

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

150 Years



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 08-November-2015

Thirty Second Sunday In Ordinary Time.

Our readings today show us two widows giving generously what they could hardly afford to give. Poverty need not lead to bitterness. It can lead to heroic generosity and courage. Such poor as these two widows, stand as a living condemnation of us who have so much. We give so little, as we watch the perpetuation of Injustice and poverty in our world.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Generosity

Some years ago when visiting our mission in Peru, I accompanied a Sister to the one-roomed 'homes' of the people who lived in extreme poverty. I remember in particular meeting one woman who was so overjoyed because, after waiting a long time, her hen had laid two eggs. To my surprise, she promptly gave me the two eggs as a gift. I didn't want to take them knowing that she and her family may have little else to eat that day, but she insisted and said 'God would provide'. This woman's generosity, and trust in God, came to mind when reflecting on the story of the two widows in today's readings - who also gave of their all.

The widow in the first reading had only enough food left for one more meal before she and her son would die. She was about to prepare it when along comes the prophet Elijah asking her to share their meal with him. This she did and her generosity did not go unrewarded as there was still plenty of food left. In the Gospel we hear the story of the widow who gave up all that she had left - her last two coins. Not only do these two widows demonstrate great generosity, but above all a deep trust in God that he would provide.

In remembering that episode in Peru I ask myself if I was in that woman's place would I have been as generous and trusting in God's providence to part with those two eggs....I'm not so sure I'd have done so! We think today of the many people in our parish who due to the economic crisis and unemployment etc find it extremely difficult to put a meal on the table, to buy the daily necessities and yet who put their trust in God that He will provide in some way.

Jesus words to his disciples about the Scribes is as relevant today - that the spirit in which we give is more important than the amount we give. We are called on to be generous with our resources - not just material resources, but also to be generous with our time, our gifts and talents, and to be aware of the needs of others in our midst. In times of great need, we pray for a deep trust in the generosity and providence of God and we pray for a generosity of spirit to reach out to those who today are finding it difficult to cope with life's situations.

Sr. Colette

Thought for Today

Why do we admire people who "give their all"? What does "giving my all" mean to me in my life? Do I give my all to my family? to my studies? to sports? What does it mean to "give my all" to God?

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us pray that God may help us to imitate the faith and generosity of the widow.

Reader

For the leaders of the Church: that they may teach and practise the values of Christ.

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

For all those who have charge over others: that they may reward people, not according to results, but according to the effort made.

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

For those who are suffering the effect of war, famine and persecution in particular the people of Aleppo.

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

For all gathered here: that we may work to please the Lord rather than to win human rewards.

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

We pray for those who have died, especially in this month of November those who have nobody to pray for them.

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

For grace to bring our needs before God, in silence and in trust.

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

Priest

Lord, you have been generous with us. Everything we have is a gift from you. Help us to be generous with others. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

My soul give praise to the Lord.

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Gerald Kelly, Wyndham/Allihies.
 Kitty O’Sullivan, Raheens, Carrigaline.
 Sean Aherne, Carrigrohane.
 Tadgh O’Donovan, Cloisters.
 Phyllis Hurley, Beech Park/ Ballyphehane.
 Michael Whelan, Carlow.
 Br. Paddy Cripps, Marino Institute Dublin.

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

John & Ellen Beamish, Clonakilty.
 Katie-Ellen & Jim Q’Grady, Sligo.
 Patrick O’Leary, Poulavone.
 Jack Shanahan, Fr. Sexton Park.
 Julia Hegarty, Rosewood.
 Nora O’Callaghan, Leevew, Carrigrohane.
 John Sexton , Bweeng.
 Ellen, Eugene, & Catherine Lee, Dripsey.
 Tim, Kay & Deirdre O’Callaghan, Douglas.
 John White, Inniscarra View.
 Nora & Gertude Coughlan, London.
 Peter Davis, Douglas.
 Cathal Keohane, Rosewood.
 Mary Linehan, Inniscarra View.
 Frank O’Mahony, Model Farm Road.
 Con Jeffries, Blarney Street.
 Dan O’Donoghue, Blarney.
 Daniel O’Donoghue, Cahirciveen.

Scoil Eoin & Scoil Mhuire

Enrolment Week (School Year 2016/2017)
 16th- 20th of November 2015
 Open Night in both schools
 on Wednesday, November 18th

Scoil Eoin 021 4871321 (Boys' School) from 5.30pm - 7.30pm
 Scoil Mhuire 021 4870809 (Girls' School) from 6.00pm - 7.30pm

Please Note

“Mothers’ Prayers” Group
 Will not meet on Thursday next 12th November
 due to ‘Directed Prayer’ participants meeting at ‘Sonas’
 Next gathering for Mothers Prayers
 Thursday 19th November at 10 a.m.

Ballincollig Basketball Club

Are having a Used Clothing Collection during training times in the Sportlann at Coláiste Choilm from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday 13th November 2015 and from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday 14th November 2015. Time to carry out that cleanup you’ve been meaning to do for the last 5 years, de-clutter that wardrobe and get all those old clothes, shoes, bed linen, curtains, lap-tops and mobile phones down to Ballincollig Basketball Club. This is open to anyone in Ballincollig and not just club members.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Thirty Second Week In Ordinary Time

08 Sunday 1 Kgs 17:10-16. Ps 145. Heb 9:24-28. Mk 12:38-44. Lect I: 822
 09 Monday Ezek. 47:1-2, 8-9, 12. Ps. 45. 1 Cor. 3:9-11, 16-17. Jn. 2:13-22. Lect I: 1006 or Lect II: 1250
 10 Tuesday Wis. 2:23-3:9. Ps. 33. Lk. 17:7-10. Lect II:414
 11 Wednesday Wis. 6:1-11. Ps. 81. Lk. 17:11-19. Lect II:416
 12 Thursday Wis. 7:22-8: 1. Ps. 118. Lk. 17:20-25. Lect II:418
 13 Friday Wis. 13: 1-9. Ps. 18. Lk. 17:26-37. Lect II:420
 14 Saturday Wis. 18: 14-16, 19:6-9. Ps. 104. Lk. 18: 1-8. Lect II:422

Next Sunday’s Readings 15/November/2015

Dan 12:1-13. Ps 15. Heb 10:11-14, 18. Mk 13:24-32. Lect I: 826

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16
 ‘Do not be afraid!’ Elijah says to the widow. In times of loss, in moments of struggle, on the day when all avenues of escape seem to be closed, we are called to stand firm and remember that God does not abandon his people to death and despair. God will always find a way. Trust in him.

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28
 Christ does not measure himself out in terms of what he has to spare. He holds nothing back from the Father and he holds nothing back from us. He gives himself totally, once and for all, emptying himself so that we might be filled with the divine life forfeited by our first parents. Christ teaches us how to give so that we may receive the abundance of God’s mercy.

Gospel Reading: Mark 12:38-44
 If we make a show of holiness we make a mockery of God. It is in the hidden, ordinary acts of love that true heroism is most often shown. If we are lavish in our outward demonstration of piety or charity but have hearts turned in on ourselves, what do we hope to gain? God sees not only our actions but also the intentions which lie behind them and we will be rewarded not so much for how much we give but for how much it costs us to give. The more we hold on to, the less free we are to move forward. They achieve holiness who dare to risk everything for God.

Thank You

David O’Shea would like to thank everyone who gave so generously to his recent Church Gate collection for the Hope Foundation. A total of €1,750 was collected , your support is very much appreciated

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Our Favourite Psalms

Psalm 6 (In Time of Sickness)

Be gracious to me, LORD, for I am weak;
LORD, heal me, for my body is shaking with fear.

My soul is also struck with terror;
while you, O LORD, how long?
Return, LORD, rescue my soul.

Save me, because of your merciful love.
I am weary with my groaning;
every night I flood my bed with tears;
I drench my pillow with my weeping.

My eyes waste away because of grief;
they grow weak because of all my enemies.
The LORD will hear my plea:
The LORD will accept my prayer.

Aleppo, Sunday Oct. 25, 2015

Dearest brothers and sisters,
After multiple failed attempts to attack our Church of St. Francis, the Latin Cathedral of Aleppo of Azizieh, a group of jihadists succeeded this afternoon in their intention to strike the dome of the Church during the parish mass of 5:00 pm afternoon. This happened while we were beginning to distribute holy communion. We have to thank the Lord because the dome withstood the blast from outside and it did not break through to the Church. There was a moment of real panic in which the earth shook for a while and the only thing you could see was the and the pieces of plaster falling around us. Notwithstanding all of this, thanks to God, there were only two people who were slightly wounded. We all exited the Church quickly toward the garden and thanked the Lord together for letting us escape the danger. We went on with the distribution of communion and ended the Mass with a solemn blessing. We can't stop praising and thanking the Lord for not letting there be any deaths.

The attempt to destroy the Dome during parish Mass on Sunday afternoon when the Church was full of faithful was not a pure coincidence. Moreover the fact that all of us were saved is not by chance: we were in fact, protected under the mantle of our heavenly mother Mary.

We hope that this chaos comes to an end and we hope to soon speak of these facts as things of the past without fear that they might happen again at any moment.

Peace and blessing!
Father Ibrahim

Update: We found out that there were six people who were slightly wounded and that there was one person who is conscious but is in critical condition and is in the hospital being examined by the doctors. With regard to the dynamic of the attack, we now know that it was a gas bomb that someone had thrown. After it damaged the dome, it rolled on to the roof of the Church that was covered with terra cotta tiles where it exploded. The damage to the roof is enormous and the windows of the Church were all blown out.

Bulletin Board

Evening Prayer

Sunday 8th November, commencing at 7pm.
Church of St. Mary & St. John.
All welcome .

Novena for the Dead – Continues to Nov 10th

There will be evening Mass in both Churches during the Novena, 6.30pm Christ Our Light and 8pm St Mary & St John.

Special Mass

There will be a Special Mass to remember all our loved ones who died during the past year on Wednesday 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.

Cemetery Mass

Mass in St Mary's & St John Cemetery November 14th at 12 noon

Blessing of Graves

St. James Cemetery, Chetwynd, Togher (Off Bandon Road)
Will take place on today Sunday, 8th November, 2015 at 3.00pm

Altar Servers

Young boys and girls who have made their First Holy Communion and who are interested in serving at Mass are ask to hand in their names and address to either Sacristy. You will serve at a Mass of your choice and training will be given.

Advent Retreat

Will take place from November 30th to December 2nd Church of St. Mary & St. John. Conducted by Fr. Dave Hannon.

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place on Saturday November 28th 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.

Children's Mass

The next Children's Mass for children in second class preparing for their first Holy Communion will take place on Sunday November 15th, at 11.00am in Church of Christ Our Light. The Parents of children who are seven and eight are asked to bring them to this Mass. Preparation with the children commences in the main body of the church at 10.45am. The Children retire to the crying room where they celebrate the Liturgy of the Word in a child friendly fashion. They will return to the main church at the start of the offertory procession.

Fr. George

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Nov/14 & Nov/15/2015

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Muireann Nelligan
Padraig McAuliffe
8:30 am
Tom McDonagh
Sean Casey
10:00 am
Rory Horgan
Kate Greene
12:00 Noon
Emer Wiseman
Greta Fleming

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Rebecca Feely
Josh Nyagaya
11:00 am
Tomás Buckley
Michael Buckley
12:30 pm
Joseph Manning
Niamh Murray
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 & 6:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	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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Fr. Cian O'Sullivan C.C.	021-4876171

Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

Week 9th Nov to 15th 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/14 & Nov/15/2015

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

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

7:30 pm John O'Donoghue
Mary Dineen
Mairead Keenan
Kay O'Sullivan
Sheila McVeigh

8:30 am Helen Kelly
Michael Crowley
Eileen Corkery

11:00 am Mona Bowen
Diarmuid Horgan
Billy Barry
Mary Aylward
Pauline Baston

10:00 am Fionnuala McDonagh
Mary Buckley
Fiona Kelly
Mary O'Regan
Martin O'Leary
Andrej Janukowicz

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

Cantairí Mhuscraí - John Rutter's Requiem

The Ballincollig based choir, Cantairí Mhuscraí, will perform John Rutter's acclaimed Requiem at the Church of St. Mary & St. John, Ballincollig, at 7.30pm on Sunday 22nd November. This performance of the Requiem coincides with the 150th Jubilee Year of the Church of St. Mary & St. John and appropriately takes place during November, the Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory. This wonderful and very accessible work was written by the composer John Rutter who celebrates his 70th birthday on 24th September this year. It is a musical setting of parts of the Latin Requiem with added psalms in English and was first performed 30 years ago in October 1985. It has since become a mainstay of the choral world being recorded many times and performed all over the globe. Classic FM says of the composer "John Rutter unashamedly composes instantly memorable tunes. In a world where so many composers believe music is no longer primarily about melody, Rutter stands out as someone who defiantly bucks that trend."

Tickets @ €20 and now on sale from choir members.

Telephone 0876658021, 0872514816 or 0862998239 or any choir member for further details.

Tickets also available from Catherine in Parish Office.

Telephone: 021 4871206

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