

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 16-February-2014

Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

*The negative formulation of God's will In the Law is necessary for those who are morally immature. But Jesus leads us by a more perfect and positive understanding to the maturity which makes us realise our full obligations to God and to our fellow human beings.*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

## ***The Sermon on the Mount***

“Jesus said to his disciples: ‘Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law of the Prophets but to complete them.’”

Over the years I have proclaimed God’s word, joined in, celebrated, concelebrated Mass and the sacraments in many different types of settings. In a Parish Church; in Diocesan Cathedrals; in places of pilgrimage like Lourdes and Knock; on the island of Whiddy; on an island off Malta has marks the place where St Paul was shipwrecked on his way for trial in Rome. Such settings were indoor and outdoor with large numbers and sometimes with a handful of people and always remembering the piece of scripture that says: “Where two or three are gathered in my name there am I in their midst.”

The earliest known words recorded of Christ are those when He set foot in the Temple, and opened the scriptures as He regularly did, and proclaimed from Isaiah, “The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me, He has sent me to proclaim the Good News; to proclaim a year of the Lord’s favour.” He spoke with authority, unlike the Scribes and Pharisees, and said that those very words were being fulfilled in Himself. So the first words of He spoke were words of confirmation identifying Himself as one sent and this was amid a setting of a Temple, a place of worship, reflection, institution.

Today in the Gospel the setting as recording my St Matthew is on a mountainside with large crowds, the multitude.

His words are taken from what is known as The Sermon on the Mount. Because we celebrated the Feast of the Presentation on February 2nd we missed hearing about that setting and yet the setting is paramount to understanding the proclaiming of the Word made Flesh beyond place (Temple), time (year of favour). We moved into the Sermon last weekend when He told His listeners, disciples, multitude, “You are the salt of the earth and the light of the world.”

Jesus the Teacher and Master proclaims a word for us about another type of Temple, the temple of our spirits, hearts, lives.

He speaks now to a multitude as One who is fulfilling the Law and other Traditions of the Jewish people and yet is adamant that the Laws have their weaknesses in that they can be followed only at times at an external level.

I am recalling how St Paul challenged St Peter that faith in Christ was what redeems, and not the keeping of Laws. We might mind the externals in case we fall into the mode of keeping the message at bay and thus not allowing ourselves be touched at depth level.

***Dave O'Connell***

## **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

**Priest**

With longing in our hearts for all that God has prepared for those who love him, let us pray.

**Reader**

For all followers of Christ: that they may have the kind of relationship with God which makes obeying his commandments natural and easy.

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

For those who make and enforce our laws: that they may be guided by the wisdom that comes from God.

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

For those who are in the grip of a bad habit, or a compulsion, or an addiction.

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

For ourselves that our virtue may be true and genuine.

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

For all gathered here: that we may have wisdom to use our anger positively.

**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**

All-powerful God, help us to keep our thoughts clean, our desires pure, our words true, and our deeds kind. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

***They are happy who follow God's law!***

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**BAPTISMS**

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

Luke Patrick Murphy, Whitethorn Ave, Inniscarra View.  
Jacob Eli Haskett, Leslie Arch, Old Quarter.  
Sarah Toni Broderick, Westcourt.

**† IN SYMPATHY †**

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

Aodh O'Connor, Arklow.  
Brendan Hanley, Ahabeg, Castletownbere & Bundoran.  
James Lynch, Cardiff.  
Peggy McCarthy, Military Hill.  
Nellie O'Driscoll, Rathbarry  
DB Riordan, Cullen.  
Margaret O'Brien, Banteer.  
Martin Murphy, Banteer.  
Peter Wolf, Muskerry Estate & Douglas.

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

Timothy & Bridget O'Leary, Fair Hill.  
Margaret White, Coolroe.  
Patrick Ginnane, Kilkenny.  
Martin Ginnane, Shanakiel.  
Russel Sheehan, Farran.  
Sean Ryan, Coolroe.  
Frank & Margaret McGuire, Wicklow.  
Neil & Nelly Langan, Donegal.  
Baby Jack Collins, Westcourt.  
Liam Carroll, Inniscarra View.  
Josey O'Driscoll, Rosewood.  
Jack Lucey, Station Road.  
Billy Whelton, Muskerry Estate.  
Denis Spillane, Glenflesk.  
Jerry & Mary Dempsey, Inniscarra.  
Michael Gilleran, Rosewood.  
Brendan Fitzgerald, Scotch Farm.  
Sean Doab, The Crescent.  
Tim Murphy, Glountane.  
Bernard O'Brien, Inniscarra View.  
Mary Bridget Creed, Healys Bridge.  
Teresa & Dec Members of the Gilleran family, Blackrock.  
Daniel O'Sullivan, Inniscarra.  
Jerry Delaney, Maglin.  
Ann Downey, Model Farm Road.  
Teresa Strahan, Dublin.  
Michael Buckley, Castlepark.  
Richard O'Halloran, Shamrock Drive  
Irene White, Leemount.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sixth Week In Ordinary Time**

16 Sunday Eccles (Sir) 15: 15-20. Ps 118. 1 Cor 2:6-10. Mt 5:17-37 Lect I: 652  
17 Monday Jm. 1 :11. Ps. 118. Mk. 8:11-13. Lect II: 525  
18 Tuesday Jm. 1:1-18. Ps. 93. Mk. 8:14-21. Lect II: 527  
19 Wednesday Jm. 1:19-27. Ps. 14. Mk. 8:22-26. Lect II: 529  
20 Thursday Jm. 2:1-9. Ps. 33. Mk. 8:27-33. Lect II: 531  
21 Friday Jm. 2:14-24,26. Ps. 111. Mk. 8:34-9:1. Lect II: 533  
22 Saturday 1 Peter 5: 1-4 Ps 22 Mt 16: 13-19 Lect II: 962

**Next Sunday's Readings 23/February/2014**

Lev 19:1-2, 17-18. Ps 102. 1 Cor 3:16-23. Mt 5:38-48. Lect I: 656

**Reflection for Parents**

Often we think that showing our anger and resentment will punish the person who has hurt us. In today's gospel, Jesus knows and tries to tell us that just the opposite is true. Holding on to these feelings prevents our own healing. Forgiveness does not erase the wrong that was done, but rather lifts the negative burden pressing down on our spirit. To live the Good News of Jesus, we can practice forgiveness in our families. No matter how good we try to be, there will always be a void if we withhold our forgiveness. Together we can model this life-giving action for one another; and through family discussions, we can help each other give and receive forgiveness in our daily lives.

**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

**CROWLEY**

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**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Sirach 15:15-20

The problem of God's knowledge and human freedom has puzzled philosophers for centuries. If God sees all" even the future, then everything is determined in advance and there seems little room for human freedom. The author of this text doesn't recognise the problem but simply assures us that God absolutely respects our freedom. He is a concerned Father rather than a meddling 'Big Brother'.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

In general philosophers have no time for mysteries. They only see problems that are open in principle to solution by rational means. For Paul, such thinkers are immature, like children or adolescents who think they have all the answers though their experience is limited. The wisdom of faith carries us beyond the senses, beyond the limits of our own minds, into the mind of God who reveals himself in Christ.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:17-37

Actions and their consequences are to morality what symptoms are to health. An unhealthy person often shows symptoms of disease -pain, loss of energy, poor colour. But the doctor shouldn't focus on these alone. Sometimes the patient is ill yet shows no external signs. And when telltale signs are there, the doctor mustn't treat the symptoms alone, forgetting the underlying condition. Jesus is a wise moral physician, insisting that right and wrong actions stem from a good or bad heart. Sin is like an iceberg, where the bulk lies under the surface. The healing of negative attitudes -anger, lust, infidelity is hard work demanding serious sacrifices. There can be no quick fix or superficial solutions here.

**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 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> March 2014

Cork International Airport Hotel

Weekend in Killarney 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> November 2014

Lake Hotel

Information from 021 4381511 or 064 6644319

[www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie)

**Ethnic Cleansing in the Lee Valley**

Muskerry Local History Society are organising an illustrated lecture on "Ethnic Cleansing in the Lee Valley - Medieval-style" by Dr. Paul McCotter, UCC., on Tuesday, 18 February, at 8.00 pm in Ballincollig Rugby Club. Research carried out by Dr McCotter shows how the Normans cleared out Gaelic clans from the Lee Valley but in turn the Gaelic clans rose up against Norman settlers with such ferocity that they butchered many of them and sent the rest seeking the safety of Cork City. Dr McCotter states that many hundreds, if not thousands, of Norman settlers were murdered as part of the ethnic cleansing of the Lee Valley, a sizeable proportion of the settler population at the time. Some were so frightened that they fled back to England.

**Bulletin Board**

**Mass Diaries**

Mass Diaries to book Mass intentions for Apr, May & Jun will open in both churches on Saturday March 8th at 9.00am. Priority will be given to those booking 1st Anniversary Mass.

**Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund**

Special Envelope Collection last weekend amounted to €620. Thank you for your generosity which is greatly appreciated.

**Bake Sale**

Bake Sale in aid of baby Clodagh Daly last weekend after the 11.00am Mass in Church of Christ Our Light amounted to €470 your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**Diocesan Directory**

Diocesan Directory available, up to-date information on Parishes, Mass times, Religious, and Schools.

**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

**Defence Forces Masses Bands in Concert**

Friday 21st February, 2014 at 8pm City Hall

Guest Artist – Mary Hegarty

Booking at City Hall Ticket Office Mon 17th February Only  
Merchants Quay 17th- 21st February.

**Interested in becoming a Home Sharer?**

We need people like you to share your time and provide short breaks to a child or adult with an intellectual disability involving them in everyday activities with your family at your home.

Why not give a child time away from their family in your home, a new environment where you give them fun, independence, the chance to meet new people and build on their social skills. Their parents can recharge their batteries, while all the time knowing their child is with someone they can trust.

Experience is not necessary as training, support and an allowance are provided. If you are interested in making a real difference to the life of a person with an intellectual disability and their family, please contact Clare or Maria at: 086-0449377 or email [homesharecork@bocss.org](mailto:homesharecork@bocss.org) for more information

**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

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Feb/22 & Feb/23/2014

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**  
Adrian Cotter  
Alan Murphy  
**8:30 am**  
Tom McDonagh  
  
**10:00 am**  
David O'Brien  
Debra Daly  
**12:00 Noon**  
Sean Hennessy  
Shane Lehane

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**  
Rosarie Cotter  
Louise McGrath  
**11:00 am**  
Maebh Nic Mheanmain  
Lisa Aylward  
**12:30 pm**  
James Nyagaya  
Laura O'Leary  
**5:30 pm**  
Siobhan Keane-Hopcraft

**MASS TIMES**

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

8:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon	<b>Sunday</b>	11 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm
9:30 am	<b>Monday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Tuesday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Thursday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Friday</b>	8:30 am
10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)	<b>Saturday</b>	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	<b>Saturday</b>	4:30 pm First Saturday of Month
12:45 pm	<b>Sunday</b>	

**PARISH CLERGY**

Priest on Duty	087-2479140
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Fr. Dave O'Connell C.C.	021-4876171 or frdaveoconnell@gmail.com
Fr. James McSweeney	021-4873308

**Funeral Pastoral Team Rota**

Week 17th February to 23rd February

Michael O'Leary	086 2572680
Kay O'Sullivan	086 2163824

**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.

**Cork Scripture Group**

Module 3 of the Diocesan Bible Study Certificate will begin on Monday Feb 24th in SCALA (opposite Blackrock Castle) and will run for six nights. This module will be an introduction to the Gospels and will be presented by Fr Ben Hegarty OP, Marian Mortell & Fr John Newman. There are a limited number of places available on the module. Cost €50.  
For information and booking: contact Cork Scripture Group at corkscripturegroup@gmail.com or 021-4295144 (Marian or Phil).

**Cuan Mhuire, Farnanes**

Ladies Treatment Centre.  
Pancake Fundraiser on Shrove Tuesday, 4th March  
10.30am – 12.00pm.  
Join us for pancakes, tea, coffee and raffles.



**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Feb/22 & Feb/23/2014

**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

**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