

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 03-November-2013

Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time.

God is full of mercy: he waits patiently for our conversion. No matter how much we may have failed him, he still calls us and encourages us towards goodness.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Loss and Bereavement - Part 1 of 4

The month of November is significant in the Christian community as we give attention to our deceased love ones in our prayer and liturgy. Those numbered among our dead may have died recently or some time ago but our thoughts, memories, feelings of loss might be as clear as if they were with us only yesterday. During this month we take time to light a candle, submit names for the Novena, and visit a cemetery. All is done more easily because we know others are doing likewise. In faith we are asking Christ to bring to our lives such things as His light, hope, consolation and peace. I thought therefore that for the month of November I would share, not as an expert, but as a fellow pilgrim the journey one might make, or have made, or will make when faced with death, loss, bereavement. This sharing for me is deeply personal but I hope it will be of value and encouragement to you as you reflect and read of a fellow pilgrim's journey through death, loss, bereavement. These sharing's are an edited version of articles I wrote around the time of the deaths of my Dad and my sister in the mid 90's. Even now difficult memories but also a feeling of ease as I let them rest among all the faithful departed.

Before my Dad's sudden death I tended to reflect on the mystery of death and bereavement in a somewhat objective way. I looked at the mysteries of life and death from the vantage point of one who never really experienced the reality of death. Naturally that all changed when one enters into the abyss that is bereavement. I raise the topic of bereavement in order to offer an outline as to what might happen to us as Christians and as persons when coping with death.

There are what might be called different stages in The Process of Grief.

A) Denial B) Anger C) Bargaining D) Depression E) Acceptance.

The stages of dealing with death and indeed any loss are guidelines. They can interchange and even when you think you've reached the final stage of Acceptance the process might start again in a new light.

It was nearly 8 months after Dad's death that I noticed I had started to come out of what I describe as the overhanging cloud, fog, mist.

I seemed to be able to look a bit beyond today and tomorrow. Supportive friends, faithfulness to prayer and the experience of privileged moments I have had with others had given me the confidence to know that one survives, that one carries on, that one needs to try to live their own unique lives even after the death of their beloved.

For those who have been recently bereaved or those who have tried to find answers or solutions to their grief and sorrow it is good to recall that the Lord Jesus died and rose again; that death, just as life, is part of the human experience; that there is a community of the Church that is not just the persons who live presently here on this earth in November 2013 but there is a community of the faithful departed.

I hope this article generates some interest for those of you who are coping presently with Grief, those who may have gone through this process already in the past and others who may have to face these things in the future. I'm offering these thoughts because I feel the experiences most people have when faced with death and bereavement are part of the common human experience. We tend to think that it is only happening to me and therefore there seems to be nothing so isolating as the death of a loved one. Yet if we understood that others have gone through it and will go through it in the future then perhaps our isolation is lessened.

Dave O'Connell

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us pray for some of that open and generous love Jesus showed to Zacchaeus.

Reader

For the Church: that like Christ it may see its primary mission as saving the lost.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the leaders of government: that they may carry out their responsibilities with wisdom and integrity.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the conversion of the rich and the powerful.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For all the outcasts of society.

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

God of mercy and compassion, you never write off anyone. May this give us hope for our own lives, and serve as a model in our dealings with others. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

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BAPTISMS

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

- Nora Grace O’Leary, Innismore Lawn.
- Finn Daniel Mulligan, Willowgrove, Coolroe Heights.
- Penny Rachel Jessica Johansson Ahern , Innismore Court.
- Abigail Rose O’Shea, Willow Grove, Coolroe Heights.
- Daithi O’Droighneain, Woodberry, Greenfields.
- Oran O’Droighneain, Woodberry, Greenfields.
- Luisne O’Droighneain, Woodberry, Greenfields.
- Darran Noel Moriarty Dargan , Old Court Drive, Greenfields.
- Harry P.J. O’Mahony, Clash, Carrigrohane.
- Olubukola Oluwanifemi Haliat Olatunji, Cranford Pines.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

- James Bogue, Bishopstown.
- Sean Hegarty, Bishopstown.
- Mortimer Quinnlivan, Newcastle West/Bandon.
- Donal Drohan, London/Waterford.

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

- Bernie Owens, Hawthorn Ave, Inniscarra View.
- John Creed, Healy’s Bridge & Inniscarra View.
- Michael & Shelia Duggan, Dunmanway & Bandon.
- Rita, Michael David & John Barry, Ladysbridge.
- James Coomey, Stockton on Tees.
- Cornelius Twomey, Macroom.
- John & Nora Leech, Beech Park.
- Mary Linehan, Inniscarra.
- Aidan O’Grady, Kinsale & Castlepark.
- Nora O’Callaghan, Carrigroha.
- John Sexton, Bweeng.
- Mary O’Callaghan, West Yorkshire.
- Ellen, Eugene & Catherine Lee, Dripsey.
- Tim, Kay, & Deirdre O’Callaghan, Douglas.
- Christy Sullivan, Lauragh.
- Patrick O’Leary, Poulavone.

Wisdom Literature in Hebrew Scriptures.

A public Workshop with Dr. Jessie Rogers, Mary Immaculate College, Limerick, will take place on **Saturday November 16th 10.00am – 1.30pm** **Sacred Heart Parish Centre Western Road.** Details and Booking - Anne Frances abrancis@eircom.net Phone 087 2272134 Cost - €5

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Thirty First Week In Ordinary Time

- 03 Sunday Wis. 11 :22-12:2. Ps. 144. 2 Thess. 1 : 11-2:2. Lk. 19:1-10. Lect I: 928
- 04 Monday Rom. 11: 19-36. Ps. 68. Lk. 14: 12-14. Lect II: 400
- 05 Tuesday Rm 12:5-26. Ps 130.Lk 14:15-24. Lect II: 402
- 06 Wednesday Eccles (Sir) 44:1-15. Ps 125. Lk 6:20-26.
- 07 Thursday Rom. 14:7 -12. Ps. 26. Lk. 15: 1-10. Lect II: 406
- 08 Friday Rom. 15: 14-21. Ps. 97. Lk. 16: 1-8. Lect II: 408
- 09 Saturday Ez. 47:1-2, 8-9, 12. or 1 Cor. 3:9-11, 16-17. Ps. 45. Jn. 2:13-22. Lect II: 1250

Next Sunday’s Readings 10/November/2013

2 Macc. 7:1-2, 9-14. Ps. 16. 2 Thess. 2:16-3:5. Lk. 20:27-38. Lect I: 930

“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, Kilarney, 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

Music Workshop

A Music workshop will take place in Ballincollig on Saturday 16th 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 4871206 giving your name and phone no if you wish to attend.

Belief: Trust yourself, then you will know how to live. *Goethe*

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Wisdom 11:22 - 12:2
The first reading tells us that we are as nothing before God; yet he created us, he loves us, and he shows us his mercy.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:11 - 2:2
The second reading explains why we live with courage and hope--God's power is ours in Christ.

Gospel : Luke 19:1-10.
Children may know just how Zacchaeus felt in today's Gospel story. Have you ever lifted your children to your shoulders so they might see over the crowds at a parade, waiting in a long line, or at a local sporting event? Zacchaeus was short and climbed a tree to get a better look at Jesus. Something surely stirred in his heart because it seems that he may have already given some thought to changing. Jesus reached out to Zacchaeus in friendship, and Zacchaeus responded with generosity and true remorse.

DOCUMENTS of VATICAN II.

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

Liturgy.

Mother Church earnestly desires that all the faithful should be led to that fully conscious and active participation in liturgical celebrations which is demanded by the very nature of the liturgy. Such participation by the Christian people as 'a chosen race ,a royal priesthood, a holy nation,a redeemed people'(1Peter 2;9) is their right and duty by reason of their baptism.

*Vatican 11 Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy
Sacrosanctum Concillium,14*

Special Mass

There will be a Special Mass to remember all our loved ones who died during the past year on **Monday November 11th 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.

Reflection for Parents

Among our children's playmates we may find some who try our patience. It may be that they come from different backgrounds or circumstances than our own family, and we may hold similar reservations regarding their parents. Perhaps today's Gospel challenges us to encounter those who may be outcasts in a more loving way-as Jesus did. In today's Gospel we read the famous story of Zacchaeus. We can take example from the man who was desperate to see Jesus and who welcomed the Lord to his house.

Bulletin Board

**Novena for the Dead
November 2nd to 10th, 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.

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- 6.30pm Christ Our Light and 8pm St Mary & St John.

Cemetery Masses

Mass in St Mary's & St John Cemetery November 9th at 12 noon.

Blessing of Graves St James Cemetery, Chetwynd, Togher (Off Bandon Rd) today Sunday 3rd November, at 3.00pm

Fr. George

St Dominic's Retreat Centre

Healing Day for the Bereaved

A day of reflection with Patrick Sheehan on Saturday 9th November.

The day will run from 10.30 – 4.30 at a cost of €50

Also we have the return of Ennismore at the movies.

This begins next Tuesday evening at 7.30p.m.

On these evenings we gather to watch a meaningful movie and discuss the relevance of the key themes within the movie to our lives.

Cost: Donation

All Welcome

**Contact Ennismore at 021 4502520 /
Ennismore@eircom.net**

UCC Mature Student Information Evening 2013.

Are you thinking of studying a full-time degree in UCC? If you are 23 years of age or over and you wish to study a full-time undergraduate degree in UCC then please come along to our Mature Student Information evening. The evening will take place from 5.30pm to 8.00pm on Wednesday the 13th November 2013 in the Aula Maxima, Main Campus, University College Cork. Students and Staff members will be on hand to answer all your questions. For more information, please contact us on 021 4901873 or by email on mso@ucc.ie

Bake Sale

Bake Sale in aid of children in Calcutta, India after 11.00am
Mass in Christ Our Light
on today Sunday 3rd November.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Nov/09 & Nov/10/2013

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Adrian Cotter
Alan Murphy
8:30 am
Tom McDonagh

10:00 am
Louise McCarthy
Robert Noonan
12:00 Noon
Tony Lynch / Evan Keating
Shane Tully

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Fiona Feely

11:00 am
Chide Ebili
Kristian Calvert
12:30 pm
Adaugu Ebili
Caterina Nugent
5:30 pm
Colm & Liam 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 & 8 pm

Monday

8:30 am & 6:30 pm

9:30 am & 8 pm

Tuesday

8:30 am & 6:30 pm

9:30 am & 8 pm

Wednesday

8:30 am & 6:30 pm

9:30 am & 8 pm

Thursday

8:30 am & 6:30 pm

9:30 am & 8 pm

Friday

8:30 am & 6:30 pm

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
Fr. George O'Mahony P.P.
Fr. Dave O'Connell C.C.
Fr. James McSweeney

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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.

Pieta House

**The Centre for the Prevention of
Self-Harm or Suicide**

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Pieta House opened its doors in Lucan in January 2006. It provides one-to-one counseling for people who have tried to take their life, those who are thinking about it, and those who self-harm. This solution focused approach takes the person in crisis, out of crisis.

Suicide: We work to move the suicidal person away from ideas of suicide as quickly as possible.

Self-Harm: Self-harm is seen as a way of expressing an incredibly strong pent-up emotion; it is an act of survival.

Our ground-breaking approach can involve daily therapy sessions if needed.

Our service is completely free of charge.

Prayer is not a burden, but a gift; it is not a constraint, but a freedom; it is not a millstone round our neck, but a source of joy.
Pope John Paul II



**MINISTERS OF THE
EUCHARIST**

Nov/09 & Nov/10/2013

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

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.

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.