

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 08-February-2015

Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

*When we are sick or our lives are disturbed in some way we tend to see the darkness and to turn in on ourselves. The healing that we need is more than a physical one, it involves being freed from self-concern to care for others.*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

## **The Lord Our Healer**

During our time of study for the priesthood some of us would have spent a period of time training to work in hospitals with those who are sick.

In 1989 I spent a three months ministering at the Luton and Dunstable Hospital in Bedfordshire and a further three months undertaking a unit of chaplaincy training in Cork University Hospital. As thing turned out I was to return to CUH in early 1999 and spend eight years as a full-time. As a local I felt the Church and our own diocese was giving testimony to the Gospel of service to those in need.

For the past number of days Novenas to Our Lady of Lourdes have been going on in many parishes near and far. The Novena finishes on the Feast of our Lady of Lourdes, next Wednesday February 11th. For the last number of years The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes has been nominated as World Day of the Sick and so here in Ballincollig we will hold a special Liturgy at 11.30am in the Church of St Mary's & St John. This is an attempt to bring to mind in a local way our sick or those in need of any form of healing. It will be an opportunity to turn to Christ the Healer and pray for His courage and healing for those who are sick; pray for all who are suffering for whatever reason; and turn our attention to pray for those who care for the sick in any and every discipline.

The whole Church at prayer is a sign of unity of purpose and unity of strength as we ask invite Christ to draw close. The Lord favours Simon's mother-in-law in today's Gospel and that is but a glimpse of the gift of Presence and One accompanying even if it is not felt or experienced. The day of prayer and time of prayer points too to the presence of Christ beyond the sickness and suffering of one person, one place, one moment in time.

For those affected in any way by sickness, illness, personally or as a family or friend you may be asking fundamental and pertinent questions. Such questions may be considered with great clarity and peace; or with fear and anxiety; alone or journeying with others. As a person experiencing ill health you may be asking: "What is the meaning of life?" "Why am I suffering?" You may be reflecting on your quality of life or the quality of life of your loved ones; you may be wondering about options presented to you limited or otherwise around treatment; wonder about changes to your life or lifestyle and such changes as they affect others. Let's do so, at least beyond isolation, as a community. Do come and join us on Wednesday @ 11.30. Able-bodied drivers lend a hand at getting people to our Liturgy. Thanks. 'Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us who have recourse to thee.'

*Dave O'Connell*

## **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

### **Priest**

God hears the prayers of the humble. Let us now bring our petitions before him in humility and confidence.

### **Reader**

: For all followers of Christ: that they may realise that, without time for prayer and reflection, their lives are in danger.

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

For those in authority: that they may promote peace and goodwill among people.

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

For doctors and nurses and all who work for the sick.

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

For all in this congregation: that through our own sufferings we may learn to feel the sufferings of others and show them compassion.

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

For grace to acknowledge our sinfulness, and not be satisfied until we have tried to overcome it.

**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**

Merciful God, help us to learn from your Son, who shows us your compassion in the face of human suffering, and how to combine action and contemplation. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.***

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**BAPTISMS**

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

- Anne Margaret Keane, Old Court, Greenfields.
- Angela Achaah Prempeh, Lee View Estate.
- Jack Morgan O'Brien, Glinbcool Villas.
- Orla Megan O'Brian, c/o Castle Farm
- Paul Mark Cummins, Beech Park.
- Aaron Sean O'Connell, Aylsbury.
- Isobelle Holly Murphy, Beech Park
- Vanessa Alexejevna Demenschina, Citi West Mews
- Ellie Alanna Ford-Bernardi, Carriganarra Estate.

**† IN SYMPATHY †**

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

- Michael Cullinane, The Lough
- Patrick (Paul) Prendergast, Clonmel.
- Denis Murphy, Lissarda.
- Florence McCarthy, Skibbereen.
- Agnes Hipleit, London.

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

- Paddy O'Connor, Gurranabraher.
- Timothy & Bridget O'Leary, Fair Hill.
- Patsy Galvin, Aylsbury.
- Paddy & Nora Kiely, Muskerry Estate.
- Brendan Butler, Aylsbury.
- Elma Burke, Nohoval/Carriganarra.
- Donal Coughlan, Schull.
- Mary Chaplin, Schull.
- Donal Walsh, Fair Street.
- Mary Hourihane, Skibbereen.
- Michael Gilleran, Rosewood.
- Shelia Walsh, Castlepark.
- Sean Doab, The Crescent.
- Michael & Margaret Flaherty, Pouladuff.
- Eileen O'Sullivan, Willowfield
- Kevin Roderick, Lough, Crosshaven & Ballincollig.
- Catherine O'Donnell, Drimoleague.
- Mary Cronin, Kilnamartyra.
- Pat Manning, Faranree.
- Sean Buckley, Ballintemple.
- Baby Jack Collins, Westcourt.

**Reflection for Parents**

The gospel today is especially helpful for parents. Many (maybe most) nights we fall into bed exhausted from a day of responsibilities. Perhaps it was our intention throughout the day to find time to pray, but sometimes we just don't get to it. At the end of the day, we resolve to talk with God, but wake in the morning to find out we fell asleep before we finished the prayer. Jesus gives us the example that we must take the time away from the busyness and demands of our lives to be fortified and strengthened to meet the most important responsibilities we have and that is the spiritual formation of our children and our family.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

- 08 Sunday Job 7:1-4, 6-7. Ps 146. 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23. Mk 1:29-39. Lect I: 747
- 09 Monday Gen. 1:1-19. Ps. 103. Mk. 6:53-56. Lect II: 54
- 10 Tuesday Gen. 1:20-2:4. Ps. 8. Mk. 7: 1-13. Lect II: 56
- 11 Wednesday Gen. 2:4-9., 15-17. Ps. 103. Mk. 7: 14-23. Lect II: 59
- 12 Thursday Gen. 2: 18-25. Ps. 127. Mk. 7:24-30. Lect II:61
- 13 Friday Gen 3:1-8. Ps 31. Mk 7:31-37. Lect II: 63
- 14 Saturday Acts 13:-46-49. Ps. 116. Lk.10:1-9 Lect II: 957

**Next Sunday's Readings 15/February/2015**

Lev 13:1-2, 44-46. Ps 31. 1 Cor 10:31-11:1. Mk 1:40-45. Lect I: 750

**Listen...**

**...do you want to know a secret?**

Jesus Christ loves you with a real, deep, everlasting love. He says "Come to Me all of you who are tired and burdened and I will give you rest"  
So come and listen to a catechesis for adults and youth.  
Every Monday & Thursday @ 8.00pm

**St. Mark's Centre**  
**opposite Christ Our Light Church Innishmore, Ballincollig**  
More info phone Neil 086 8620569  
Baby sitting and transport can be arranged

**DYSLEXIA**

Free information evenings  
Oriell Court Hotel, Ballincollig  
Monday, 9th February, 8 pm  
  
Silversprings Hotel, Cork  
Tuesday, 10th February, 8 pm

A method that makes learning easier for people with dyslexia

**Contact:** Mary Clare Moriarty 086 4077819  
www.dyslexia-at-bay.com

**St. Patricks Day 2015**

The theme for this years parade is MAGICAL.....

More news to follow in weeks leading up to parade.

**CROWLEY**

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**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Job 7: 1-4. 6-7  
 The Book of Job takes us to the depth of human suffering – even to the depths of despair.

Second Reading: 1 Cor. 9: 16-19, 22-23  
 St. Paul tells of his enthusiasm for preaching the gospel.

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39  
 We learn several important pieces of information from this gospel passage. First, Simon Peter had a mother-in-law. When we read previously that he left his fishing boat to follow Jesus, we can safely assume that he left much more than that. He had a family at home and we hear in this gospel of Jesus healing Peter's mother-in-law. Also, this gospel helps us recognise the need Jesus had to be away from the crowds and confusion to take time to pray and become revitalised and strengthened for his ministry.

**World Day of the Sick**

Will be celebrated on Wednesday February 11th, 2015. St. John Paul II introduced this initiative in 1992 and it coincides each year in the church across the world with the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes. Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis have continued this special world day.

World Day of the Sick is an opportunity to remind people to pray for all those who are sick in hospital or in places of care or are looked after by their families in their homes. It is also important to encourage people to visit the sick, especially those in long term care, in hospitals and in nursing homes. "Wisdom of the heart means being with our brothers and sisters. Time spent with the sick is holy time. I was sick and you visited me". (Pope Francis) A word of praise also for the dedicated doctors, nurses, ancillary staff and chaplains who work with the sick would be very appropriate. In Pope Francis ' letter ' Evangelii Gaudium ', he referred to the care of the sick: "Even the weakest and the most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor are masterpieces of God's creation, made in His own image, destined to live forever and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.

To mark this day a prayer service with Liturgy of the Word and blessing of the sick will take place at 11.30am in the church of St. Mary & St. John. Sick and infirm welcome, family, neighbours and friends might help people to get to the church.

Extract from letter by Bishop John Buckley

**Children's Corner**

**A Prayer to say...**

Thank you, Jesus, for your healing love. Help me to follow your example and make time to be quiet and pray. Amen.

**In the Gospel today...**

Simon Peter's mother-in-law had a temperature. When Jesus heard this he went and made her well, lots of other people in the town wanted Jesus to heal them too. Jesus was kept very busy helping everyone. Very early the next morning Jesus got up and went away by himself to pray. He decided to go to another town to spread the good news about God's love even further..

**Bulletin Board**

**Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund**

Special Envelope Collection this weekend February 7th & 8th . This collection subsidises the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage for individuals whose health/or means would otherwise prevent them from travelling to Lourdes. It also subsidises medical expenses, travel and care personnel. Diocesan Pilgrimage from June 11th to June 16th Last year 460 travelled on the pilgrimage.

**Baptism Preparation**

The next Baptism preparation will take place on Saturday March 7th 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.

**New Ministers of the Eucharist**

Presently in Ballincollig Parish we are inviting parishioners to volunteer to become Ministers of the Eucharist. You are invited to minister in either Christ Our Light Church or St Mary & St John Church, approximately once a month at a week end Mass (rota will be provided).

The requirements are that you are:

- A person 18 years or over
- A person with faith in the Eucharist and anxious to deepen their own faith through ministry
- A person willing to serve and minister to others.

You are also invited to nominate a friend or neighbour as a minister of the Eucharist. Volunteers are also welcome as a Minister of the Eucharist. (Please give full name, address and contact no to Parish Office or Sacristy .) There will be a preparation for all those interested in becoming ministers.

**Ballincollig Parish Mission**

March 2nd to March 6th - Church of St. Mary & St. John

**Church of St. Mary & St. John**

150 Anniversary Celebrations  
 A flower festival will be hosted in the Church as part of the on-going celebrations on the week-end 8th -10th May, 2015. Proceeds will go to the Hope Foundation in Calcutta. Ballincollig Flower and Garden Club have kindly agreed to organise the floral exhibits. Sincere thanks to all who returned sponsorship envelopes.

Fr. George

**IS Jesus Calling You?**

Vocation Afternoon 1.30 to 4.30pm  
 Saturday 14th February

For women discerning a religious vocation  
 Poor Clare Monastery, College Road, Cork.  
 www.poorclarescork.ie  
 email: vocationspoorclarescork@gmail.com

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Feb/14 & Feb/15/2015

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**  
Sean Collins

**8:30 am**  
Pat Fennell

**10:00 am**  
Grace Buttimer  
Orla Horgan

**12:00 Noon**  
Sean Hennessy  
Shane Lehane

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**  
Nonyi Ebili  
Jennifer Nyagaya  
**11:00 am**  
Chide Ebili  
Kristian Calvert  
**12:30 pm**  
Kay Carew  
Jane O'Leary  
**5:30 pm**  
Siobhan Keane-Hopcraft

**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  
Fr. George O'Mahony P.P.  
Fr. Dave O'Connell C.C.  
Fr. James McSweeney

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**Funeral Pastoral Team Rota**

Week 9th Feb to 15th Feb

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.

**International Epilepsy Day (February 9th)**

**First Aid for seizures**

It is an important part of being seizure aware that you know what to do if you see someone having a seizure.

Remember **TEAM**:

**T**: Take care to protect the person

**E**: Ensure you stay with them

**A**: Allow the seizure to run its course (you cannot stop a seizure and in most cases it will last for a few seconds to a few minutes).

**M**: Move the person onto their side when the seizure is over (for tonic clonic / convulsive seizures)

Remember to reassure the person after the seizure is over and explain what has happened.

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**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Feb/14 & Feb/15/2015

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

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

**8:30 am** Mary Buckley  
Tom Butler  
Denis Healy

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

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

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

**11:00 am** Seamus & Mary O'Connell  
Ciaran Kelleher  
Alan O'Riordan  
Geraldine Keohane  
Gerard Murray

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

**5:30 pm** Noelle Buckley  
Mary Breen