

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 10-November-2013

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Christian hope overcomes the fear of death. God is faithful: not only does he strengthen us against evil in this life, but will give eternal life to all who try to imitate his faithfulness.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Loss and Bereavement - Part 2 of 4

Last Saturday afternoon as we had to move the scheduled Mass in St Oliver's Cemetery to St Mary's & St John's Church due to the inclement weather. In our gathering we saw in a practical way that death is not an isolated part of life, is not an isolated part of the community. It is a common human and Christian experience.

For one thing the special gathering indicated that bereavement and death is something shared with others and with our fellow Christian brothers and sisters.

As November is the month when we, as Christians, remember in a particular way our departed relatives and friends, I offer thoughts of a Christian and human nature upon the mysteries of death, bereavement and the path to finding Christian hope, and light.

Because of the personal losses of Dad and my sister unlike any past reflections I've had on these things I now face them very differently indeed. These are only guidelines and the stages can interchange with each other. Some of the thoughts are my own and some are a mixture of reflections on the things I've seen and experienced with the help of the writings of others who journeyed through their grief.

The Process of Grief.

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

As a member of a big family up to the mid 90's death hadn't really touched our doorstep as it had others. The parents alive and well and no sickness or accident of any serious nature to cause the family or myself too much concern or anxiety. That all changed in February 96 and was felt again in December 96 with the deaths of my Dad and my sister. Each of us reacted differently. There were reactions of shock, disbelief, feelings that this couldn't be true.

I felt something telling me to stay focused on difficult realities and and the precious moments of life and the final words of departing.

"Try not to deny anything that was happening or may happen" was my motto.

To deny a difficult truth, to deny the possibility of death for a loved one or yourself is a coping mechanism. It is sometimes a person's way of adjusting to the unexpected, the shattering feelings of helplessness.

Elizabeth Kubler-Ross in On Death and Dying explains it this way. "Denial functions as a buffer after unexpected shocking news, allows one to collect oneself and, with time, mobilize other less radical defenses."

Denial protects us from the full impact of a loss, allows us to absorb it a little at a time, only as much as we can bear.

In our society, denial serves a practical function, too.

The responsibility for all the business details of a death falls on the shoulders of the bereaved. Should there be an autopsy?

A funeral? Who will see to the arrangements? Who will pay the bills?

Usually the person who is most vulnerable and wounded by death is responsible for those decisions. He/she can't "fall apart."

Who would take care of things if he/she did?

We praise bereaved people for "holding up," for "keeping up appearances." "You're doing so well," we tell them. And while the numbness lasts, they may think so, too. But this stage passes. The truth sinks in. We, and the people around us, may be unprepared for the intensity of the feelings that come flooding in.

"Anger, rage, envy and resentment - displaced in all directions and projected onto the environment at times almost at random," writes Kubler-Ross.

While I didn't consciously get into denial at what one might call the thinking or head level the reality definitely came home to me a couple of days after the funeral. It was when it was "all over."

Thanks be to God for those who were so good to me as they spent hours with me during that particular "night" - More next week.

Dave O'Connell

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

God raised Jesus from the dead so that we might have a sure hope of an inheritance that will never fade. Let us pray to God as members of a hopeful people.

Reader

For Christians: that the hope of eternal life implanted in their hearts at baptism may be fulfilled in the kingdom of heaven.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the human family: that all its members may reach the goal God intended for them.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who mourn: that they may find comfort through their belief in eternal life.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For ourselves: that our lives may bear witness to the hope we carry in our hearts.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For relatives and friends and for all who have gone to their rest in the hope of rising again.

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

Almighty and ever-living God, may you support us all day long, till the shadows lengthen, and evenings fall, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done; then in your mercy, Lord, grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest, and a peace at the last. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

I shall be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory, O Lord.

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BAPTISMS

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

Daniel Walsh, Drinagh.
Lorcan George Hales, Innishmore Drive.
Lucia O’Keeffe, Wyndham Downs.
Emma Elaine Marie Frady, Leeview.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Mary Smith, Rochestown.
John Fitzmaurice, California/Kerry.
Liam Horgan, Pine Walk.
Mairead O’Connor, Castlegregory.
John Murphy, Inchigeela.
Edin Carey, England & Beech Park.

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

Patrick & Mary Dineen, Shandon View.
Aidan & Maureen Burke, Southern Road.
Caroline Prouse, Dublin.
John Fitzmaurice, Chicago / Kerry.
Jeremiah O’Sullivan, Avoncourt.
Mary Emperor, Rockchapel..
Larry Greene, West Village.
Patrick Farrell, Maglin.
Jim Gahan, Parknamore.
Michael & Mary Harrington, Douglas Street.
Michael Harrington (Jnr), Gould Street.
John & Mary O’Connor, Powdermills.
Jim Butler, Innisacarra PO.
Jeremiah & Mary O’Regan, Poulavone.
Thomas Finnegan, Bishopstown.
John & Hannah O’Connor, Dingle.
Helen Kenneally, Beech Park.
Richard Hourigan, Limerick.
Joseph Corcoran, Rosewood.
James Joseph Cooney, Stockton, England.
Tim, Nellie, & Mary Horgan, Carriganarra.
Maureen O’Connell, Ballingully.
Theresa Brown, Frankfield.
Margaret Healy, Island Way.
Michael & Mary Costello, Old Court.
Michael Gaffney, Castle Avenue.

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 abfrancis@eircom.net Phone 087 2272134
Cost - €5

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Thirty Second Week In Ordinary Time

10 Sunday 2 Macc. 7:1-2, 9-14. Ps. 16. 2 Thess. 2:16-3:5. Lk. 20:27-38. Lect I: 930
11 Monday Wis. 1:1-7. Ps. 138. Lk. 17:1-6. Lect II: 412
12 Tuesday Wis. 2:23-3:9. Ps. 33. Lk. 17:7-10. Lect II: 414
13 Wednesday Wis 6:1-11. Ps 81. Lk 17:11-19. Lect II: 416
14 Thursday Wis. 7:22-8:1. Ps. 118. Lk. 17:20-25. Lect II: 418.
15 Friday Wis. 13:1-9. Ps. 18. Lk. 17:26-37. Lect II: 420
16 Saturday Wis. 18:14-16, 19:6-9. Ps. 104. Lk. 18:18. Lect II: 422

Next Sunday’s Readings 17/November/2013

Mal. 3:19-20. Ps. 97. 2 Thess. 3:7-12. Lk. 21:5-19. Lect I: 934

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

A Special Enriching Weekend

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

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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.

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14
 The Maccabees were Jewish young men who died for their faith. They knew there would be a resurrection, and they were not afraid to die.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:16 - 3:5
 In the second reading, we remember that Christ's return is near. God will give strength, and so for us the future holds no fear.

Gospel: Luke 20-27-38
 At the time Jesus lived, not everyone believed in resurrection. The Sadducees especially resisted the idea and tried to make Jesus look foolish when they asked who would be the man's wife in heaven. They posed a situation where a woman's husband died. As was the custom of the time, the brother of a deceased man married the widow in order to insure heirs. They predicted that hypothetically if enough husbands died, she could meet seven husbands at her own resurrection. Which one would be her husband in heaven, they wondered? Neither we nor the Sadducees can fully understand life after death, but Jesus asks us to trust that something much greater than our understanding awaits us at the resurrection

DOCUMENTS of VATICAN II.

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

Role of Mary- our Model.

While in the most holy Virgin the Church has already reached that perfection whereby she is without spot or wrinkle, the followers of Christ still strive to increase in holiness by conquering sin. And so they turn their eyes to Mary, who shines forth to the whole community of the elect as the model of virtues.

VaticanII, Dogmatic Constitution on the Church Lumen Gentium,65.

Thanks to Sister Elizabeth for this series of articles

Special Mass

There will be a Special Mass to remember all our loved ones who died during the past year on tomorrow **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

How many countless sentences from our children begin, "What if?" Indeed, the Sadducees were trying to trick Jesus, but in the case of our children, they are eager to learn. Their minds and imaginations work rapidly and it often requires the wisdom and patience of Jesus to keep pace with these inquisitive and curious gifts.

Bulletin Board

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place on **Saturday 23rd November, 2013 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.

Blessing of Graves

St. John the Baptist Cemetery Ovens
 Sunday 10th November, 2013 after 11.30am Mass.

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.

Fr. George

Scoil Eoin & Scoil Mhuire

Enrolment Week (School Year 2014/2015)
 18th- 22nd of November 2013
 Open Night in both schools
 on Wednesday, November 20th
 from 6.30pm - 8.00pm
 Scoil Eoin 021 4871321 (Boys' School)
 Scoil Mhuire 021 4870809 (Girls' School)

Scoil Barra Enrolment Week

11th-15th of November 2013
 Any parents wishing to enrol their child in Scoil Barra for the School Year 2014-2015 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 15th of November 2013. 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 2014 must be at least 4 years of age on/before 31st of May 2014.

Prospective parents/children are invited to visit our school for an 'Open Afternoon' on Thursday 14th of November between 1.00 p.m. -2.30 p.m.

Donal O' Sullivan (Principal)Scoil Barra,
 Innishmore, Ballincollig, Co. Cork.
 Tel. (021) 4873459

Mobile Phone Etiquette

We ask all parishioners to ensure mobile phones are switched off when attending church; this can be hugely distracting especially during Mass.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Nov/16 & Nov/17/2013

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Donal McAuliffe
Katie Collins
8:30 am
Pat Fennell

10:00 am
Hannah Bunyan
Amy O'Driscoll
12:00 Noon
Chloe Dalton O'Connor
Katie Tobin

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Pauline Collins
Niall Cronin
11:00 am
Cormac Manning

12:30 pm
Joseph Manning
Niamh Murray
5:30 pm
Christine O'Brien

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
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.

Pieta House

**The Centre for the Prevention of
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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.

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**

Nov/16 & Nov/17/2013

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Eileen Murphy
Ted Nelligan
Eileen Corkery
Maurice Bunyan
Sheila Walshe
Katie Collins

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

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

11:00 am Mary Twomey
Mona Bowen
Billy Barry
Mary Aylward
Pauline Barton

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

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

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

5:30 pm Shelia Curran
Elizabeth O'Sullivan

SONAS

Study the Bible again
or for the first time

Wednesdays

7:30 to 9:15

Contact Ger @ 085 1555000
Or Terry @ 086 2596448



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