

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 17-November-2013

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

As we come towards the end of the Church's Year we are reminded of the end of all time. Before it comes there will be time of trial: for the believer who endures in faith the end will not bring condemnation but healing and life.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Loss and Bereavement - Part 3 of 4

At a time of bereavement and loss we need to take care of ourselves with regard to adequate sleep and rest because energy levels will be low. Food, Sleep, Rest and keeping oneself warm and tending to other general welfare needs are to be given priority.

Just as the five stages of Denial - Anger - Bargaining- Depression - Acceptance are inter-linked with each other so also are the body, mind, heart, soul and spirit. A healthy holistic Christian approach to body, mind, heart and soul is needed.

The different stages of Grief can interchange. Last week I looked at Denial and moved towards Anger. A person moves into Anger when they realise the reality of the situation and move beyond denial. Anger is a human emotion. Often the Christian tradition presents Anger as a sin but it is sin only when we let it lead to that which is contrary to the principles of the Gospel. With the benefit of understanding the psyche there is good reason to conclude that there is no right or wrong in feeling Anger. I can feel anger just as I can feel cold or thirsty or tired or warm. Let there be no judgment on our part or condemnation of ourselves if we notice we are angry. It is preferable to see a person letting go of their thoughts and feelings of Anger in an appropriate way through the support of others with a listening ear. It isn't good for the bereaved person or anyone else to keep Anger or indeed any other thoughts or emotions bottled up inside and then venting it much more dangerously in inappropriate ways. Anger can manifest itself with a mindset that points the finger of blame on the whole world. God, the living or deceased spouse, friend, person, community, and society may become the focus of anger vented against them or it. Alcohol abuse or drug abuse, promiscuity, missing work, school, carelessness about general responsibilities are signs of the presence of anger not dealt with properly. In myself I noticed that I had become disorganised, drinking too much, off centre. For a period of time a general "carelessness" and then it passed. These are reasons why Anger is dangerous if it isn't befriended by bereaved persons. There's a kind of craziness until this stage passes and people seem to pull themselves together and begin to recollect their good selves. They are then ready to bargain.

© Bargaining. Outright bargaining is more characteristic of children than adults. "I'll never hit my sister again if only my daddy comes back," is typical of the sort of deal children try to strike when someone near has died or walked out of their lives.

Adults, when they or someone close are dying, come up with sophisticated versions of the same childhood deal. We may make extravagant promises about our behaviour. "God spare Him / Her and I promise to do such and such every day for the rest of my life." While death is imminent the bargaining can be extravagant as loved ones make promises or commitments that are unrealistic and end up big a big burden or commitment. By all means pray but try not to add a burden as your beloved wouldn't want that.

As I look at my outlook now I feel with the events of Dad and my sister's deaths a tremendous appreciation of Jesus' mission of peace and His willingness to carry our pain, burdens. Pain and loss, if we let it, can be transformed. I feel unmistakably closer to Christ, closer to his community and Church, and closer to understanding the mysteries of our Christian faith. I will conclude my thoughts on Grief next week.

Dave O'Connell

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

God wants us to use the gifts he has given us so that we may live full lives here and enjoy eternal life hereafter.

Reader

For the followers of Christ: that they may not lose heart in times of trial and persecution.

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

For world leaders: that in spite of setbacks they may persevere in their efforts to bring about a just and peaceful world.

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

For those who are confused and lost, and who therefore are easy prey for false prophets.

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

For those who are terminally ill and for all those who care for them.

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

For the grace that we may bear witness to Christ with lives of truth, honesty and goodness

**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, in the midst of the uncertainties of this changing world, keep us secure in your love, and give us the peace this world cannot give. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness.

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BAPTISMS

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

Fionn Edward Barry, Elm Grove, Castlemartyr.
 Leyla Louise Waugh, Castlepark.
 Amy Helen Walsh, Westcliffe.
 Patrick John Horgan, Citi West Mews.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Jeremiah Twohig, Fair Hill.
 Catherine Bell, Farranree.
 Philip Ganly, Westmeath.

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

Patrick Farrell, Maglin.
 Pauline O'Callaghan, West Village.
 Kathleen O'Keffee, Aylsbury.
 Cornelius Twomey, Macroom.
 William Vaughan, Kilnamartyra.
 Con Sheehan, Coachford.
 Kevin Ryan, Westcourt.
 Anne Horgan, Leesdale.
 Charles O'Leary, Ministers Cross.
 Mick & Ita Murphy, North Main Street & Waterfall.
 William Casey, Waterfall.
 Esther Walsh, Bishopstown.
 Jack & Beatrice Shanahan, Fr. Sexton Park.
 Bella Maverley, Hawthorn Avenue.
 Tom & Mary Drinan, Waterfall.
 Jim & Julia Walsh, Carrigaline.
 Sylvester Cotter, Poulavone.
 Lillie O'Riordan, Beech Park.
 Dec. members of Reilly and Hanney families.
 Gretta Crowley, Dunmanway.
 Michael & Nora Keating, Cahirciveen.
 Patrick, Mary, Noel & John O'Mahony, Newcestown.
 Sheila Hickey. Innishmore.
 Eileen O'Flynn, Lyras, Aherla.
 Marie McSweeney, Ovens.
 Philip & Nora Holland, Bishopstown & Timoleague.
 Jeremiah Kehily, Newcestown.
 Teddy Kehily, Newcestown.

De-clutter for Christmas

and support

Ballincollig Community School

B.C.S. parent's association are having a RECYCLE EVENT to help raise funds to upgrade the school's I.T. system.
 All items of NEW and USED CLOTHING can be handed in to the school on Monday 18th November between 8 am and 10 am. Items may be in any condition once they are clean.
 Men/s, Women's and Children's clothing, shoes, handbags, belts, linens, textiles, stuffed toys, etc.
 Please put mobile phones in a separate bag.
 For more details contact Deirdre on 0567708197/0871771229 or email info@lenrec.ie

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Thirty Third Week In Ordinary Time

17 Sunday Mal. 3:19-20. Ps. 97. 2 Thess. 3:7-12. Lk. 21:5-19. Lect I: 934
 18 Monday Mac. 1:10-Med. Ps. 118. Lk. 18:35-43. Lect II: 425
 19 Tuesday 2 Mac. 6:18-31. Ps. 3. Lk. 19:1-10. Lect II: 427
 20 Wednesday 2 Mac. 7:1, 20-31. Ps. 16.1k. 19:11-28. Lect II: 429
 21 Thursday Zech. 2:14-17. Ps. Lk. 1:46-55. Mt. 12:46-50. Lect II: 1271
 22 Friday 1 Mac. 4:36-37, 52-59. Ps. 1 Chr. 29. Lk. 19:45-48. Lect II: 435
 23 Saturday 1 Mac. 6:1-13. Ps.9. Lk. 20:27-40. Lect II: 437

Next Sunday's Readings 24/November/2013

2 Sam. 5:1-3. Ps. 121. Col. 1:12-20. Lk. 23:35-43. Lect I: 936

Annual Mass

For Deceased Staff of
 An Garda Siochana
 in Cork City Division

Will be held at 7.30pm Wednesday, 20th November 2013
 at St Francis Church, Liberty Street, Cork.

Muskerry Local History Society

Finding James, The Story of one woman's search for a family war grave in the First World War
 Muskerry Local History Society are organising a lecture by Aideen Johnson on 'Finding James, The Story of one woman's search for a family war grave in the First World War'.

Over 200,000 Irish men fought with the British Army in the Great War, 1914-1918, approximately 30,000 of these men never returned home. Most, Like James O' Connor, were never repatriated and were buried thousands of miles away from home.

Through research James's grandniece, Aideen Johnson, followed his journey once he left Ireland to when he finally died. This is an emotional journey which uses one Irishman's details to understand the lives these soldiers led and to pay tribute to their sacrifice.

The lecture will be held on Tuesday, 19 November 2013 in Ballincollig Rugby Club Hall at 8.00 pm sharp. Annual membership subscription is €10. Alternatively, a cover charge of €3.00 applies at each lecture.

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Mal. 3:19-20
 The Day of the Lord is the day when Christ returns in glory. For us who believe, it will be a day of justice and vindication; we are not afraid.

Second Reading: 2 Thess 3:7-12
 Even though this life does not last forever, that does not mean we avoid doing our duty. We work as we should, doing the will of God.

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19
 It is clear from this passage in Luke's Gospel that when the world ends, some terrifying events will occur. The clear message, however, is that we should not face these events with apprehension, but rather with trust-trust that God wants us to have everlasting life with him. Instead of being afraid, we are called to find strength and courage in God's love and persevere in our faith.

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)

Cuan Mhuire, Farnanes

Annual Christmas Fare is taking place on Sunday 8th December from 2pm-5pm. Home-baking, preserves, Christmas wreaths, gifts, raffles and much more and all in aid of a good cause
 Cuan Mhuire, Farnanes women's addiction treatment centre.

Christmas Open House 2013.

At DJ Murphy Bride Park Cottage
 Killumney, Ovens, Co Cork.

Thursday 21st November	6 p.m. to 10 pm
Friday 22nd November	6..p.m to 10 pm.
Saturday 23rd November	12 noon to 8 pm.
Sunday 24th November	12 noon to 8 pm.
Thursday 28th November	6 pm to 10 pm.
Friday 29th November	6 pm to 10 pm.
Saturday 30th November	12 noon to 8 pm
Sunday 1st December	12 noon to 8pm.

In aid of Marymount Hospice
 and Our Lady of Good Counsel School Ballincollig.
 Admission €10 refreshments served.

Reflection for Parents

Today's Gospel makes it clear that we should persevere in our faith and be faithful disciples. We are most responsible for evangelising our own children. There is an expression, "Faith is caught, not taught." How do our children see us live out our faith? How do we witness the greatness of God's love and our personal response to that love? Share with your children what it means for you to walk with Jesus.

Bulletin Board

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place on Saturday 7th December, 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.

Marriage Support Envelope Collection

The annual Marriage Support collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend. Please place your donations in the envelopes provided.

Special Collection

Trocaire have announced a Special National Collection in aid of relief in Syria and victims of the Philippines Typhoon. For the Diocese of Cork & Ross this Special Collection will take place at all Masses next weekend, November 23rd and 24th.

Advent Retreat

Church of St. Mary & St. John
 2nd 3rd & 4th December, 2013
 Mass 7am, Prayers, Homily & Liturgy 8pm

Mass Diary

Diaries to book Mass intentions for January, February & March 2014 will open in both Churches on Saturday 14th December at 9.am.

Priority will be given to First Anniversary Masses.

Autumn Dues

The Priests of the Parish would like to thank you for returning your Autumn Dues. Your continued support and generosity is greatly appreciated.

Fr. George

Did you know...?

.....about the new Catholic Theology Institute at Trinity?

At the heart of Trinity College Dublin there is now a brand new Institute of Catholic Theology with exciting programmes for undergraduate, postgraduate and occasional students. If you know someone currently filling in their CAO form mention the possibility of a degree in theology, which, as a single or combined arts degree (being developed) can lead to a vast number of different career paths. The Loyola Institute also offers courses which can be taken by any interested person to further their own knowledge. For further information contact 01-896-4790 or email loyola@tcd.ie or check their website or facebook page.

Don't forget theology can also be studied through existing courses at All Hallows, Mary Immaculate College, Mater Dei, Maynooth, and Thurles and as a distance subject with the Priory Institute, Tallaght. If you are thinking about taking up study of theology as an adult you are welcome to contact Anne Francis at the Adult Faith Development Office to discuss the options. Some of the colleges will take your previous experience into account and it may not be as difficult as you think!

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MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Nov/23 & Nov/24/2013

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Sean Collins
Katie Collins
8:30 am
Eadaoin O'Leary
Gerard O'Leary
10:00 am
Shannon O'Brien
Erin Holmes
12:00 Noon
John Dorgan
Noella Ngenwie

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Rebecca Feely
Josh Nyagaya
11:00 am
Maebh Nic Mheanmain
Lisa Aylward
12:30 pm
Cathy Naughton
Una Lynch
5:30 pm
Siobhan Keane-Hopcraft

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	Saturday	4:30 pm
Except First Saturday of Month		First Saturday of Month
12:45 pm	Sunday	

PARISH CLERGY

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Fr. Dave O'Connell C.C.	021-4876171 or frdaveoconnell@gmail.com
Fr. James McSweeney	021-4873308

Bag a Bargain at the Ballincollig Bazaar

The annual Ballincollig Scouts Bazaar and Auction takes place on Sunday, December 1st in the Community Hall, Ballincollig at 2.00pm.

The Bazaar is always filled with bargains, Christmas cheer, toys, fun, games and much more. Now in its 29th year the annual Scouts Bazaar has become an essential part of Christmas in Ballincollig and the wider area.

"There is something for everyone at the Ballincollig Bazaar. We have great prizes for the legendary 'Spin the Wheel' this year. There is always a great festive atmosphere at the Bazaar and many people come to pick up unusual Christmas gifts, rare CDs, reasonable priced toys, second hand books and more. Our auction at the end of the day always offers up some fantastic bargains and great fun as the bidding heats up. The Bazaar is the main fundraiser for the scout group and all the proceeds will go directly to support the 160 scouts of all ages and to keep the bus on the road and maintaining the scout hall. Everyone is welcome to the Bazaar and we're looking forward to seeing everyone turn out again this year." said Oran O'Connell, Leader, Ballincollig Scouts Group.

Books, Cakes, Toys, Plants, Bric a Brac, Games, Spot Prizes and Hampers will all be available to buy or win at this years Bazaar.

Santa Clause will visit the Bazaar to meet all the excited children. Face Painting, Balloons and Lollipops will make the Ballincollig Bazaar a very memorable day for children.

The Bazaar is always worth a visit. It's a great place to meet friends to pick up some early Christmas gifts and to support a very worthy cause.

Sunday, December 1st, Ballincollig Bazaar at 2.00pm in the Community Hall – Don't Miss It!!

All the proceeds of the Bazaar go directly to the Ballincollig Scout Group.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Nov/23 & Nov/24/2013



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

SONAS

Study the Bible again
or for the first time

Wednesdays

7:30 to 9:15

Contact Ger @ 085 1555000
Or Terry @ 086 2596448



Bazaar

Sunday, 24th November,
SMA Hall, Wilton.
2 - 5.30 p.m.

All proceeds in aid of Down Syndrome Cork.