

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 23-November-2014

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King
Jesus, the Lord of all creation cared so much for those in his domain, that he was willing to die, in order to care for them. Those who will finally belong to him, will be those who have shared his care for the hungry, the naked, the lost, the crippled and the strays of this world.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Solemnity of Christ the King – Feast Of Christ The King.

“I was hungry....., I was thirsty.....,I was a stranger.....,sick....., in prison and you came to see me.”

This weekend we celebrate the feast of Christ the king. And so the Church’s liturgical year draws to a close and the new liturgical year starts next week with Advent.

It is said by the experts that any story of value that is begging to be told should have a good structure with proper emphasis on its beginning, center and end. The idea of story and Kingdom reminds me of a couple of books I read during the summer. Stories about kingdoms, a king and a princess. I found them easy to read and full of useful tips on any journey of discovery a person might like to undertake. Marcia Grad “The Princess who believed in Fairy Tales” and Robert Fisher The Knight in Rusty Amor (Yes, Rusty and not Shining Armor).

Week after week, and time after time the Church lives out and tells the Christian story. Our liturgy with its different colours, images, art, music, song, scripture, prayer focuses on the moment of Incarnation (Advent and Christmas); Suffering, Death and Resurrection (Lent and Easter).

And central to the story is of course the figure of Christ himself. The servant of God, son of God, son of Mary, who entered into the story of humankind and offered it the story of the kingdom of God. From the Christian perspective we are familiar with the word kingdom but I suggest that we could refresh something familiar by pausing and asking: What comes to mind for you when you consider the word kingdom? Is it a kingdom area or territory? Is it a kingdom figure?

Is it toxic? Is it a kingdom place? Is it a castle? Does the kingdom of God, of Christ, of heaven then figure differently? Do you notice a sense of belonging and inclusiveness in the kingdom of upside-down values of service, of forgiveness, of tolerance, of peace to all, of love, of resurrection from the dead?

In God’s wisdom Jesus somehow was mysteriously crowned not just king of the Jews for one day but the king of all for all eternity. The throne of a Cross provided the setting of the request of the repentant one who hung on the Cross – “Jesus remember me in your kingdom” None of us have arrived at the stage whereby Jesus is lord of all that we do and say. In a particular way we ask the Lord to give us a true awareness of His presence in others, in ourselves, and more especially those in any kind need.

Dave O’Connell

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us pray that we may be found worthy to be counted as true followers of Christ the King.

Reader

For Christians: that they may give an example to the world of loving service to the poor.

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

For our government leaders: that they may work for a fair distribution of the wealth of the country.

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

For the members of the St. Vincent de Paul and all those who work for the poor: that they may take courage from the words of Christ.

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

For all gathered here: that the words of Jesus, ‘Whatever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters you do to me’, may influence our dealings with others.

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

That all families may enjoy the protection of Christ our King.

**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 love and mercy, your Son so loved the world that he gave his life for us. May we have the courage to practice that same love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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BAPTISMS

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

Roisin Catherine Elliott, The Sycamores, Classes Lake.
 Jayden Jason Hyde, Greystones.
 Grace Catherine Beale, Leecourt.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Margaret Masterson, Castlepark.
 Archdeacon Michael O'Brien, Innishannon.
 Ardurus Bejoreas, Glendower.
 William Keating, Kildare.

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

Martin Mulhern, Coolroe Heights.
 Michael & Julia Healy, Cathedral Road.
 Deceased members of the Legion of Mary.
 Kevin Ryan, Westcourt
 Con Sheehan, Coachford.
 Tadgh & Maureen O'Callaghan, The Lough.
 Dan & Eva Spillane, Westcourt Heights.
 Brendan Keohane, Knockburden.
 John & Mary O'Connor, Long Range.
 Michael & Mary Harrington, Douglas Street.
 Maire McSweeney, Lisheens, Ovens.
 Noreen Neill, Gurranabraher.
 Con & May Twomey, Churchfield.
 Willie Desmond, The Glen.
 Danny & Josie Griffin, Roscrea.
 Ann O'Leary, Innishmore.
 Michial O'Brien, Church View.
 Ada O'Leary, Poulavone.
 Hugh Collins, Innishmore Drive & Dunmanway.
 Lawrence & Eily O'Flynn, Lyras, Aherla.
 Timothy O'Callaghan, Carrigrohane
 William & May Murphy, Blarney.
 Tom & Mary Drinan, Waterfall.
 Joe Fitzpatrick, Currabeg.
 Betty O'Regan, Crookstown.
 Joan & Michael Hennigan, Inniscarra View.
 Martin O'Neill, Castlepark.
 John Buttimer, Ahakeera.
 Denis O'Mahony, South Douglas Road.
 Kathleen Murphy, Glounthaune.
 Iza Murphy, Maglin Crescent.
 Pauline Ryan, Turner's Cross.
 Dec members of the Horgan Family, Upton.
 Nora Coughlan, Ballydehob.
 Thomas Farrell, Beech Park.
 Hannah O'Connor, Dingle.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Thirty Fourth Week In Ordinary Time

23 Sunday Ez. 34:11-12, 15-17. Ps. 22. 1 Car. 15:20-26, 28. Mt. 25:31-46. Lect I: 729
 24 Monday Apoc 14:1-5. Ps23. Lk 21:1-4. Lect II: 889
 25 Tuesday Apoc 14:14-19. Ps 95. Lk 21:5-11. Lect II: 890
 26 Wednesday Apoc 15:1-4. Ps97. Lk. 21:12-19. Lect II: 892
 27 Thursday Apoc. 18:1-2, 21-23, 19:1-3, 9. Ps. 99. Lk. 21:20- 28. Lect II: 894
 28 Friday Apoc 20:1-4, 11-21:2. Ps 83. Lk 21:29-33. Lect II: 897
 29 Saturday Apoc 22:1-7. Ps 94. Lk 21:34-36. Lect II: 899

Next Sunday's Readings 30-November-2014

Is 63:16-17. 64:1, 3-8. Ps 79. 1 Car 1:-9. Mk 13:33-37. Lect I: 5

Age Action

Providing Reliable Tradesmen for Older People

Unfortunately the last few weeks have seen media reports of older people being ripped off by rogue tradesmen who charge extortionate amounts for work that is never completed. Age Action helps to prevent this type of crime by keeping a list of reliable tradesmen who can provide quotations for jobs and won't rip people off. Regional Manager John O'Mahony says that the list of tradesmen is particularly helpful at this time of year. "People prepare for the winter by getting work done such as boiler services, chimney cleans, gutter clearances, repairs to damaged roof tiles or heating systems. At Age Action we keep a list of reliable tradesmen who will do these jobs at reasonable prices. This ensures that older people won't be ripped off when they employ people to work in their homes." "We also have volunteers who can do smaller jobs for people free of charge. At this time of year we get a lot of requests to put up smoke alarms and to install security locks and chains. This helps people to feel safer during the dark winter evenings. Any older person who would like to have a small job done for them or to employ a tradesman for a bigger job should call us. We'll help in any way we can". To inquire about the Care & Repair service or to request a job, simply call Age Action's office. The older people's charity can be reached at 021-4536554.

Ordination of Marius O'Reilly this Sunday, in the church of the Real Presence Curraheen at 2.30pm will be broadcasted on Hospital Radio CUH FM

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Bazaar

SMA Hall, Wilton, Sunday, 23rd November at 2.00 p.m.
 Proceeds in aid of Down Syndrome Cork

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Ezek. 34:11-12. 15-17
The divine shepherd keeps all of the flock in view and cares especially for those who stray.

Second Reading: 1 Cor. 15:20-26. 28
Christ our Saviour is Lord of the universe. Everything is subject to him.

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46.
On this final Sunday of the Church year, the feast of Christ the King, we learn most definitely how our lives will be measured. They will be measured by the love we show. Whenever we offer a drink of water to the thirsty, food to the hungry, clothing to the naked, or whenever we visit the sick or imprisoned, or take in the stranger, we show our love to God. Through our actions toward the poor, vulnerable, estranged and discouraged we show our love of God. If we ignore these people, we also ignore God.

Bru Columbanus

A charity lunch will take place in the Kingsley, on the 28th November with all proceeds going to Bru Columbanus, a charity that provides accommodation to relatives of seriously ill patients in Cork Hospitals and the Hospice.
Lunch and entertainment by tenor Ryan Morgan
Tickets €40
Tel 021-4345754 for further details

**CIT Engineering
Science & Technology Roadshow**

Monday 24th November in the Castle Hotel, Macroom at 7.00 p.m.
Cork Institute of Technology cordially invites you to attend its Engineering, Science & Technology Roadshow. It aims to provide students, guardians, teachers and guidance counsellors with the information they require about engineering, science & technology courses, careers and research options available at CIT. Further information on <http://www.cit.ie/roadshow> All welcome to attend.

Reflection for Parents

It is easy to see the meaning of this gospel through our actions toward our children. Never in true thirst or hunger would we deny them. If they were sick or cold we would take care of them ourselves or see to it that someone helped us. It's taking this gospel to the next level that will help our children see the meaning of love through our example. Not only will they witness love through our loving actions toward others, but there will be many opportunities along the way to have our children share in these actions of love.

Gam - Anon

Open public meeting Dominican Centre, Popes Quay,
Next Tuesday 25th at 8.30pm.
Is someone gambling effective you?

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.

Mass Diaries

Mass Diaries to book Mass intentions for January, February & March 2015 will open in both churches on Saturday December 13th at 9.00am.
Priority will be given to those booking 1st Anniversary Mass.

Novena for the Dead

Sincere thanks to all who made a big effort to attend and pray the Mass during the first week of November. Your efforts to pray for and remember your dead is so heartening to everybody. Special thanks to all who made donations for the support of the priests of the parish.

Graveyard Maintenance

Many people make a huge effort to keep the graveyard adjacent to St Mary and Johns' neat and tidy. However a small minority dump plastic wrapping, withered flowers and bottles at the rear fence of the graveyard. I appeal to all to take plastic wrapping, withered flowers and plastic bottles to your own bin and play your part in keeping the graveyard clean and neat.

Caution Needed

Car thefts are always a risk. Please ensure that you do not leave any bags or goods in your car parked near the churches of the parish.

Advent Retreat

The retreat will be held on Dec 1st, 2nd & 3rd . Early morning Mass at 7 am. and evening liturgy and prayer @ 8 pm. Fr Derek Mescell will lead retreat.

Fr. George

Music Morning

The Monthly music morning in Ballincollig Library will take place on Tuesday morning November 25th at 11am and will be presented by Mairead O'Herlihy.
Everyone one is most welcome and a cuppa will be served.

Christmas Cards & Sponsor a Slate

Sincere thanks to all those who have sponsored slates for Christ Our Light in recent weeks. The work is now complete and hopefully will make the building waterproof for many years.
Thanks also to those who have purchased the Christmas Cards using the nativity scene from one of the glass stained windows in the Church of St. Mary & St. John last weekend. The final opportunity to sponsor a slate or purchase Christmas Cards will be at all Masses on the next two weekends (22nd, 23rd November and 29th, 30th November).

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Nov-29 & Nov-30-2014

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)

Aine Sheehan
Michael Collins
8:30 am
Tom McDonagh

10:00 am

Jordan Crowley
Fergal Monahan
12:00 Noon
Oliver O'Donovan
Niamh Heelan

7:30 pm (Vigil)

Fiona Feely
Louise McGrath
11:00 am
Meabh Nic Mheanmain
Lisa Aylward
12:30 pm
Kay Carew
Jane O'Leary
5:30 pm
Liam 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

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 1st Dec to 7thDec

Brid Dunne

Sr. Colette O'Leary

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-29 & Nov-30-2014

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

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