

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 09-November-2014

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

We commemorate today not the dedication of a building but the reality for which it stands - God's presence in the lives of his people gathered as a community. The most perfect meeting-point between God and man took place in Jesus Christ. We come to Church to deepen our share in that meeting.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Because this weekend falls during the dates of 8th and 9th November instead of celebrating Week 32 of Ordinary Time we move into a Feast that falls annually on November 9th. So something different emerges this year and we look to the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica.

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica isn't likely to mean much to you largely because most won't even know where the Lateran Basilica is located. The Lateran Basilica or The Church of St John on the Lateran is located in Rome and is 'Mother and Head of all the churches of the City and the World'. It is the cathedral church of the Bishop of Rome (Pope Francis), and is called 'St John' Lateran after the two monasteries once attached, dedicated to St John the Divine and St John the Baptist.

You will notice some background found in the weekend Missalette as we are told that the original basilica was built in the reign of Pope Miltiades (311 – 314) and according to a tradition dating from the 12th century its dedication took place on this day (9th November).

Here in Ballincollig we are taking stock of our own history as we celebrate the 150th Jubilee of St Mary's and St John's Church. Throughout the year we will continue to turn our attention to something of the roots of Christian worship in our area through, prayer, retreats, art, music, writings, parade, flower festival and much more.

All of us are baptised into Christ; all of us receive the word of life through the Scriptures; all of us belong to the body of Christ; the universal Church and the local Church and indeed the family that is the domestic Church. Our communion – constituted by faith, community, scripture and the sacraments – is part of a greater family, under the bishop of Rome, who "presides over the whole assembly in charity" (St Ignatius of Antioch).

This weekend I'm remembering a time when I wasn't particularly interested and was somewhat disconnected from the larger institutional Church in Rome.

The idealism of youth and beyond I really only saw the trappings of power and riches. But the famous Pastoral Visit of Pope John Paul II to Ireland touched many of us locally. In early 2006 I made my first visit and only visit to Rome with an open mind, heart, spirit. In some small way I connected with the universal Church and was pleasantly surprised to notice while everything pointed to that which is big and universal I also noted its roots in the history of the Roman Empire. What stood out for me was a walk along the Appian Way as I reflected on St Paul making that journey almost two years ago as he was summoned to Rome to appear before Caesar or his representative.

We might pray for Pope Francis and for all who shepherd the Church universally and locally. May the Holy Spirit of God pour forth in those aligning themselves to Christ a response of authentic service.

Dave O'Connell

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

With hope in our hearts we pray for light and wisdom.

Reader

For the Church: that through an effective preaching of the Gospel it may provide a lamp of hope for a world darkened by despair.

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

For all political leaders: that they may be watchful and responsible, and so provide a lamp of peace for a world darkened by war.

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

For those who grieve the loss of a loved one: that they may know the comfort of God.

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

For those who have nothing to wait for, nothing to hope for.

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

For this Congregation: that through the practice of prayer and good works we may wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**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

God of mercy you continued to love even when we live foolishly and forget who we are and where we are going. Help us to grow in wisdom and love, as we travel towards the wedding feast of your Kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The waters of a river give joy to God's city, the holy place where the Most High dwells.

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BAPTISMS

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

Yavnazar Kyzeyzov Kyrgyzov, Highfield Park.
 Lewis John Ross-Ryan, Innishmore.
 Leah O'Callaghan, The Lawn, Coolroe Meadows.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

James Murphy, Glounthane.
 Margaret Matterson, Castlepark.
 Dan O'Connell, Ovens.
 Baby Lelea O'Sullivan, Killarney.

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

John and Elizabeth O'Callaghan Ballygown Killavullen.
 Patrick & Mary Dineen, Shandon View.
 Jeremiah O'Sullivan, Avon Court.
 Mary Emperor, Rockchapel.
 Margaret O'Connor, Castlegregory.
 John & Eugene Cremin, Collyduff.
 Patrick O'Leary, Poulavone.
 Jack Shanahan, Fr. Sexton Park.
 Justin Monaghan, College Road.
 Christy Sullivan, Lauragh, Kenmare.
 David, Ellen, Eugene, & Catherine Lee, Dripsey.
 John & Margaret Sexton, Bweeng.
 Nora O'Callaghan, Carrigrohane.
 Tim & Bridget O'Callaghan, Carrigrohane.
 Tim, Kay & Deirdre O'Callaghan, Douglas.
 Mary, Patrick & John O'Callaghan.
 Con Jefferies, Blarney Street.
 Eugene McDonnell, Prosperity Square.
 John Murphy, Inchigeela.
 Helen Kenneally, Beech Park.
 Paddy O'Driscoll, Castletownsend, Skibbereen.

Thought for Today

Building our families is much like constructing a building in that you need a solid foundation in order to build a worthy structure. There are many things we might name that help build the foundation such as love, and essentials including food, clothing and shelter. Some quality time and holidays may help, too. But the main ingredient, indeed, the cornerstone, is Jesus. Not much else we offer our children will impact their lives as much as the religious foundation we provide. The most important time to remember this valuable lesson is when we feel least like living it ourselves--maybe on Sunday morning when we're too tired to go to mass, or when we get irritated with a neighbour or another driver. We want a solid foundation for our children and need to work continually on building up our family.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Thirty Second Week In Ordinary Time

- 09 Sunday 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 I:1006
- 10 Monday Tit 1:1-9. Ps. 23. Lk. 17:1-6. Lect II: 862
- 11 Tuesday Tit 2:1-8, 11-14. Ps 36. Lk 17:7-10. Lect II: 864
- 12 Wednesday Tit. 3:1-7. Ps. 22. Lk. 17:11-19. Lect II: 866
- 13 Thursday Philem. 7-20. Ps. 145. Lk. 17:20-25. Lect II: 869
- 14 Friday 2 Jn. 4-9. Ps. 118. Lk. 17:26-37. Lect II: 871
- 15 Saturday 3 Jn. 5-8. Ps. 111. Lk. 18:1-8. Lect II: 873

Next Sunday's Readings 16/November/2014

Prov. 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31. Ps. 127. 1 Thess. 5:1-6. Mt. 25:14-30. Lect I: 725

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.

A Winter's Evening

In aid of the Cork Association for Autism
 Music lovers are in for a treat when a wonderful cast of singers and musicians gather to present 'A Winter's Evening', A Concert of Light Classical Favourites in aid of The Cork Association For Autism at The Aula Maxima UCC on November 22nd at 8pm.
 Conductor Frank Buckley has put together a programme of music to suit all tastes. The Concert will feature the wonderful voices of mezzo-soprano Louise O'Sullivan and Darragh Mcgann who has made a name for himself as 'The Singing Taxi Driver' who appeared on the popular TV show The Voice Of Ireland. Young tenor Kevin Walsh will perform on stage along with the Chorus of Opera Cork and the City of Cork Male Voice Choir. Following on from last years sell out show which received great feedback, this promises to be another magical evening of music and singing.
 Funds raised on the night will go towards the provision of services for adults with Autism and Asperger Syndrome to ensure they and their families have a better quality of life. The CAA provides a range of services which include: residential, respite, day service, home support and an Asperger Syndrome Support Service. Tickets cost only €15 and can be purchased from the Cork Association for Autism Fundraising office at 18 Cook St, Cork City or online at www.corkautism.ie.
 Telephone 021 427 1808 for more information.

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9.12
 For the King of Israel, Solomon, the temple was a place of God's presence, a place where he would dwell. So it is today.

Second Reading: Cor. 3:9-11. 16-17
 The universal Church is a new temple in Christ. God's people are where God is dwelling.

Gospel: John 2:13-22
 It is not clear what precipitated Jesus' reaction at the temple. In what would appear to be a fit of anger, Jesus used a whip to drive out the animals, and overturned tables sending coins, people, and animals scurrying in all directions. The people took Jesus' words literally and because of their immature faith, they were looking for signs. That is why in this Gospel where Jesus says he will destroy the temple but raise it back up in three days, people were dumbfounded. The temple had been under construction for over forty years and was still not complete. It is no wonder when they heard that Jesus would raise it up in three days, that they could not comprehend his meaning. They lacked the faith to understand that Jesus referred to the raising of his own body in three days, a temple they did not recognise.

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

Scoil Barra Enrolment Week

17th—21st of November 2014
 Any parents wishing to enrol their child in Scoil Barra for the School Year 2015-2016 are invited to complete an 'Application for Admission Form' available each day from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. during Enrolment Week. Applications will be processed in accordance with Scoil Barra's Enrolment/Admission Policy.

Please note that in line with this Policy all applications for admission must be received at the school on/before Friday 21st of November 2014. In addition to Enrolment Week, parents are welcome to enrol their child at any other time before this date. Children who wish to be enrolled in Scoil Barra as Junior Infants in September 2015 must be at least 4 years of age on/before 31st of May 2015.

Prospective parents/children are invited to visit our school for an 'Open Afternoon' on Thursday 20th of November between 1.00 p.m. -2.30 p.m.
 Donal O' Sullivan (Principal)
 Scoil Barra, Innishmore, Ballincollig, Co. Cork.
 Tel. (021) 4873459

Bulletin Board

**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 may be even 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.

Marriage Support Envelope Collection

The annual Marriage Support collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend. Please place your donations in the envelope provided.

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 Mary's & St John Cemetery November 15th at 12 noon.

**Christmas Cards
 Sponsor a Slate**

This year Christmas cards using the beautiful nativity scene on one of the stain glass windows in the Church of St. Mary & St. John have been printed as part of the 150th celebrations.

These will be available for sale in both churches every day from week of 9th November and in the Ballincollig Shopping Centre on 15th from 9am to 6pm.

For those who would still like to sponsor a slate for Christ Our Light, this will also be available in the Shopping Centre on November 15th.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Nov/15 & Nov/16/2014

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Karen Sheehan
Darragh Lankford
8:30 am
John Healy
Kerry O'Leary
10:00 am
Eoin McDonagh
Diandra Buckley
12:00 Noon
Chloe Dalton O'Connor
Katie Tobin

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Rebecca Feely
Josh Nyagaya
11:00 am
Chide Ebili
Kristian Calvert
12:30 pm
Adaugu Ebili
Caterina Nugent
5:30 pm
Kevin Tuohy

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
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	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 Nov to 23rd Nov

Tim Murphy
Siobhan Glavin

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/15 & Nov/16/2014

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Eileen Murphy
Ted Nelligan
Eileen Corkery
Maurice Bunyan
Sheila Walshe
Katie Collins

7:30 pm John O'Donoghue
Mary Dineen
Kathleen Daly
Mairead Keenan
Kay O'Sullivan

8:30 am Helen Kelly
Michael Crowley

11:00 am Mary Twomey
Mona Bowen
Billy Barry
Mary Aylward
Pauline Barton

10:00 am Fionnuala McDonagh
Mary Buckley
Fiona Kelly
Mary O'Regan
Teresa O'Driscoll
Martin O'Leary

12:30 pm Maura O'Driscoll
Mary Lehane
Dympna Byrne
Suzanne Leech

12 Noon Ann-Marie Cosgrove
Phil Kennedy
Ellen O'Sullivan
Ursula McAuliffe
Sally Crowley
Jim Lordan

5:30 pm Shelia Curran
Elizabeth O'Sullivan

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