

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 18-January-2015

Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

(World Day for Migrants and Refugees)

The call of God comes in different ways. To Samuel it came by night, mysterious, uncertain. To Andrew it came as an invitation from Jesus 'Come and see'. Whatever our vocation (and we all have one) our response must always be 'Speak Lord. Your servant is listening'



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

"God calls us" - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

'God's Call' is the theme running through today's readings. All of us have a specific call from the Lord to follow and serve him in a particular way - each with our unique gifts. In the first Reading God repeatedly calls Samuel. Initially he doesn't recognize God's call. When he does he responds 'speak Lord your servant is listening'. In the different events of our daily life God continues to call us. He especially calls us to a relationship with him by giving time to him in prayer. We may not always recognize his voice, but sometimes he may be speaking to us through others or through a situation in our lives.

In the Gospel we hear John the Baptist pointing out Jesus to two of his disciples: "Look! There is the Lamb of God!" Hearing this the two disciples follow Jesus who asks them: "What do you want?" They respond: 'teacher where do you live'? He invites them to 'come and see'; they both accept the invitation and stay with Jesus. We see the faith and trust of these early disciples. When we discover something very valuable or meet someone who has touched our lives, it's natural to want to share it with others. Andrew, one of the disciples, immediately went to his brother Simon Peter to share the news of his encounter with the Lord and brought him to meet Jesus. We all evangelize when we bring others to Jesus!

'Give me to Drink' is the Theme for this week of 'Prayer for Christian Unity' - prepared by a group from the National Council of Christian Churches of Brazil. The encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman (John 4) invites us to try water from a different well and also to offer a little of our own. When Jesus says to her, "please give me a drink" it implies an ethical action of the need for one another in living out the Church's mission; to seek unity in the midst of our diversity, through our openness to a variety of forms of prayer and Christian spirituality; and to recognize that persons, communities, cultures, religions and ethnicities need each other'. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is a privileged moment for prayer, encounter and dialogue. It is an opportunity to recognize the richness and value that are present in the other, the different, and to ask God for the gift of unity'.
Sr. Colette

Reflection for Parents

Try to imagine the excitement these first disciples felt when they heard Jesus' words. There must have been something very compelling in what Jesus said and the hope he gave these men in order for them to drop everything and not only follow him, but to go to others with the exciting news. That's how our enthusiasm should reach our children. It would be good to check our own level of enthusiasm for Jesus' call to us so that whenever our children hear our words and stories about Jesus, they will immediately recognize our passion.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us pray as individuals and as a Church we may be open to the call of God.

Reader

For the Church: that it may enable people to hear the call of God and help them to answer it with generosity.

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

For Christians: that they may always be conscious of the call they received in baptism to be Disciples of Christ.

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

For our civil leaders: that they may promote justice and unity in society.

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

For those who have received the call to serve God in the priesthood or religious life.

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

For those whom Christ is only a name: that they may get to know Christ and encounter him in us his followers.

**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 grace, grant that the Lord Jesus may not walk ahead of us, we may not follow, nor walk behind us, we may not lead, but may just walk beside us and be our friend. We make this and all our prayers through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

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BAPTISMS

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

Daisy Mae Kenny, Pine Walk, Muskerry Estate.
 Penelope Kate McEvoy, Innishmore Lawn.
 Mason Anthony McNamara –Ryan, Tuarin Glas.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Maria Wall, Fairhill & Carrigrohane.
 Rita Murphy, Powdermill Nursing Home.
 Joe Finnegan, Dublin & Clash.
 Mary Ross, Rosewood.
 Dan Lehane, Limerick & Ovens.

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

Hannah McVeigh, Larne.
 Denis O’Callaghan, Innishmore Grove.
 May (Mary) Keohane, Leeview, Inniscarra.
 Frank & Ellen Kehily, Newcestown.
 Martin Murphy, Rockchapel.
 Mary O’Mahony, Ballyshoneen.
 Joseph Sheehan, Kilcorney.
 Jonny & Breda Cagney, Patrick’s Hill.
 Leah Whyte, Derry.
 Dec. members of Cotter & O’Leary families.
 Phil Madden, Model Farm Road.
 Nora Carroll, Castlepark.
 Dec. members of Cunningham family, Wexford.
 Trevor Philips, England.
 Jim & Julia Walsh, Carrigaline.
 Frank Flynn, Roscommon.
 Kitty Whooley, Lisheen, Skibereen.
 Haulie O’Mahony, Main Road.
 Bernie O’Brien, Douglas.
 Michael O’Mahony, Castlepark.
 Paddy & Nellie Harte, Kilmichael & Macroom.
 Raymond Harte, Castlepark.
 Paddy & Eileen Gibbons, Claremorris, Co Mayo.
 Paddy & Nellie Kinnane, Claremorris, Co May.
 Bridget McCarthy & Family, Lissydaniel, Ballydehob.
 Jack McCarthy, Ballintemple.

“Mothers’ Prayers”

Continue every Thursday at 10.00 am

At ‘Sonas’ House - Station Road

We welcome Mothers, Grandmothers
 Godmothers to join in prayer
 for all our children and the youth of our parish.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Second Week In Ordinary Time

18 Sunday 1 Sam 3:3-10,19. Ps 39. 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20. Jn 1:35-42. Lect I: 740
 19 Monday Heb. 5: 1-1 O. Ps. 109. Mk. 2: 18-22. Lect II: 15
 20 Tuesday Heb. 6: 10-20. Ps. 110. Mk. 2:23-28. Lect II: 17
 21 Wednesday Heb. 7: 1-3, 15-17. Ps. 109. Mk. 3: 1-6. Lect II: 19
 22 Thursday Heb. 7:25-8:6. Ps. 39. Mk. 3:7-12. Lect II: 21
 23 Friday Heb. 8:6-13. Ps. 84. Mk. 3:13-19. Lect II: 23
 24 Saturday Heb.9:2-3, 11-14. Ps. 46. Mk. 3:20-21. Lect II: 25

Next Sunday’s Readings 25-January-2015

Jon 3:1-5, 10. Ps 24. 1 Cor 7:29-31. Mk 1:14-20. Lect I: 743

Cork Seminar

The Importance of Marriage
 and the Defence of the Family

Speakers:

Rev. Fr. Gabriel Burke
 A priest of the diocese of Cloyne
Mr. Tom Finnegan PHD.
 Fathers and Mothers Matter
Catherine Wiley
 Founder of the Grandparents Association
Anthony Murphy
 Chair Meeting Editor Catholic Voice Newspaper

Venue:

Conference Centre Silver Springs Hotel Cork
 Sunday 8th February at 2:45 pm
 Important to see you all

Massacre in West Cork

A large crowd is expected for the lecture organised by Muskerry Local History Society on 'Massacre in West Cork' by Barry Keane. Barry is the author of a very well received book of the same name where he reconsiders the numerous questions that still surround the Ballygroman (Ovens) and Dunmanway killings in April, 1922. Beginning with the death of IRA Commandant, Michael O’Neill, followed by the killings of Herbert Woods and Thomas and Samuel Hornibrook, further west in what became known as the Dunmanway Massacre, over four nights, 10 local Protestants were shot in their homes by unknown men. The lecture will be held at 8.00pm on Monday, 19 January in Ballincollig Rugby Club.

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3: 3-10,19

Like John the Baptist, Samuel was born when his mother thought she would never have a child. She dedicated him to the service of God in the Temple where he received his special calling from God. This extract recounts the moment of that calling and states that the Lord remained with him in a special way all his life.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians, 6: 13-15, 17-20

St. Paul explains the foundations of Christian chastity. The human body made for God must not be debased for present pleasure. The body is eternal and should be respected. The popular modern sentiment: "my body is my own" is contradicted by Paul who says: "You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for." Jesus bought and paid for us with his own blood shed on Calvary.

Gospel: John 1: 35-42

This is the moment when the Church began to find its Saviour. The solemnity and grace of the simple narrative are equal to the occasion: John the Baptist standing, two disciples nearby. The disciples follow Jesus. The heavenly attraction had begun to exercise its power. Jesus turned and gazed on the two men following him and spoke the first words from the lips of the Saviour reported by St. John: a "What do you want?". That same question is asked of all of us who follow Jesus: "Why do we follow him? What is it that we seek?"

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.

Age Action

Getting Started computer beginners' programme for 2015

What was under the tree at Christmas? A COMPUTER, LAPTOP, TABLET OR IPAD, SMARTPHONE or IPHONE? Not sure what to do with it? Age Action to the Rescue!

Last year over 750 people throughout Cork and Waterford Counties had lots of fun getting to grips with the basics of computers. This year it's your turn. Whether you consider yourself a computer dinosaur, have a little experience but are not sure if you're doing it right; whether you want to use this device to stay in touch with friends and family (SKYPE), challenge your mind, learn something new or just listen to or watch your favourite singer or film, our friendly, patient volunteer tutors would love to show you how. Many people who thought they'd never get the hang of it, graduated the classes last year with a new window on their world and increased confidence.

Classes run in a fun, relaxed atmosphere for 4 weeks, two hours a week, with one on one (where possible) tutoring. Every learner receives jargon-free material and learns at his/her very own pace. We don't take you where you don't want to go, we just help you to do what you'd like to... better.

To find out where classes are running in your area, please contact Shane or Jason on 021 4536556, text Julie on 087 1956026 or email gscorkadmin@ageaction.ie . There is a maximum fee of 20 Euro (depending on the venue) for the entire course, consisting of 8 hours (2 hours a week).

Bulletin Board

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place on Saturday January, 24th at 12.00 noon in the Annex, 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.

Special Collection for Diocesan Needs

The collection for Diocesan needs will be taken up at all Masses this week end 17th & 18th January

Offertory Collection Boxes

Many thanks to the many parishioners who gave in their names and box numbers to the parish office during the past weeks. Hopefully others who avail of the envelopes to make their offertory contribution to the parish will register their name and number as soon as possible. Sincere thanks to all who support the parish through the offertory collection. The offertory collection pays for heating, lighting, insurance, and maintenance as well as other costs cleaning materials candles etc.

Ballincollig Parish Mission

March 2nd to March 6th

Week of Prayer for Church Unity

Takes place January 18th - 25th. There will be various gatherings of many different traditions to mark the week of prayer. Please make note in your diary for January 25th at 7 pm Church of St. Mary & St. John

Fr. George

**Church of St. Mary & St. John
150th Celebration**

"Grateful for the past...

Celebrating the present...

Looking towards the future."

Forthcoming events:

- **Inter-Faith Ceremony**
Saturday 25th Jan 2015 at 7.00pm
Church of St. Mary & St. John
- **Concert**
Cork ETB Youth Orchestra with special guests
Sunday 1st February 2015 7.00pm
Church of St. Mary & St. John
Free admission
(...bring a cushion for extra comfort)

Marriage in Today's Society

A couple who work with Retrouvaille will tell their story. Pat & Marian have experienced the four stages of relationship in their marriage, romance, disillusionment, misery and thanks to Retrouvaille awakening and recovery. Pat & Marian will tell you their story and about how Retrouvaille helped their relationship and can help others.

Venue & Time: St. Columba's Church, Douglas, Thursday 22nd January 8pm (part of the St. Columba's Church Bicentenary Talk Series).

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Jan-24 & Jan-25-2015

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
 Muireann Nelligan
 Padraig McAuliffe
8:30 am
 John Healy
 Kerry O'Leary
10:00 am
 David O'Brien
 Debra Daly
12:00 Noon
 Catherine O'Sullivan
 Emer Wiseman

7:30 pm (Vigil)
 Rebecca Feely
 Josh Nyagaya
11:00 am
 Sorcha Nic Mheanmain
 Máire Buckley/Michael Buckley
12:30 pm
 James Nyagaya
 Laura O'Leary
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	Saturday	4:30 pm
Except First Saturday of Month		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 19th Jan to 25th Jan

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

Jan-24 & Jan-25-2015

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 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

Diocesan Bible Study Certificate

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Monday 9th, 16th and 23rd Feb and 2nd, 9th March 2015

7.30 p.m. – 9.30 p.m. in SCALA [entrance directly opposite Blackrock Castle].

Presenters: Fr Seán O'Sullivan, Diane Corkery, Mons Ned Goold

Workshop Sat March 7th: Dr. Kieran O'Mahony OSA Cost: €50 per module

For information and booking: contact the Cork Scripture Support Group at corkscripturegroup@gmail.com or 021-4295144 (Marian or Phil) before Monday 19th January 2015 All are welcome.

Certificate is awarded on completion of four modules available in 2015 and 2016.

No written assignments required.