

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 28-September-2014

Twenty Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

It takes at least two to make a friendship. God loves us, but there is no relationship between him and us unless we return his love. In this relationship there can be no pretence nor living on the past. Our response to God must continue every day to be real, just as his love for us is a daily reality.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Fair Play

This weeks' Gospel is a parable of two sons. The bones of the parable is that their father makes a request of the sons; "My boy you go to the vineyard today". The first is not keen on going to the vineyard but reconsiders and on second thoughts decides to go to the vineyard. The second son gives an enthusiastic reply, "Most certainly, sir." And promptly forgot about his commitment.

Life provides us with many opportunities to give our word, sometimes about trivial items. "I will not tell the name of my pet kitten to my classmates" or something more important "I will remember to say thanks." However giving my word is always important. My word is one of the most precious things I have. There are those who believe that our word is the only thing I have to give. Giving my word doesn't cost anything there and then. The cost comes later when I try to honour my word. When I give my word, I actually give part of myself.

I can learn from both sons in this parable. The son who changed his mind confirms that changing my mind is not always negative or bad. It takes humility to admit one's mistakes and to put it right.

The parable also teaches us that fine words can never take the place of good deeds. Faithfulness is one of the most precious gifts in life and here and now brings rewards in terms of growth, serenity and joy. Lord help me to make good choices and live by them.

George O'Mahony

Christ Our Light Church Repairs

The work on site of re-roofing of Christ Our Light church commenced this week. This roof has been in poor condition for many years leading to drop downs and damage to seats and carpets. The work will go on for more than four weeks. Thankfully St Marks centre is available for morning Mass. Christ Our Light will be open for Sunday and weekend Masses, To help defray some of the expense parishioners are invited to sponsor a slate (Slate €5 each). Before and after weekend Masses there will be opportunities to sponsor a slate and receive a certificate as acknowledgement. Thanks to those who have already made their contribution in sacristy or to one of the priests **Fr. George**

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

When we pray we are confident that God will remember his mercy and the love he has shown from old.

Reader

For Christians: that they may show forth in their lives the faith they profess with their lips.

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

For all who hold public office: that they may be faithful in carrying out their responsibilities.

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

For those who have been the victims of broken promises.

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

For ourselves: that we may never allow words to take the place of deeds.

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

For individuals and organisations who volunteer in the developing world, that their work of love and service may bear fruit.

**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

Lord, grant what we have said with our lips, we may believe with our hearts and practice with our lives. We make this pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Remember your mercy, Lord.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Twenty Sixth Week In Ordinary Time

28 Sunday Ez. 18:25-28. Ps. 24. Phil. 2: 1-11. Mt. 21:28-32. Lect I: 705

29 Monday Dan. 7:9-10, 13-14 or Apoc. 12:7-12. Ps. 137. Jn. 1 :47-51. Lect II: 1205

30 Tuesday Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23. Ps 87. Lk 9:51-56. Lect II: 791

01 Wednesday Job 9:1-12, 14-16. Ps87. Lk 9:57-62. Lect II: 793

02 Thursday Ex 23:20-23. Ps 90. Mt 18:1-5, 10. Lect II: 1212

03 Friday Job 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5. Ps. 138. Lk. 10:13-16. Lect II: 797

04 Saturday Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17. Ps 118. Lk 10:17-24. Lect II: 799

Next Sunday's Readings 05-October-2014

Is. 5:1-7. Ps. 79. Phil. 4:6-9. Mt. 21:33-43. Lect I: 708

Ballincollig Parish

Bereavement Support Group

A Bereavement Support Programme will commence in Ballincollig Tuesday 14th October. 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 and is held in a small group setting.

For further details please contact:

Sr Colette at 086-3557375

"Mothers' Prayers"

will recommence

Wednesday 17th September at 10.30 a.m

at Meeting Room at Christ our Light Church

Thursday 18th September at 10.00 a.m

At 'Sonas' House - Station Road

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

Music Morning.

Music morning in the Ballincollig Library will resume next Tuesday 30th September at 11.am.

Tom Liston will present his choice of music.

All are welcome. Tea served.

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.

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BAPTISMS

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

Kyle Patrick Moloney-Ring, Cedardale.

William Joseph Dwane, Pinewalk Walk Muskerry Estate.

Charlie Niall O'Mahony, Leemount Cross, Carrigrohane.

Oscar Fleury, Greenfields.

Sean Anthony Lane, Citi West Mews.

Leonard Kowal, Aylsbury.

Thomas Alexander Hennessy, An Caislean.

Clodagh Mai Blenner Hassett, Berry Field, Classes Lake

Michael Eugene Jason, Yelverton-Murphy, Cedardale.

Jimmy Patrick Kenneally, Highfield Park, Carriganarra.

Sophie Ella O'Brien, Castle Heights, Carrigaline.

Mia Noreen Kelleher, Granary Court.

Faith Pauline Kelleher, Granary Court.

Adam John Ryan, Coolroe.

John Martin Burke, An Caislean.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Edward Cronin, Carrigrohane/Westgate.

Hilary Walker, Tuairin Glas.

Josephine McCarthy, Westcourt.

Sean O'Ceallaigh(Kelly), Baltimore/Beech Park.

Ann Hurley, Bandon.

Tom Darcy, Aylsbury.

Sean Lynch, Togher/Oldcourt.

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

William Kavanagh, Raheen.

John Walsh, College Square.

John & Susan O'Driscoll, Carrigdene.

Pat, Kitty & Pat (Jnr) Sheehan, Coachford.

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

James Purcell, Kilcrea Park.

Margaret Tarrant, Inniscarra View & Millstreet.

Canon Diarmuid Linehan, Maglin/Clogheen.

Daniel & Margaret Murphy, Knockburden.

Dan Murphy, Bray.

Jeremiah, Mary& daughter Mary O'Sullivan, Beara.

Nuala Delaney, Inniscarra View.

Tom Murphy, Cherry Walk.

Sheila Sexton, Farnanes.

Patrick Barry, Rosewood.

Monica Fitton, Kilnaglory.

Pat Hallahan, Greenfields

Cecelia Pauline Leahy, Leeview, Carrigrohane.

Fr. Sean Murphy, Station Road.

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28
The prophet Ezekiel listens to God's word and has his views challenged.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11
St Paul pleads for unity in the church at Phillippi.

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32
Jesus pointed out to chief priest and elders that they had not believed John nor had they changed their hearts after seeing Jesus. They were like the son who said "yes" to his father's request to work in the vineyard. Even though he said he would, the son did not work. The father's second son (representing sinners) said "no" to his father's request, but went to the vineyard and worked after all. Jesus said it would be those who are like the second son who would enter the Kingdom first.

Gala Concert



In Memory of
Fr. Sean O'Driscoll

Friday, 3rd October, 2014
Church of The Resurrection,
Farranree – 8.00 pm

All proceeds to Marymount Hospice
& Farranree Parish Church

Singers

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| Liam Lawton | Patsy Seymore |
| Jean Elliot | Veronica Tudman |
| John Daly | Michael O'Donovan |
| Audrey Lynch | Courtyard Choir |

Tickets €20 Available from Geraldine in Sacristy of
St. Mary & St. John

Alzheimer's Research

Does your spouse / Partner have dementia? We are carrying out research looking to gain an insight into the health and wellbeing of those who live with someone who has dementia. For more information about taking part please contact Alan Galvin or Dr Maria Pertl at Trinity College on 01 8968414

Reflection for Parents

It may be difficult for parents of our time to think of children as "non-persons." They are probably the most important people in our lives! Parents in ancient times loved their children just as parents do today. While children in our time are protected by many laws, still very few children carry any authority or power in our culture. So the difference is not in children and parents of two different times, rather the point is how children are unencumbered by status. Their love for God is fresh and uncomplicated. This is a quality in our children we should consciously observe and emulate.

Bulletin Board

First Friday

Friday October 4th is the first Friday of the month. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St Mary & St John from 6.30pm to 7.45pm, you are invited to come and spend some time with the Lord. There is Mass in St Mary & St John on Friday evening at 8.00pm. The priests of the parish visit the sick of the parish on the first Friday of each month; please let us know if you have a family member or neighbour who is sick or housebound.

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place on Saturday 18th October 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.

Priesthood Education

The annual envelope collection for the Education of Students to the Priesthood takes places this week end Saturday/Sunday September 27th & 28. The Diocese is fortunate in having two priestly ordinations this year. Fr. Ben Hodnett was ordained in June and Reverend Marius O'Reilly will be ordained on the Feast of Christ the King in November. In addition, we have one further Clerical student in the Irish college in Rome and three students in Maynooth. The cost of educating each student for the Priesthood can be as much as €30,000 per year. We expect the Education of Clerical students this year to reach €120,000. The Diocese has a number of men training for the Permanent Diaconate. Two have completed the preparatory year, are now commencing formal studies and another has begun the preparatory year. This collection is the principal source of funding for the education of our clerical students. This collection has also been used to subvent a number of lay people from the Diocese who are involved in their parishes and are studying Theology as well as funding further study for the priests.

Church of St Mary and John

The church is almost 150 years old. We plan to mark this year with a number of events, beginning on October 19th 2014 with a week of directed prayer (see back page). This week is an opportunity to deepen my prayer life and focus on the Word of God as a resource to help me in prayer. The redecorating of St Mary and John is also progressing with pace. I wish to acknowledge the goodwill, suggestions and offers of time and talents to develop many projects in parish. The certificates, Website and ideas for a unique Christmas card. Thank you all.

Fr. George

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Oct-04 & Oct-05-2014

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)

Sandra Walsh / Brayden Peck
Emma O'Connor

8:30 am

Eadaoin O'Leary
Gerard O'Leary

10:00 am

Lauree Hegarty
Mary O'Driscoll

12:00 Noon

John Dorgan / Roisin Crewe
Noella Ngenwie

7:30 pm (Vigil)

Pauline Collins
Morgan Smith

11:00 am

Cormac Manning

12:30 pm

Adaugu Ebili
Caterina Nugent

5:30 pm

Kevin Touhy

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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Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

Week 6th Oct to 12th Oct

Laurence Cunningham

Virginia Harrington

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

Oct-04 & Oct-05-2014

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm

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

7:30 pm

Geraldine Lynch
Charlie Vaughan
Joan Stephenson
Bernie Bowen

8:30 am

Mary Buckley
Theresa Lucey / Triona
Collins
Mary B. Murphy

11:00 am

Neil Jeffers
Eileen O'Donoghue
Bridie Hanrahan
Catherine Moran
Hugh Moran

10:00 am

Cathy Horgan
Claudine Tiendioh
Betty Flavin
Anne Spillane
Betty Sheehan

12:30 pm

Denis O' Mahony
Christine O'Mahony
Tom Murray
John O'Regan
Gerard Dunne

12 Noon

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

5:30 pm

Bernard Curran
John Canty

Directed Prayer Week

The 150 Anniversary Celebration of St. Mary & St John's Church is due to commence this October and extended over the following twelve months. A number of events are being planned at various stages during this time to mark this important occasion in the history of our parish.

The initial event will be a week of Directed Prayer led by Fr. Joe Coughlan. This is an opportunity for us all to build on our prayer life. It will commence on Sunday 19th October, 2014 with evening prayer in St. Mary and St. John. On that evening Fr. Coughlan will arrange for a guide to facilitate each group of six persons who wish to participate. The week of directed Prayer which will be based on short scripture passages. The guide will meet each person daily (Monday to Friday) at an agreed time in Sonas on Station Road for 30 minutes. (This can be morning, during the day or evening). The week of directed prayer will end with evening prayer in St. Mary and St John's Church on Friday evening 24th October. You are invited to participate. Please notify the Parish Secretary, by 10th October if you wish to participate. Phone No. (021) 4871206.

PS. In order to help with the planning please give your name and a contact number when you phone.