

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 19-January-2014

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Day of Migrants and Refugees

Jesus came as the Servant of God to serve the deepest needs of people. He offered his life to remove the tragedy of sin from human life and so restore us to peace with God, and each other.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

'Together We Build God's Kingdom'

In today's first reading the prophet Isaiah says: The Lord said to me: 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'. Can we imagine the Lord speaking those words to us? Each one of us, no matter how little we may consider ourselves to be, has a significant role in life and each one is important to God. In the words of today's Psalm let our response be 'Here I am Lord, I come to do your will'.

'Has Christ been divided?' is the Theme for this week of prayer for 'Christian Unity'. St Paul's letter to the Corinthians addresses this diversity. He reminds the Corinthians that they are "called to be saints," not isolated and on their own, but "together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ". We are invited to recognize our interconnectedness. Its together we build God's Kingdom of love, justice and peace.

The 19th January is a day set aside for 'World day of prayer for Migrants and Refugees'. In his message Pope Francis says: Despite the problems, risks and difficulties to be faced, great numbers of migrants and refugees continue to flee from situations of poverty or persecution in the hope of a better future. Despite their hopes and expectations, they often encounter mistrust, rejection and exclusion. The reality of migration calls for a spirit of solidarity and compassion. A change of attitude towards migrants and refugees is needed, moving away from an attitude of indifference and marginalization towards building a better more fraternal world. The Holy Family of Nazareth experienced initial rejection: Mary "gave birth to her firstborn son and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn". Jesus, Mary and Joseph knew what it meant to leave their own country and become migrants: threatened by Herod, they were forced to take flight and seek refuge in Egypt. The Church is called to be the People of God which embraces all peoples. The dignity of the human person must always be respected; for every human being is a child of God. He or she bears the image of Christ.

We pray today for all Migrants and Refugees who leave their own homes and Countries in search of a better future. May the Lord bless and protect each one.

Sr. Colette

Reflection for Parents

As parents we certainly can understand the image of Jesus as "shepherd." We are constantly leading the way for our children and serving them with endless love. When they are sick or hurt, we would gladly take their pain and suffering if we could. It is clearly through these feelings that we begin to understand just what Jesus has done for us. As parents, when we show our unending love for our children, they too get an inkling of what Jesus' love is for them as well.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us pray to Jesus, The Lamb of God, for our own needs, the needs of the Church, and the needs of all the World.

Reader

For the Church: that Christ may heal in it the wounds caused by sin and division.

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

For all nations: that they may be bound together by bonds of cooperation and peace.

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

For all the sick and the handicapped: that through the love of others they may find health and self-worth.

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

For grace, through the Holy Spirit, constantly to seek to overcome our sinfulness.

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

On World Day of Migrants and Refugees and those driven from their homeland, we pray that their needs may be respected and their rights upheld.

**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

Father, we make all our prayers through you, through Christ, the sinless One who takes away our sins, and who now lives and reigns with you the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

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BAPTISMS

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

Katie Julia Coughlan-McCarthy, Innishmore Square.

Aodh Patrick Gleeson, The Stables.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

John Flanagan, Ballypnehane.

Dan Walsh, Clontarf & Ballinhassig.

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

Ellen Buckley, Bakers Road.

Alision Murphy, Wyndham Downs.

Dermot & Nell Cronin, Pouladuff Road.

Joe & Mary Sheehan, Kilcorney.

Gerry McGoldrick, Heir Island.

Martin Murphy, Rockchapel.

Pat O'Connell, Victoria.

John Cashman, Glounthane.

Denis, Breda & James O'Donoghue, West Village.

Daniel Riordan, Rathcoole.

Kitty, Denis & William O'Mahony, Tudor Grove.

Peter O'Sullivan, Rosewood.

Michael McNulty, Fr. Sexton Park.

Michael O'Mahony, Ballincollig & Ballydehob.

Eileen Linehan, London.

Rita Kinsella, Carrigrohane.

John & Lal Deasy, Dublin Hill.

Hannah & Mary O'Riordan, Kilcorney.

Dec. members of McCarthy family, Ballymacoda.

Tom Mulqueen, Rosewood.

John & Geraldine McGrath, Bansha.

Bernie O'Brien, Douglas.

Sheila Goggin, Ballyvolane.

Timothy Dineen, Curraheen.

Eleanor O'Mahony, Castletownbere.

Delia & Orla Kinnane, Cobh & Clare.

Nora Buttimer, Ahakeera.

Alice Clynes, Dublin.

Michael Carroll, Coolroe Heights.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Second Week In Ordinary Time

19 Sunday Is. 49:3,5-6. Ps. 39. 1 Cor. 1:1-3. In. 1:29-34. Lect I: 641

20 Monday 1 Sam. 15:16-23. Ps. 49. Mk. 2:18-22. Lect II: 470

21 Tuesday 20 Tuesday 1 Sam. 16: 1-13. Ps. 88. Mk. 2:23-28. Lect II: 472

22 Wednesday 1 Sam. 17:32-51. Ps. 143. Mk. 3:1-6. Lect II: 475

23 Thursday 1 Sam. 18:6-9,19:1-7. Ps. 55. Mk. 3:7-12. Lect II: 477

24 Friday 1 Sam. 24:3-21. Ps. 56. Mk. 3:13-19. Lect II: 479

25 Saturday Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9: 1-22. Ps. 116. Mk. 16: 15-18. Lect II: 928

Next Sunday's Readings 26/January/2014

Is. 8:23-9:3. Ps. 26. 1 Cor. 1:10-13, 17. Mt. 4:12-23. Lect I: 644

The following is food for thought...

The most destructive habit is worry.
 The greatest joy is giving.
 The greatest loss is that of self respect.
 The most satisfying work is helping others.
 The most endangered species are dedicated leaders.
 Our greatest natural resources are our young people.
 The greatest boost we can get is encouragement.
 The greatest problem to overcome is fear.
 The most effective sleeping pill is peace of mind.
 The most crippling parasites to progress are excuses.
 The most powerful force in life is love.
 The greatest soother and comforter is prayer.
 The most dangerous pariah is a gossip.
 The world's most incredible computer is our brain.
 The worst thing to be without is hope.
 The deadliest weapon is a sharp tongue.
 The two most powerful words are 'I can'.
 Our greatest asset is faith.
 The most worthless emotion is self pity.
 The most beautiful attire is a smile.
 The most appreciated word is 'Thanks'.
 The most contagious spirit is enthusiasm.
 To the world you may be one person but to one person you may be the world. Finally, I am never ever on my own. No matter how dark, sad or impossible my personal story is, I can always turn to someone to share my burden.

The Bible should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. The Bible is meant not to inform, but to transform. Men do not reject the Bible because it contradicts itself but because it contradicts them.

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

The Lord said, "You are my servant, Israel, through whom I show my glory. . . . I will make you a light to the nations that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

"Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus," greeted the holy people of the Corinthian church with God's grace and peace. He addressed them as "sanctified in Christ Jesus."

Gospel: John 1:29-34.

John the Baptist knew Jesus as his cousin, but it is not clear until we read today's Gospel that John recognised Jesus as the promised Messiah. John called Jesus the "Lamb of God." We are familiar with the title for Jesus, "Lamb of God," because we hear it in our Eucharistic prayers during mass. The Lamb of God comes to take away the sins of the world. And, indeed, Jesus died that we might be free of our sins. The lamb figured in much of Jewish tradition, especially as a symbol of sacrifice, but certainly we recognize the image of "shepherd" as one who leads the flock through darkness and difficult terrain. The message of John's gospel is for us—the simple sheep - to follow Jesus, the shepherd.

Ballincollig Parish

Bereavement Support Group

A Bereavement Support Programme will commence in Ballincollig Tuesday 18th February. It will continue each Tuesday night for 8 weeks (7.30 to 9.30 pm). It is open to anyone who is experiencing the grief and loss of a loved one. It is held in a small group, confidential setting.

For further details please contact: Sr Colette at 086 3557375

"Mothers' Prayers"

Continue

Every Wednesday at 10.30 a.m

At Meeting Room at Christ our Light Church

Every Thursday at 10.00 a.m

At Parish house - 'Sonas' - Station Road

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

An opportunity to explore the Bible

Letter To The

Hebrews

For 8 weeks at Sonas House Ballincollig

In an informal, fun and friendly environment

Starting 22nd January 2014 @ 7:30 – 9:15PM

Contact Ger @ 085 1555000

Or Terry @ 086 2596448

Bulletin Board

Week of pray for Church Unity

This Sunday 19th January – Sunday 26th January

We are invited to join members of various Christian Faith traditions in the church of St. Mary & St John this Sunday 19th January at 7pm. for a prayer service.

Refreshments will be served afterward in the Scouts Hall adjacent to the Church.

Special collection for Diocesan needs

The collection for Diocesan needs will be taken up at all Masses this weekend.

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place on Saturday 25th January 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.

Mass Diary

Diaries to book Mass intentions for January, February & March are now fully booked.

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.

Fr. George

The Last 24 Hours of Michael Collins

Muskerry Local History Society are organising an illustrated lecture on "The Last 24 Hours of Michael Collins" by Tim Crowley. The lecture details the journey Michael Collins took on that fateful day in August, 1922 when he travelled from Cork city to West Cork before his death at Beal na mBlath. The lecture will be held on Tuesday, 21 January, at 8.00 pm in Ballincollig Rugby Club. Tim Crowley is well-known as the founder of the Michael Collins Centre near Clonakilty, Co Cork where he has been interpreting the life of Collins for many years.

Catholic Schools Week 2014 - 'Places of Faith and Learning'

Catholic Schools Week 2014 will begin on Sunday 26 January and will conclude on 1 February. The theme for Catholic Schools Week this year is 'Catholic Schools – places of faith and learning'. This year's theme was chosen to highlight that all learning takes place in a values context. Catholic Schools Week is an occasion to celebrate the work and achievement of Catholic Schools in Ireland, north and south. Resources have been provided to all primary and post-primary schools to assist with the celebration of CSW.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Jan/25 & Jan/26/2014

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Karen Sheehan
Padraig Graham
8:30 am
Pat Fennell

10:00 am
Lauree Hegarty
Mary O'Driscoll
12:00 Noon
Oliver O'Donovan
David Drohan

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Fiona Feely

11:00 am
Jack Dorgan
Harry O'Brien
12:30 pm
Bernard Vallely
Colm Walsh
5:30 pm
Tom Reck

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	

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Week 20th January to 26th January

Brid Dunne	087 6293601
Sr. Colette O'Leary	086 3557375

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.



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Jan/25 & Jan/26/2014

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Michael Maher
Bernadette Bell
Betty Casey
Frank Riordan
Siobhan Riordan
Pauline Quane

8:30 am Mary Buckley
Theresa Lucey / Triona Collins
Mary B. Murphy

10:00 am Anne Cahill
Cathy Horgan
Claudine Tiendioh
Betty Flavin
Anne Spillane
Betty Sheehan

12 Noon Helen Plunkett
Seamus O'Donovan
Eleanor Knowles
Catherine Greene
Joan Barrett
Frances Hogan

7:30 pm Geraldine Lynch
Charlie Vaughan
Joan Stephenson
Bernie Bowen

11:00 am Neil Jeffers
Eileen O'Donoghue
Bridie Hanrahan
Catherine / Hugh Moran
Padraig Fleming

12:30 pm Denis O' Mahony
Christine O'Mahony
Tom Murray
John O'Regan
Gerard Dunne

5:30 pm Bernard Curran
John Canty

Age Action

Age Action operates a busy information service on older people's issues and services throughout Ireland. Trained information officers provide information or referrals to the appropriate organisations. The service responds to queries from individuals and organisations about:

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