

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 16-November-2014

Thirty Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

Restorative Justice Week

How often fear and anxiety prevent people from producing their best, from using their God-given talents to the full. In today's parable Jesus shows that a God who inspires fear may inspire little else. His image of God as a loving father inspires confidence and so enables us to develop what he has given us.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

The Parable of the Talents

"To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability".

As I write this week's article I recall the great multitude who gathered for the Mass at St Oliver's Graveyard on Saturday. It was an occasion Thank God blessed by a wonderful sunny Autumn Day.

Thanks to all who attended and to the multi-talented people who assisted in every way. Well done all. Likewise a word of thanks to all who gathered on Tuesday evening for the Mass for Deceased Parishioners, relatives and friends who died over the last twelve months.

And finally last but not least thanks to those who made a special effort to partake in the Novena.

As Christians, as human beings, as men, women and children, each of us has different talents. The different talents that we have or develop reveal something of our Creator God. How we invest these talents in creating an environment for God or the Christian message to flourish is the key to understanding ourselves as one of those acknowledged by God as good and faithful servants of the Divine Master.

The parable of the talents I believe challenges us to quit any notion we might have of opting out of the mindset "I can't do anything"; "I've nothing to offer"; "I'll leave it to others". This can unfortunately suggest that others are much better than I and that what I have to offer in terms of making the world a better place will make little or no difference.

As we hear the parable today we can't help but notice Christ offering that special word of praise to His faithful servant and at the same time echoing a rather harsh criticism to the one who buried the talent, the gift.

Perhaps praise can motivate us and perhaps criticism can stir us into action. I suggest that while we may not necessarily do things solely for praise or motivated by a need for praise yet praise or thanks never demeans us but in fact lifts us and raises our perspective of God, of others, of the world in which we live. To praise where praise is due leads us beyond ourselves to touch the innate dignity that is ours as sons and daughters of a providential God who gifted us His Son.

Praising God or others allows us to see not just the gift of others, or not just their talents, but also opens us to understand our own giftedness.

Glory be to the Father.....

Dave O'Connell

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

God wanted us to use the gifts he has given us so that we may live full lives here and enjoy eternal lives hereafter.

Reader

For the Church: that it may help its members to develop and use all the talents that God has given them.

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

For all leaders: that they may allow all their subordinates the opportunities to develop their talents.

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

For all those who through laziness, carelessness, or simply lack of opportunity, have failed to make use of their talents.

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

As Restorative Justice week begins, we pray for prisoners; may they be treated with justice and respect.

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

Today is World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims, we remember those who have died and those who have been injured. We now pray for continued support for their loved ones, families and carers.

**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

Heavenly Father, help us to use well the gifts of grace and nature which you have given us so that one day we may merit to hear those happy words: "Well done and faithful servants". We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

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BAPTISMS

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

Amelia Mairead Horgan, Leslies Arch, Old Quarter.
 Kirsten Annabelle O'Flynn-Murphy, Rosewood Estate.
 Lukas Caspian Rinne-O'Sullivan, Caislean Drive.
 Roisin Catherine Elliott, The Sycamores.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Maura Sheehan, Midleton.
 Margaret Matterson, Castlepark.
 Ted Twohig, Kent / Cork.
 Pat Daly, Ballincollig / Gillabbey Terrace.

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

Teddy Kehily, Newcestown.
 Jeremiah Kehily, Newcestown.
 Pauline O'Callaghan, West Village.
 Kathleen O'Keefe, Aylsbury.
 Deceased members of O'Halloran family, Castlepark / King-scourt.
 Margaret Healy, Muskerry Estate.
 William Vaughan, Kilnamartyra.
 Dave & Abina Sheehan, Kilcorney.
 Charles O'Leary, Minister's Cross.
 Lily O'Riordan, Beech Park.
 Mary O'Regan, Poulavone.
 Kevin O'Regan, Passage.
 Liam & Kitty Houlihan, Elm Lawn.
 John Hurley, Inchigeela.
 Cathal Keohane, Rosewood.
 Brendan O'Sullivan, Glendower.
 Hilary & Thres Brown, Douglas.
 Bella Maverley, Hawthorn Avenue.
 Ann Hogan, Willowfield.
 John O'Mahony, Tramore Lawn.
 Denis Carroll, Cloghdub.
 Vincent Murphy, Powdermills.
 Norah Gertrude Coughlan, Ballydehob.
 Michael Gaffney, Castle Avenue.
 Mary & Patrick O'Mahony, Newcestown.
 Nora & Michael Keating, Caherciveen.
 Edwin McDermott, Poulavone.
 Con O'Sullivan, Ballingearry.
 Richard Hourihan, Limerick.
 Enid Carey, Beech Park.
 Rita Kinsella, Carrigrohane.

Reflection for Parents

God has given each one of us talents. Sometimes out of laziness or lack of ambition, or sometimes because we are afraid of failure or ridicule, we do not share our talents. The gospel today challenges us to take a risk and invest our gifts for the greater good of God's people. We do this ourselves as adults, but we must also try to help our children recognize their talents and use them in a productive way.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Thirty Third Week In Ordinary Time

16 Sunday Prov. 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31. Ps. 127. 1 Thess. 5:1-6. Mt. 25:14-30. Lect I: 725
 17 Monday Apoc. 1:1-4, 2:1-5. Ps. 1. Lk. 18:35-43. Lect II: 875
 18 Tuesday Apoc. 3:1-6, 14-22. Ps. 14. Lk. 19:1-10. Lect II: 877
 19 Wednesday Apoc. 4:1-11. Ps. 150. Lk. 19:11-28. Lect II: 880
 20 Thursday Apoc. 5:1-10. Ps. 149. Lk. 19:41-44 Lect II: 883
 21 Friday Zech. 2:14-17. Ps. Lk. 1:46-55. Mt. 12:46-50. Lect II: 1271
 22 Saturday Apoc. 11:4-12. Ps. 143. Lk. 20:27-40. Lect II: 886

Next Sunday's Readings 23/November/2014

Ez. 34:11-12, 15-17. Ps. 22. 1 Car. 15:20-26, 28. Mt. 25:31-46. Lect I: 729

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: Prov. 31: 10-13. 19-20. 30-31
 This reading from the Book of Proverbs may need a little 'translation' for today's world! Is the ideal marriage partner hidden here?

Second Reading: Thess. 5:1-6
 This reading will have many echoes during Advent. The message is: 'Be alert!'

Gospel: Matthew 24:36, 25:14-30
 In this story, a man went away on a journey. He must have been very wealthy because he entrusted large portions of his money to three of his servants. The first two servants invested the money during the master's absence and it yielded great returns. The third servant, however, was fearful of investing (or some scholars say he was lazy). In either case, the servant buried the money he was given and returned the full amount to the master when he came home. The master was pleased with the investments of the first two servants, but was very upset with the third one. To those who have much, much more will be given. To those who have little, even that little will be taken away.

Dyslexia Association

Our Annual General Meeting will take place on Wednesday, 19th November at 7.30 pm in Bishopstown Community School. Oonagh O'Sullivan, M.Ed, BA Psychology, Graduate Member of the Psychological Society of Ireland (PSI 2014), will give a talk on Tips for Parents and in particular levelled reader materials for parents where they can access stuff freely, and graphic organisers for students of all levels

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

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 this weekend. Please place your donations in the envelope provided.

Advent Retreat

Church of St. Mary & St. John
 1st 2nd & 3rd December, 2014

Fr. George

Scoil Eoin & Scoil Mhuire

Enrolment Week for School Year 2015/2016

17th - 21st of November 2014

Open Night in both schools
 on Wednesday, November 19th
 from 6.00pm - 7.30pm

Scoil Eoin 021 4871321 (Boys' School)

Principal: Gobnait Ui Nuanain

&

Scoil Mhuire 021 4870809 (Girls' School)

Principal: Mairead Ni Mhurchu

A special Christmas Room event will take place at Brothers of Charity St Patrick's Upton, Innishannon on Friday 12th December 2014. Supported by DJ Murphy of Bandon Garden Centre, the specially decorated room will be open for visitors from 10.30 am - 8.00 pm and seasonal refreshments will be served. Admission is free and donations will be accepted for St Vincent de Paul (local branch) and St Patrick's Upton. A display and sale of an array of some of the large & varied collection of craft materials from the former Craft Centre at St Patrick's Upton will also take place on the same day.

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/22 & Nov/23/2014

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Sandra Walsh
Brayden Peck / Emma O'Connor
8:30 am
Triona Downey
Riain Brennan
10:00 am
Grace Buttimer
Orla Horgan
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
Joseph Manning
Niamh Murray
5:30 pm
Tom Reck

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 Except First Saturday of Month	Saturday	4:30 pm First Saturday of Month
12:45 pm	Sunday	

PARISH CLERGY

Priest on Duty	087-2479140
Fr. George O'Mahony P.P.	021-4871206
Fr. Dave O'Connell C.C.	021-4876171 or frdaveoconnell@gmail.com
Fr. James McSweeney	021-4873308

Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

Week 24th Nov to 30th Nov

Michael O'Leary
Kay O'Sullivan

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/22 & Nov/23/2014

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Steve Wills
Margaret O'Sullivan
Danny Farrell
Jim Walsh
Frances O'Brien
Eileen Coughlan

7:30 pm Anne O'Regan
Mairead Murphy
Finbarr Murray
Lettie Kelly
Mary Murphy

8:30 am Mary Buckley
Tom Butler
Denis Healy

11:00 am Seamus O'Connell
Mary O'Connell
Alan O'Riordan
Geraldine Keohane
Gerard Murray

10:00 am Peter Reilly
Mary Collins
Christy Roche
Katie O'Shea
Claire Creedon

12:30 pm Lucy O'Callaghan
Jackie Sheehan
Mary Green
Michael O'Leary
J.P.O'Leary

12 Noon Oliver O'Donovan
Sean Hennessy
Mary McLean
Eleanor Seymour
Nora Hennessy

5:30 pm Noelle Buckley
Mary Breen

Church of St. Mary & St. John Ballincollig - Flower Festival

You will be aware by now that the Parish has embarked on a yearlong calendar of events to mark the 150th anniversary of the building and commissioning of St. Mary & St. John's Church.

Among the planned events is a weekend Flower Festival in May of next year. All proceeds from the Flower Festival will be given to the Hope Foundation Project in Calcutta. This is a very deserving charity which has been actively supported for some years now by the youth of our parish. Ballincollig school children go to Calcutta each year to participate in the work of the Foundation.

Sponsorship for this event has been invited from all businesses in Ballincollig, by letter and will be greatly welcomed. Sponsors are requested to please return sponsorship forms and donations in the envelope provided by 15th December, 2014. They may be handed in at the week-end mass collections or directly to the sacristy in either St. Mary & St. John's Church or Christ Our Light Church or returned by post.

Anyone else wishing to be a sponsor is most welcome to do so. Sponsorship slips can be collected at the sacristy in either church. This is the only event during the entire celebrations where sponsorship will be sought.

All donations will be acknowledged by letter and listed in the Flower Festival Booklet which will be available at the Festival