

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 26-October-2014

Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

The Pharisees fault was not gratitude for doing good hut contempt for those less successful, a lack of humility before the grace of God. Paul too could 'boast' and give thanks that he had kept the faith, but he recognised that this had not been simply his own doing but because 'the Lord stood by me.' We too should thank God for any good we have been able to do. It is with his help that we do it, and it gives us no grounds for complacency or a sense of superiority.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

'Love One Another As I Have Loved You'

The Scripture Readings today challenge us to reflect on our response to God's commandment of love.

In the first Reading we hear of the loving relationship the people of Israel were expected to have towards the under privileged and vulnerable. Widows and orphans; people forced to leave their Countries due to circumstances such as wars, plagues or famines; as well as the poor who had to borrow to survive. The Israelite people had been treated compassionately by a God of love in their times of vulnerability and now were to treat others as they themselves were treated.

In the second reading, St Paul praises the Thessalonians for remaining faithful to the Gospel in spite of obstacles. The life that they lived by the power of the Holy Spirit enabled them to spread their loving faith in God to surrounding places; becoming a model for others by the witness of their lives. We too are called to do the same. May we witness to others the joy of the Gospel both in word and deed.

In the Gospel, the Pharisees put a question to Jesus asking 'which is the greatest commandment of the law'. In response, Jesus says 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself'. To love God with our whole being means having God as the centre of our life. If God is at the centre of our lives then loving our neighbour ought to flow from that. It sounds simple but it is very challenging! I'm sure we all face situations where we find it difficult to love our neighbour as ourselves - our neighbour may be someone we work with, live with - yet Jesus also created that person out of love and Jesus died for that person. The love we know God has for ourselves is also the love God has for the person beside me, for the people I may not particularly like, and the people who may not particularly like me. If we really think about God loving everyone as much as he loves us, we'd see everyone in a new way! Everyone is special to God.

Sr. Colette

Reflection for Parents

Our children see us live out this gospel message in the every-day things we do for other people. How often do they quietly notice us help an elderly relative, take food to a sick neighbour, or visit someone in a nursing home. We don't really have to preach this gospel message to our children, but sometimes just inviting them along is witness enough to shape their lives.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

We join our hearts and our voices in prayer to the God who is our rock, our mighty help, our stronghold.

Reader

For all Christians: that they may live out in their lives the two commandments of love.

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

For political leaders: that they may show special concern for the weaker members of society.

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

For the world in which we live: that love and peace may prevail over hatred and violence.

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

For refugees and strangers: that they may find hospitality from all of us.

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

For all gathered here: that we may love ourselves in such a way that it enables us to love others and to love God.

**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 loving God, your Son summed up all your law in two commandments: that we should love you and love one another. He himself lived these two commandments to the full. Help us to follow his example. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

I love you, Lord, my strength.

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BAPTISMS

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

Jack Patrick Riordan, Berryfield, Classes Lake.
 Aaron Michael O'Neill, Beech Park.
 Eilidh Mary AnnePert, Aberdeenshire.
 Seb Padraigh Kelleher, The Green, Coolroe Meadows.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

John O'Flynn , Westcourt/Powdermills.
 Kathleen Gallagher, Galway.
 Arturas Bajoras, Glendower Court.

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

Sheila Coakley, Castlehaven.
 Pat Byrne, Westcourt Heights.
 Jimmy McCarthy, Kilbrittain.
 Padraig O'Callaghan, Oakley.
 Marie O'Flaherty, Coolroe Meadows.
 Nancy O'Connell, Mayfield.
 Brid Hogan, "Jasmin", Carriganarra.
 Lily & Jim McDonnell, Blarney Street.
 Tim Horgan, Carriganarra Estate.
 Barney Carroll, Glendower/Dublin.
 Dan Collins, Westgate/Ovens.
 Ring Family, Blarney Road.
 Fiona Cahill, Ballintemple.
 Sylvester Cotter, Poulavone.
 Dec members of the Ring family, Ballincollig/Dungourney.
 James Joseph Cooney, England.
 Kay O'Keeffe, Muskerry Estate.
 Derek & Jerry Murphy, Westcliffe/Spain.
 Catherine Bell, Farranree.
 Peg Collar, Manor Hill.
 Margaret & Mary O'Leary, Curraheen.
 John & Mary O'Regan, Cathedral Road.
 Annie Murphy, Douglas.
 John & Nora Leach, Beech Park.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Thirtieth Week In Ordinary Time

26 Sunday Ex 22:20-28. Ps 17. 1 Thess 1:5-10. Mt 22:34-40. Lect I: 717

27 Monday Eph. 4:32-5:8. Ps. 1. Lk. 13:10-17. Lect II: 838

28 Tuesday Eph. 2:19-22. Ps. 18. Lk. 6:12-19. Lect II: 1242

29 Wednesday Eph. 6: 1-9. Ps. 144. Lk. 13:22-30 Lect II: 842

30 Thursday Eph 6:10-20. Ps 143. Lk 13:31-35. Lect II: 844

31 Friday Phil. 1: 1-11. Ps. 110. Lk. 14: 1-6. Lect II: 846

01 Saturday Apoc. 7:2-4, 9-14. Ps. 23. 1 In. 3:1-3. Mt. 5:1-12. Lect I: 999 or Lect II: 1244

Next Sunday's Readings 02/November/2014

**Anam Cara Parental
 And Sibling Bereavement Support**

Anam Cara is holding a bereavement Information Evening on Wednesday 5th of November 2014 from 19:30 to 21:30 in the Silver Springs Hotel, Tivoli, Cork. The guest speaker for the evening is Miriam Porter and the topic for the evening is "Coping with Grief and Loss after the death of a child". All Anam Cara Services are available free of charge to bereaved parents. Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for room set up, we would appreciate if you could RSVP to info@anamcara.ie before Tuesday, 4th November 2014 or call us 01 4045378.

Fund Raiser

Wellness and Craft Fair in Aid of Cork Penny Dinners at the Gresham Metropole Hotel, McCurtain Street Cork City on Sunday the 2nd of November from 12 till 6pm On the day you can pamper yourself with different kinds of treatments, Stalls, Jewellery, Natural Hand creams, Beauty Products, Clothes, and many more plus Kids Corner, Face Painting.

Admission €2.

All proceeds on the day go to Cork Penny Dinners

County Football Final

Well done to Ballincollig Senior Football Team
 Fantastic result for all the players and back room team.

Music Morning

The Monthly music morning in Ballincollig Library will take place on Tuesday morning Oct 28th at 11am and will be presented by Pat Lemasney. Everyone one is most welcome and a cuppa will be served.

Inniscarra/Ballincollig

Irish Country Women's Association (I.C.A)

Our meetings are held every Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm in the Family Centre, Station Road. New members are welcome! We have a very varied programme, including talks on a range of topics: craft nights: outings: demos and lots more with something to appeal to everyone. So come along as it is a great way to meet new people.

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Exodus 22:20-28
 God calls for sensitivity for the needs of others. A social morality is demanded. It singles out those for whom God has a special love, as should God's chosen people; a love for the stranger, widow, orphan, poor. Often these do not enjoy full civil rights and are victims of oppression and exploitation. Members of a truly just society must be compassionate and provide for its weakest members.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10
 Paul is fulsome in his praise for the Christian community of the Thessalonians. He had come to them with the Good News. With the power of the Spirit and in spite of much suffering they received his teaching with open minds and generous hearts. Their way of life radically changed. They were now an example of the life of love to other Christian communities.

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40
 Trying to trick Jesus into saying something contrary to Moses, the Pharisees asked Jesus which was the greatest commandment. Jesus responded by saying that we are to love God with all our heart, our soul, and mind. Secondly, we are to love our neighbour as our self.

A Prayer for Peace

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
 Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
 where there is injury, pardon;
 where there is doubt, faith;
 where there is despair, hope;
 where there is darkness, light;
 where there is sadness, joy.
 For it is in giving that we receive
 in pardoning that we are pardoned,
 and in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Keep your Marriage Healthy

Would you like to have more joy, fun and laughter in your marriage?
 If your answer is 'YES', then a Marriage Encounter Weekend is the answer.
 Next weekend takes place in "The Lake Hotel" Killarney November 14th - 16th 2014.
 Book your weekend by phoning 064-6644319 / 086-8334382
 For more information visit: www.marriageencounter.ie

Cork Scripture Group

Your Word, O Lord, is a lamp for my steps and a light for my path. Psalm 119:105
 Cork Scripture Group is pleased to announce a public workshop entitled 'How to Read Matthew's Gospel' with Dr. Diane Corkery on Saturday November 8th 2014 from 10.00am -1.30pm in the Sacred Heart Hall, Western Road, Cork. Diane is Head of Religious Studies at St Patrick's College, Thurles, where she lectures in Scripture and Systematic Theology.
 All Welcome. Cost: €10
 For information and booking: contact Cork Scripture Group at corksripturegroup@gmail.com or 021-4295144 (Marian or Phil).

Bulletin Board

Bank Holiday Monday

Monday October 27th
 Morning Mass St. Mary & St John 9.30am

All Saints Day

Saturday November 1st All Saints Day
 Holy Day of Obligation

Masses

St Mary & St John
 Saturday 1st November 8.30am, 10.00am
 Normal Saturday Night Vigil at 6pm

Christ Our Light

Vigil Friday 31st October 7.30pm
 Saturday 1st November- 12.30pm
 Normal Saturday Night Vigil at 7.30pm

Novena for the Dead

November 2nd to 10th, 2014

November is a month dedicated to our dead relatives and friends. It is the time of year when we are asked to pray for our dead and thank God for their efforts and goodness to us. Christ's prayer to his Father is "I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, so that they may always see the glory you have given me."

We encourage everyone to make a special effort to come to daily Mass during the Novena for the Dead and keep up the effort for the month of November.

There will be evening Mass (morning Masses as usual) in both Churches during the Novena- 6.30pm Christ Our Light and 8pm St Mary & St John.

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place on Saturday 6th December 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.

Fr. George

Special Mass

There will be a Special Mass to remember all our loved ones who died during the past year on Tuesday November 11th at 8.00pm in St Mary & St John. All those who died from the Parish will be remembered at this Mass. Families who wish to have deceased family members (who died during the past twelve months) included in this Mass are invited to hand in their names to the Sacristy or Parish Office during the week and please include a contact name, phone number and an address.

Mass in St Oliver's Cemetery Saturday November 8th at 2pm
 Mass in St Mary's & St John Cemetery November 15th at 12 noon
 Blessing of Graves St James Cemetery, Chetwynd, Togher (Off Bandon Road) Sunday 2nd November, at 3.00pm

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Nov/01 & Nov/02/2014

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Rosarie Cotter
Laura O'Keeffe
8:30 am
Pat Fennell

10:00 am
David O'Brien
Debra Daly
12:00 Noon
Sean Hennessy
Shane Lehane

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Fiona Feely
Louise McGrath
11:00 am
Jack Dorgan
Harry O'Brien
12:30 pm
Aisling Dore
Clara Herdman
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	No Mass
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 & 7:30 pm (Vigil)
8:30 am, 10 am & 6 pm (Vigil)	Saturday	12:30 pm & 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	Saturday	4:30 pm First Saturday of Month
12:45 pm	Sunday	

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 3rd Nov to 9th Nov

Joan Barrett
Margot Twomey

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

Nov/01 & Nov/02/2014

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 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 Moran
Hugh Moran

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

5:30 pm Bernard Curran
John Canty

Church of Christ our Light

Sponsor a slate fund raiser continues before and after all Masses again this weekend.

To help defray some of the expense parishioners are invited to sponsor a slate (Slate €5 each).

All sponsors will receive a certificate as an acknowledgement of their contribution, see opposite.

Thanks to those who have already made a donation.

Church of Christ our Light Ballincollig



_____ has sponsored _____ slate(s) for the renovation of the church.

In support of Ballincollig Parish In Memory of _____

Slate No _____ Date _____ Signed _____