

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 09-February-2014

Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

The light of Christ's love has been given to each one of us but it will go out if we fail to use it. We are invited to share our food, our homes, our possessions with the needy so that through us they can see the light of God and give him thanks.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Theme of Light

“You are the salt of the earth.....A city built on a hill top cannot be hidden.”

As I mentioned here last weekend and during recent homilies and reflections I noticed an obvious theme of light in the readings and liturgy over the past number of weeks. This culminated in the sacramental of the blessing of candles last weekend on the Feast of the Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple (Fourth Joyful Mystery).

Indeed I would like to thank those of you who told me of their own experiences of visits to certain churches and places of worship to light candles and spend quiet time with He who is the Light of the World and a great source of comfort, peace, a divine oasis.

Though I don't want to overdo there is that theme of light again in this weekend's Gospel as Jesus to His disciples and ultimately to you and I “You are salt of the earth..... the light of the world”.

It seems to me that our challenge is that we are not to leave in peoples lives some kind of bitter taste and that we are not to hide our light or indeed bury it. Both are a contradiction to our calling to be true to our Christian calling.

I'm not so sure what tasteless salt is like but I think most of us recognise what it's like to be left with a bitter after taste in terms of food and in terms of encountering difficulties in life, in relationship, in decision-making. In opting to follow Christ, the road is often less travelled; because it is a narrow pathway and sometimes we choose what we think is the easier option and end up with that after taste of unfulfillment. In terms of light the symbol is an easy one to reflect on. Not only does light brighten the darkness it can also give heat and a sense of awareness of God's presence. But a candle for effectiveness also needs to be attended to, kept safe, lit, prepared, put in place, blessed, and sometimes trimmed.

We often hear of those who are the salt of the earth because they bring to the table of life a taste for life, a support for another, makes a difference. As we are nourished and feed in mind, heart and spirit at prayer and worship may we be the salt of the earth in terms of our humanity and our witness to the Christ we follow.

There are those too who come into our presence and in a way light up the room, light up our gathering. As Christ who is the light of the world touches our own light within and lets us share in His burning light, fire, life, may we in turn not just receive His gifts but pass them on to others.

Dave O'Connell

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

In the First Reading, Isaiah tells us that if we cry the Lord will answer and if we call he will say 'I am here'. We present our needs before the Lord, confident that he will answer.

Reader

We pray for the Church, that its light will shine in the sight of all people and lead them to praise the Father in heaven.

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

We pray for our political leaders; that they may keep those who are hungry and homeless in mind at this difficult time.

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

We pray for families, that they may be places where love grows and is nurtured.

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

We pray for those who do not have enough food and shelter; that the Lord will provide them with what is necessary to survive.

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

We pray for those who are sick; that they may receive the Lord's healing touch and be comforted in their illness.

**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 in heaven, you care intimately for your people and hear them when they cry out to you. Grant us what we need today. We make these and all our prayers through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Joan Barry, Carrigrohane.
 Maisie Maher, Killenaure, Co. Tipperary.
 Deirdre Cairns, Glendower.

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

Paddy Horgan, Collyduff.
 Timothy & John O'Regan, Poulavone.
 Frank & Teddy Kehily, Newcestown.
 Sharon O'Regan, Donegal.
 Paddy Fitzgerald, Cahir.
 Tony Dineen, Ovens.
 Sean & Stephen Brennan, Kilkenny.
 Daniel Crowley, Carrigaline.
 Patrick P. M. Goodwin, Tralee & Glasheen
 Pat Manning, Farranree.
 Kathleen Murray, Straight Road.
 Aherne Family, Fr. Sexton Park.
 Nora Heelan, Inniscarra.
 Margaret Kelleher, Castlepark.
 David Brosnan, Muskerry Estate.
 Dec. members O'Shea & Sexton families.
 Margaret Canty, The Lough.
 Eileen O'Sullivan, Willowfield.
 Mary & Bartholoew O'Leary, Tower.
 Sarah Keane, Galway.
 Mary Kelly, Kilmichael.
 Mary Wood, Norfolk.
 Margaret Daly, Ballinora.
 John & Joe Barrett, Leo Murphy Terrace.
 Lisa McKane, Leo Murphy Terrace.
 Ellen O'Sullivan, Glanmire.
 Tom Reck, Innishmore.

Reflection for Parents

Some children worry whether or not their parents will live as long as the child needs them--basically forever! But often, parents worry more that they will someday be a burden to their children. Once in a while, parents know they only have a short period of time left with their children and they quickly take stock of what is truly important and act accordingly. Even without this notice, it would be good to evaluate each day with our children. How many nights do we fall into bed praying that this is not the last day our children remember with us!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Fifth Week In Ordinary Time

09 Sunday Is. 58:7-10. Ps. 111. 1 Cor. 2:1-5. Mt. 5:13-16 Lect I: 650
 10 Monday 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13. Ps 131. Mk 6:53-56. Lect II: 512
 11 Tuesday 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30. Ps83. Mk. 7:1-13. Lect II: 514
 12 Wednesday 1 Kgs 10:1-10. Ps36. Mk 7:14-23. Lect II: 517
 13 Thursday 1 Kgs 11:4-13. Ps 105. Mk 7:24-30. Lect II: 519
 14 Friday Acts 13:46-49. Ps 116. Lk 10:1-9. Lect II: 957
 15 Saturday 1 Kgs 12:26-32, 13:33-34. Ps 105. Mk 8:1-10. Lect II: 523

Next Sunday's Readings 16/February/2014

Eccles (Sir) 15: 15-20. Ps 118. 1 Cor 2:6-10. Mt 5:17-37 Lect I: 652

The Social & Health Education Project (SHEP)

SHEP is offering a Spring 2014 programme of short 20 hour courses, many of which are at no charge, in topics Men's Health, Managing Stress, Women's Health, Effective Communication for Better Relationships, Introduction to Personal Development, Seasons for Growth – Living with Grief, Loss & Change, Intercultural Awareness, and Family Communication. If you wish to enquire further please call Geraldine Flanagan or Liam Mc Carthy on 021-4666180.

Dyslexia Association of Ireland

Cork Branch Presents
 Information Talk On
 Assistive Technology for Primary School Students
 with Dyslexia
 Venue: Bishopstown Community School
 Date: Wednesday 26th February 2014
 Time: 7.30pm
 Guest Speaker
 Mr. James Northridge, I.T. Consultant U.C.D.
 and Founder of Urability.com
 Teachers, Parents, Students - all welcome
 Admission €10.00

Get Help Getting Active

Over 50? Need to get active? **FITLINE** has the answer. Our **FREE** service gives information, advice and motivation to get moving. We know what physical activity is available all over Cork city and county. For more information free phone Go for Life on 1800 303 545.

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10
 Isaiah prophesied: Share bread with the hungry. Shelter the homeless. Clothe the naked. Do not turn away from your own. "Then your light shall break forth like the dawn."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5
 Paul's teaching did not come from himself but from the convincing power of the Spirit. So the faith he passed on rests "not on human wisdom but on the power of God."

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16.
 It is common for us in our times to be careful about the salt we use. However, in Jesus' day, salt was a very important commodity. It was used to pay salaries. Like us, people used salt to flavor food. But, because there was no refrigeration, salt was also used to preserve food. That is why, when Jesus called his disciples "salt" and "light," he declared their great importance. What was of significant importance to Jesus was the enthusiasm with which the disciples spread the Good News.

Enrich your Marriage on a MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Don't let your good marriage prevent you from having a great one

- Spend a weekend discovering the full potential of your marriage.
- Enjoy real quality time together free from external pressures and interruptions.
- Develop a new way of sharing your thoughts and feelings with your spouse.

If you work at your marriage, your marriage will work!

Weekend in Cork 28th – 30th March 2014

Cork International Airport Hotel

Weekend in Killarney 14th – 16th November 2014

Lake Hotel

Information from 021 4381511 or 064 6644319
www.marriageencounter.ie

"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

Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund

Special Envelope Collection this weekend February 8th & 9th. This collection subsidises the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage for individuals whose health/or means would otherwise prevent them from travelling to Lourdes. It also subsidises medical expenses, travel and care personnel.

World day of Prayer for the Sick

Tuesday February 11th feast of Our Lady of Lourdes is World day of Prayer for the sick. To mark this day a prayer service with Liturgy of the Word and blessing of the sick will take place at **12noon in St. Mary & St. John Church**. Sick and infirm welcome, family, neighbours and friends might help people to get to the church

Bake Sale

Bake Sale in aid of baby Clodagh Daly this weekend after the 11.00am Mass in Church of Christ Our Light.

Garda Vetting

Many thanks to the Ministers of the Eucharist who returned their Garda Vetting forms. Please return outstanding forms without delay, to the Parish Office or Sacristy. Thank you for your co-operation.

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.

Neocatechumenate Catechesis 2014

Pope Francis says "that the joy of the Gospel is for everyone". Come and listen to how this can be a reality in your life on Mondays and Thursdays, beginning on next Monday (Feb 10th) at 8pm in St. Mark's Centre (opposite Christ Our Light Church) Innishmore. Come any night.

Coeliac Host

Coeliac Host available at all Masses in both churches. Generally the Priest celebrating the Mass has the Coeliac Host. To help the Celebrant you might please let him know before the Mass.

Fr. George

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

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

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Feb/15 & Feb/16/2014

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Muireann Nelligan
Padraig McAuliffe
8:30 am
Triona Downey

10:00 am
Shannon O'Brien
Erin Holmes
12:00 Noon
Declan Chalmers
Namh Heelan

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Jessica Lingard
Morgan Smith
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

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

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

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Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

Week 10th February to 16th February

Tim Murphy 087 2741812

Siobhan Glavin 087 6364426

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.

Croí na Gaeilge

Is holding the following mid-term LEAVING CERT HONOURS IRISH INTENSIVE ONE DAY PREPARATION COURSES: ORAL IRISH (40% of total exam marks) on MONDAY FEBRUARY 17th and WRITTEN IRISH (50% of total exam marks) on WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 19th given by an EXPERIENCED ORAL EXAMINER / TEACHER / EXAM CORRECTOR and open to all 6th and 5th Year honours students in Ballincollig and surrounding areas. ALL TOPICS WILL BE COVERED (including all 20 sraith pictiúr, general conversation, poetry, próis, Gaeltacht phrases, essays, comprehension, grammar & nathanna cainte). Excellent notes will also be provided on the day. Contact (Tel. 085 1611573)



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Feb/15 & Feb/16/2014

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

5:30 pm Noelle Buckley
Mary Breen

Young Adults to Lourdes - June 2014

An invitation is extended to all young adults aged 18-35 to join our diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes from 11th to 16th June 2014 participating in our "come and see & be a helping hand" programme. This includes spending six days assisting with the sick and elderly pilgrims from our diocese, participating in the Masses and liturgies each day, walking in the footsteps of Bernadette, taking time for prayer, for making new friends and for spending time in a spirit of faith with other like-minded young adults from our diocese. Accommodation will include full board at the Hotel Excelsior located within minutes of the sanctuary.

The cost includes flights from Cork Airport.

Further details and booking from

Sr Karen tel: 021 4537601