 Thursday Rom. 6:19-23. Ps. 1. Lk. 12:49-53. Lect II: 382  
 25 Friday Rom. 7:18-25. Ps. 118. Lk. 12:54-59. Lect II: 384  
 26 Saturday Rom. 8:1-11. Ps. 23. Lk. 13:1-9. Lect II: 386

**Next Sunday's Readings 27/October/2013**

Eccles (Sir). 35: 15-17, 20-22. Ps. 33. 2 Tim. 4:6-8, 16-18. Lk. 24:46-48. Lect I: 925

**"Mothers' Prayers"**

**Continue Every Wednesday @ 10.30 a.m  
 Meeting Room at Christ our Light Church  
Every Thursday @ 10.00 a.m**

**Parish house - 'Sonas' - Station Road  
 (almost opposite Parish Community Hall)**

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

**A Special Enriching Weekend**

Celebrate your years of Marriage in the Lake Hotel, Killarney, Co. Kerry on the 15th - 17th November, 2013

A weekend of discovery A lifetime of love.  
 Real quality time Fulfilment Joy

For booking or more information: Ring 064 6644319/087 6670418, or visit [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie)

**The Irish Blood Transfusion Service  
 Blood Donor Clinics**

**BALLINCOLLIG, GAA Pavilion**

Monday, 21st October, 3pm – 7pm  
 Tuesday, 22nd October, 3pm – 7pm

**OVENS, Éire Óg GAA Hall**

Wednesday, 23rd October, 4.30pm – 8.30pm  
 Thursday, 24th October, 4.30pm – 8.30pm

**Relic's of St. Anthony of Padua**

In Holy Trinity Church

Today Sun. 20th October Veneration from 1.30pm  
 Concluding with Holy Hour at 7pm Enquires 021 4270827

**CROWLEY**

**FUNERAL DIRECTORS**

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**Wisdom Literature in Hebrew Scriptures.**

A public Workshop with Dr. Jessie Rogers,  
 Mary Immaculate College, Limerick,  
 will take place on

**Saturday November 16<sup>th</sup> 10.00am – 1.30pm  
 Sacred Heart Parish Centre Western Road.**

Details and Booking -

Anne Frances [abfrancis@eircom.net](mailto:abfrancis@eircom.net) Phone 087 2272134  
 Cost - €5

**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Exodus 17: 8 - 13

The first reading for today gives an example of persistence in prayer. As long as Moses continued to pray, the Jews were victorious in battle; when he stopped praying, they began to lose.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:2

In the second reading, Paul tells Timothy, the bishop, to remain faithful to his teachers and to Scripture. We, too, must be faithful to tradition and revelation.

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

Like a relentless child, the widow in Jesus' parable wouldn't give up. She continually begged the judge for justice against her opponents. Not because the judge wanted to see justice done, but because he grew tired of the woman's pleading, he granted her request. The point Jesus wanted to make with this story is how much our loving God will answer our prayers if we persist in our asking.

**Barnardos**

Ireland's leading children's charity is recruiting for Volunteer Collectors for their 'Buckets for Barnardos' National Collection Day taking place on Friday, 25th October 2013 in the Tesco Stores throughout Cork – Douglas, Mahon, Mallow, Midleton, Michelstown, Wilton and Cork City. The role of the Volunteer Collector is to collect money at the Tesco Store during an agreed 2½ hour time slot. If interested in assisting us on the day please contact Suzanne on 01-7080431 or email [volunteers@barnardos.ie](mailto:volunteers@barnardos.ie) for more information.

**DOCUMENTS OF VATICAN II.**

Continuing our series on The Documents of Vatican II  
Our theme this week is,

*Schools.*

*The proper function of the Catholic school is to create for the school community a special atmosphere animated by the Gospel spirit of freedom and charity, to help youth grow according to the new creatures they were made through baptism as they develop their own personalities and finally to order the whole of human culture to the news of salvation so that the knowledge the students gradually acquire of the world, life, and man is illuminated by faith.*

*Vatican II Declaration on Christian Education  
Gravissimum Educationis, 8*

**Special Mass**

There will be a Special Mass to remember all our loved ones who died during the past year on **Monday November 11<sup>th</sup> at 8.00pm 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, phone number and an address.

**Mass in St Oliver's Cemetery Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2pm**

**Mass in St Mary's & St John Cemetery November 9<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon.**

**Bulletin Board**

**Novena for the Dead**

**November 2<sup>nd</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

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.

**There will be evening Mass (morning Masses as usual) in both Churches during the Novena- 6.30pm Christ Our Light and 8pm St Mary & St John.**

**Special collection for Diocesan Needs**

The collection for Diocesan needs last week-end amounted to €2520. The continuing success of this Special Collection is vital for the funding of the Diocese and the support of the parish is very much appreciated; however there appears to be a gradual decline in the amounts collected and remitted to the Diocese in respect of all collections. In the case of the Diocesan Needs collection, the quarterly collection has decreased from an initial amount of €78,000 in Quarter 4, 2011 to an average of €65,000 throughout 2012, to approximately €56,000 in quarter 3, 2013.

**Accord**

Pre Marriage Course is being organised by Accord at Oriel Court House Hotel on 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2013. Bookings phone 027 50272 or [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie)

**Confirmation Dates 2014**

Thur.	3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Gaelscoil Ui Riordan
Fri	4 <sup>th</sup> April	Scoil Mhuire
Fri.	2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Scoil Eoin
Mon.	12 <sup>th</sup> May	Scoil Barra
Mon.	12 <sup>th</sup> May	Our Lady of Good Counsel

**Autumn Dues**

Envelopes are currently being distributed to homes throughout the parish of Ballinacollig; contribution of the dues is for the support of the priests of the parish. Please return it by placing it in the basket at Mass. Should your home be missed spare envelopes are available from the back of the church.

**Mission Sunday**

Collection for the Propagation of the faith will be taken up at all Masses this week end 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2013

**Fr. George**

**Special Olympics Ireland**

Is putting together a dress, bag and accessories sale to raise vital funds. The event will take place over the October Bank Holiday weekend in Cois na hAbhann Garden Centre Camolin, Co. Wexford.

We are currently looking for donations of new or old items that people would be willing to donate.

Please contact Siobhan on 021 4977192 – 085 8053242 to arrange a pick up if there are items.

Your support in this event would be greatly appreciated.

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Oct/26 & Oct/27/2013

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**  
Brendan Collins  
Michael Collins  
**8:30 am**  
John Healy  
Kerry O'Leary  
**10:00 am**  
Margot Twomey  
Kaylyn Lordan  
**12:00 Noon**  
Declan Chalmers  
Niamh Heelan

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**  
Jessica Lingard  
Morgan Smith  
**11:00 am**  
Jack Dorgan  
Harry O'Brien  
**12:30 pm**  
James Nyagaya  
Laura O'Leary  
**5:30 pm**  
Kevin Tuohy

**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. 021-4876171 or frdaveoconnell@gmail.com  
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.

**Congratulations**

The Parish extends its congratulations to Pat Clarke of Ballincollig Tidy Towns on being awarded with the Cork Person of the Month for September.

Pat was presented with the award by Brian Crowley at the recent Annual Awards Ceremony.

Thank you Pat for the trojan work you have done for our town and community

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Oct/26 & Oct/27/2013



**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6.00 pm** Steve Wills  
Margaret O'Sullivan  
Danny Farrell  
Jim Walsh  
Frances O'Brien  
Eileen Coughlan

**7:30 pm** Anne O'Regan  
Mairead Murphy  
Finbarr Murray  
Lettie Kelly  
Mary Murphy

**8:30 am** Mary Buckley  
Rita Murphy  
Denis Healy / Tom Butler

**11:00 am** Seamus O'Connell  
Mary O'Connell  
Alan O'Riordan  
Geraldine Keohane  
Gerard Murray

**10:00 am** Christina Walsh  
Peter Reilly  
Mary Collins  
Christy Roche  
Katie O'Shea  
Claire Creedon

**12:30 pm** Lucy O'Callaghan  
Jackie Sheehan  
Mary Green  
Michael O'Leary  
J.P.O'Leary

**12 Noon** Oliver O'Donovan  
Miriam Maunsell  
Sean Hennessy  
Mary McLean  
Ellen Seymour  
Nora Hennessy

**5:30 pm** Noelle Buckley  
Mary Breen

**Brú Columbanus**

A ladies day will take place in Blarney Golf Resort, Tower on Friday 8th November commencing at 12 noon guests will be treated to a mulled wine reception, sumptuous lunch, stands and entertainment by the wonderful tenor, Ryan Morgan.

All proceeds to Brú Columbanus, a charity that provides accommodation to the relatives of seriously ill patients in Cork Hospitals and the Hospice, especially relatives of sick children. Tickets €25 available from Bru Columbanus 021-4345754 or 087 2787074.

**Music Workshop**

A Music workshop will take place in Ballincollig on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November 10.00am to 5.00pm in Ballincollig Community Centre**. The workshop will look at music for Advent & Christmas as well as music for use throughout the liturgical year. The workshop will be led by Ian Callanan a native of Ballincollig and a team of dedicated music ministers. Booking in advance is necessary, please phone Parish Office on 021 487 1206 giving your name and phone no if you wish to attend.

**Dyslexia Association of Ireland Cork Branch**

Presents Information Meeting On Transition from Primary to Secondary School with a focus on Students with Dyslexia

Venue: Bishopstown Community School

Date: Wednesday 23rd October, 2013 Time: 7.30pm

Guest Speaker Ms. Teresa Connolly, Guidance Counsellor Teachers, Parents, Students - all welcome

Admission €10.00

**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.