

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 02-November-2014

All Souls Day

*The Commemoration of all the faithful departed.
God is full of mercy: he waits patiently for our conversion.
No matter how much we may have failed him, he still
calls us and encourages us towards goodness.*



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, The Holy Souls

During the month of November we give significant attention to a period of time for prayer, reflection and remembrance of our deceased love ones, be they family, relatives, or friends. Yesterday November 1st we celebrated the Feasts of All Saints in which we turned our minds and hearts towards that kingdom place, the heavenly banquet, where God's saints, His loved ones, those named by the Church and those perhaps known only to ourselves, are in God's presence. It is a faith vision given unto us through the very life, death and resurrection of Christ, the revelation of scripture and a vision nurtured through our sharing in the very life of God in the mysteries of prayer and the sacraments. It seems good to me that with November and the Christian community's focus on prayers and sacrifices and all kinds of self denial for our departed loved ones that we begin with a vision of light and hope.

The November Novena envelopes have the dual purpose of making a monetary offering but also give us a practical opportunity to take a few moments to submit the names of our relatives for prayer. We are concretely turning our attention to our grief and loss and seeking the help of God's grace to offer our departed loved ones into the hands and presence of God during the Novena for the Holy Souls. We encourage everyone to make a special effort to come along to daily Mass from today and up to Monday the 10th when the Novena finishes. Then on Tuesday the 11th @ 8.00pm at St Mary's and John's Church the annual Mass for the Deceased who have died in the last 12 months will be held. Moving then to the annual graveyard Masses whereby many will gather at St Oliver's Graveyard on Saturday 8th @ 2.00pm and at St Mary's & St John's Church on Saturday 15th @ 12Noon.

Like many of yourselves, I like taking on the practical side of things and doing something practical so giving attention to the Novena, graveyard prayers and visits and making out of the list of those I wish to pray for, affords me the opportunity to enter into the difficult reality of the death of loved ones and friends. In giving our attention I believe we are not only doing something positive but we are also affording ourselves the opportunity of allowing God's bring healing and comfort to touch us and all in the context of a community sharing and seeking light and hope.

One traditional aspect of Church Teaching and Prayer associated with the Novena of the Holy Souls is the seeking of a plenary indulgence. A plenary indulgence is a remission before God of temporal punishment due to sin. An indulgence for the souls of the departed is gained by going to confession, receiving Holy Communion, and praying for the Pope's intentions (1 Our Father & Hail Mary, or any other prayer of one's choice) and visiting a church or oratory, and there reciting 1 Our Father and the Apostle Creed. From 12 noon on 1st Nov to midnight 2nd November. Similarly a plenary indulgence can be gained for the souls of the departed by those who visit a cemetery and pray for the dead on a day from 1st – 8th November.

Dave O'Connell

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us pray to God who is devoted and protective towards us.

Reader

For Christians: that they may not be content with the appearance of goodness but seek the real thing.

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

For leaders of the Church: that they may practice in their own lives what they preach to others.

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

For all who hold public office: that they may not seek their own glory but to be of service to others.

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

For all those who are overburdened, and who have no one to help them.

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

For each other: that the practice of our religion may help us to grow in love and compassion.

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

The Lord is my light and my help.

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BAPTISMS

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

John Rory Gleeson, Island Way, Muskerry Estate.
 Shay James Lynch, The Willows.
 Chloe Isabelle Ryan, Beech Park.
 Ben Noel Hickey, The Crescent, Old Fort Road.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Mary Monahan, Kinvara, Co. Galway.
 Shelia Samson, Churchstown, Mallow.
 Mieczystaw Burkiwicz, Poland.
 Hannah O’Leary, Gneeveguilla, Co Kerry.
 Johnny Donovan, Kilcrohan.
 Jerry Kane, New York State.
 Siobhan Healy, Donoughmore.

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

Bernie Owens, Inniscarra View.
 Charles, Julia & Sean Dunne, Willow Drive.
 Michael & Sheila Duggan, Dunmanway & Bandon.
 William Horgan, Muskerry Estate.
 Cornelius Twomey, Coolcower/Macroom.
 Eugene McDonnell, Prospect Lawn.

Sponsor a Slate

Sincere thanks to all who supported the sponsor a slate . Thanks also to those parishioners who administered the scheme by helping at weekends to record contributions and donations. To date €8,320.00 has been lodged from this fundraiser.

Thanks to all.

The work on the roof is making good progress and hopefully will be completed by 1st of November. Sincere thanks to the Neo Catechumenate community who made St Mark’s available for daily Mass.

The week of guided prayer was well supported. The week commenced on October 19th and continued to Friday 24th. Those who took part found the week beneficial for their prayer life and spiritual growth.

This year it is planned to print a Christmas card using the beautiful nativity scene on one of the stain glass windows in St Mary and St. Johns'. Cards will be available by November 16th.
 Fr. George.

Thought for Today

We often hear this reading and take comfort in it when we attend a funeral mass or memorial service. There are so many mysteries and ideas in scripture that we don’t understand. But the hope of this Gospel is very clear for us. We know that we, and those we love, will find ourselves with Jesus on the last day because we know him and follow his ways.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Thirty First Week In Ordinary Time

- 02 Sunday Is 25:6-9. Ps 26. Rom 5:5-11. Mt 11:25-30. Lect I: 1002
- 03 Monday Phil 2:1-4. Ps 130. Lk 14:12-14. Lect II: 850
- 04 Tuesday Phil 2:5-11. Ps 21.Lk 14:15-24. Lect II: 852
- 05 Wednesday Phil. 2:12-18. Ps. 26. Lk. 14:25-33. Lect II: 854
- 06 Thursday Sir. 44:1-15. Ps. 14. Lk. 6:17-23. Lect. II:1367
- 07 Friday Phil. 3:17-4:1. Ps. 121. Lk. 16:1-8. Lect II: 858
- 08 Saturday Phil 4:10-19. Ps 111. Lk 16:9-15. Lect II: 860

Next Sunday’s Readings 09/November/2014

Ez. 47:1-2, 8-9, 12, Ps. 45. 1 Cor.3:9-11,16-17. In. 2:13-22. Lect II:: 1250 or Lect

***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.

A Day of Song, Prayer and Discussion with Ian Callanan

November 22nd, 2014, 10am-5pm
 Ballincollig Community Centre, Cost €20
 Early booking is advised. To book simply call Sinead on (087) 954 0091 or e-mail workshop@iancallanan.com with your details. We ask that you simply book in so we can make sure to have enough resources available on the day, payment can be made on the day of the workshop.

Fund Raiser

Wellness and Craft Fair in Aid of Cork Penny Dinners at the Gresham Metropole Hotel, McCurtain Street Cork City on today 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

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9
 Even in the time of the Old Testament, Scripture spoke of life after death. Indeed, we understand suffering as a means of purification. We who believe know that in heaven there is no pain, no torment, and no tribulation.

Second Reading: Rom 5:5-11
 Paul teaches that Christ has given us a victory; sin and death are conquered. That's the connection. Anyone who turns away from sin has the key to eternal life.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:25-30
 This is the great invitation. So often we hear Jesus say 'go' and do the work of the Kingdom. But here we have the invitation to come and find rest in him. Here he calls all who are burdened and promises refreshment. So much in life and in death is hidden from us, so much unanswered. But here lies the promise of a revelation to those who trust like children. They will enjoy the great revealing of 'these things'. Those who die placing their trust in God will have all revealed to them. Then they truly will find rest for their souls.

Dyslexia Association of Ireland

Free information evening
 on Wednesday, 5 November, 2014
 Silversprings Hotel, Cork.
 Making learning with Dyslexia
 much easier - an approach that works.
 Contact:
 Mary Clare Moriarty
 086 4077819

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

First Friday

Friday November 7th 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.

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 2.00pm

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.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Nov/08 & Nov/09/2014

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)

Sean Collins
Katie Collins
8:30 am
Eadaoin O'Leary
Gerard O'Leary

10:00 am

Tony Hegarty
William Greene

12:00 Noon

Tony Lynch
Evan Keating / Shane Tully

7:30 pm (Vigil)

Nonyi Ebili
Jennifer Nyagaya

11:00 am

Tomas Buckley
Michael Buckley

12:30 pm

James Nyagaya
Laura O'Leary

5:30 pm

Marlyn O'Connor

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 & 8 pm

Monday

8:30 am & 6:30 pm

9:30 am & 8 pm

Tuesday

8:30 am & 6:30 pm

9:30 am & 8 pm

Wednesday

8:30 am & 6:30 pm

9:30 am & 8 pm

Thursday

8:30 am & 6:30 pm

9:30 am & 8 pm

Friday

8:30 am & 6:30 pm

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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Fr. James McSweeney

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Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

Week 10th Nov to 16th Nov

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

Nov/08 & Nov/09/2014

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm

Patsie Murphy
Pat Moore
Mary Walsh
Marie Healy
Margaret Kearney
Nora Barry

7:30 pm

Sheila O'Connor
Martin O'Regan
Brid Healy-Harris
Kit Cahill

8:30 am

Theresa Lucey
Tom Butler
Mona Holland

11:00 am

Carmel Ryan
Eileen Byrne
Bernadett Spillane
Angela Cunningham
Laurence Cunningham

10:00 am

Margaret Bunyan
Mary Murphy
Joan Tobin
Breda Monaghan
Niamh Nic Gearailt

12:30 pm

Eileen Garvey
Sally Power
Breda Callanan
Catherine Freehill
Betty Walsh

12 Noon

Marie Bowen
Breda Lenihan
Jacinta Jeffers
Rena O'Connor
Sean Farrell
Mary Hennigan

5:30 pm

Olan O'Mahony
Ann-Marie Whelan
Noel Kelleher

Life after Death

November is a month in which the Church reminds the Faithful of our dead. It calls on the praying Church on earth to offer prayer and sacrifice for those who have gone before us in the sign of Faith.

There is a danger today that people can believe that our departed relatives may not need our prayers, but this danger must be avoided. Death, for many, is a fearful event because it precedes the judgement. Jesus spoke very clearly and consistently about a final judgement. The judgement spoken of by Jesus is not to be understood as a once-and-for-all event in the future. God's judgement is already at work in the present, calling us to live lives in harmony with our nature as children of god.

If we see God's judgement as acting also in the present, death will lose its fearful significance. St. John does not use the term 'hell' but speaks of punishment in terms of darkness and exclusion from God. St. Paul does not use any fiery images but speaks of eternal destruction and banishment from the face of God.

Hell is the final loss of God's life and friendship. But already in life we can exclude ourselves from friendship from God. In life, however, there is hope of change. We can once again respond to God's love.

Jesus tells us that Heaven is the reward of the virtuous. It is the complete fulfilment; it is what we were created for. Judgement, Hell and Heaven are not events that occur after death; they already begin here when we answer yes or no to God's invitation to love Him