

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

150 Years



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

## Sunday 22-November-2015

### Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

*The kingship of Christ, is not to be seen in terms of any kind of political control or domination. It is not of this world. His rule comes from obedience to the Father and total service of people, unto death. It is the power of God over death and evil, promised to all who commit themselves in faith to him.*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

### Feast Of Christ the King

Today on the Last Sunday of the liturgical year we celebrate the feast of Christ the King.

In our second Reading from the Book of the Apocalypse, the reading speaks of Jesus as the faithful witness, who has washed away our sins with his blood. Because of his great love for us, he came into our world to save us. He proclaims the kingdom of God, as a kingdom of truth and life, of holiness and grace, and a kingdom of justice, love and peace.

In the Gospel we hear Jesus and Pilate speak of two different kingdoms. Jesus answers Pilate, the Roman governor's questions by declaring that he was a king, but not of this world. He did not come to rule over peoples and territories, but to set people free from the slavery of sin and to reconcile them with God. He says: 'For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is on the side of truth hears my voice'. For thirty years, he lived unrecognised in a village and carried out the daily work of a carpenter. For three years he travelled around with a group of disciples; he healed the sick, he forgave sinners and was not afraid to challenge injustices. Christ's kingship is one of humility and service. In his unfailing witness to the truth, Christ our King ruled with compassion and justice.

The Kingdom of God is among us. He reigns in each of our hearts. He is always there for us and ready to help us on our journey through life. We can say we really belong to his Kingdom when we try to walk with him, when we try to live our lives fully in the spirit of the Gospel, and when like him, we struggle to make our world a world of truth, justice, compassion and peace. We ask him to remember us in his Kingdom; to give us the grace to remain faithful to him in the midst of the struggles we meet in our daily lives and that we may recognize and welcome him when he stands knocking at the door of our hearts.

*Sr. Colette*

### Thought for Today

The values of God's Kingdom help us explain to our children what kind of king Jesus is when we claim him to be "Christ the King." Everywhere in our world and private lives, we can find examples of Christ the King of peace, the King of justice, hope, goodness and love. Jesus said he came into the world to give evidence of his father's love. Consider how much your love for your child gives evidence of God's love, and how your life is an example to your children of the many different kinds of "kingship" claimed by Jesus.

*The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.*

### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

#### Priest

God is king over all the earth. Let us pray for the coming of the kingdom as Jesus taught us.

#### Reader

For all Christians: that they may grow in the knowledge and love of Christ the King.

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

For world leaders: that they may work for a more just and a more human world.

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

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

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

For unbelievers: that the light of faith may shine on them.

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

For all those who are suffering persecution in the cause of justice, or because of their allegiance to Christ.

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

For all gathered here: that we may give Christ the central place in our hearts and in our lives.

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

#### Priest

God of power and love, help us to be loyal and true followers of Christ on earth, so that we may share his glory in the kingdom of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God. Amen.

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

Tadhg Philippe O'Laoghaire, Aylsbury Downs.  
 Fionn Joseph O'Laoghaire, Aylsbury Downs.  
 Caitlin Moira O'Sullivan, Glincool Crescent.  
 Harry Daniel O'Callaghan, An Caislean View.  
 Charlotte Emily Holohan, Aylsbury Court.  
 Albhe Maire O'Hanlon, The Heathers, Classes Lake.

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

Florence O'Mahony, West Village.  
 Michael Twohig, Inniscarra View.  
 Rita O'Mullane, Lissarda.

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

Hannah McVeigh, Larne.  
 Martin Mulhern, Coolroe Heights.  
 Gerald Kelly, Wyndham/Allihies.  
 Michael Morrissey, Carrigaline.  
 Timothy O'Callaghan, Carrigrohane.  
 Con Sheehan, Coachford.  
 Arthur Bajeras.  
 Ted, Sheila & Paul O'Mahony, Barrack Street.  
 Ada O'Leary, Poulavone.  
 Teresa White, Briggs Road.  
 Hugh Collins, Innishmore Drive & Dunmanway.  
 Joan Hennigan, Inniscarra View.  
 John & Hannah O'Connor, Dingle.  
 William & Anna Wallace, Poulavone.  
 Richard Lynch, Castlepark.  
 Brendan O'Sullivan, Glendower.  
 John Herlihy, Inchigeela.  
 John Cahill, Blarney.  
 Dec. members of the Reilly & Hanney families.  
 Sylvester Cotter, Poulavone.  
 Denis O'Mahony, South Douglas Road.  
 Pauline Ryan, Turner's Cross.  
 Dec. members of Keohane family, Clonakilty.  
 Denis Carroll, Cloghduv.  
 Edwin McDermott, Poulavone.  
 Thomas Farrell, Beech Park.  
 Philip & Nora Holland, Bishopstown & Timoleague.

**Ballincollig Basketball Club**

would like to thank all those who supported our Used Clothing Collection over the past couple of weeks

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK****Last Week In Ordinary Time**

- 22 Sunday Dan 7:13-14. Ps 92. Apoc 1:5-8. Jn 18:33-37. Lect I: 829  
 23 Monday Dan. 1:1-6,8-20. Ps. Dan. 3:52-56. Lk. 21:1-4. Lect II: 439  
 24 Tuesday Dan. 2:31-45. Ps. Dan. 3:57-61. Lk. 21:5-11. Lect II: 442  
 25 Wednesday Dan. 5: 1-6, 13-17, 23-28. Ps. Dan. 3. Lk. 21: 12- 19. Lect II: 444  
 26 Thursday Dan. 6:12-28. Ps. Dan. 3:68-74. Lk. 21 :20-28. Lect II: 447  
 27 Friday Dan. 7:2-14. Ps. Dan. 3. Lk. 21 :29-33. Lect II: 449  
 28 Saturday Dan. 7: 15-27. Ps. Dan. 3. Lk. 21 :34-36. Lect II: 452

**Next Sunday's Readings 29/November/2015**

Jer. 33: 14-16. PS. 24. 1 Thess. 3: 12-4:2. LK. 21 :25- 28,34-36. Lect I: 8

**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Dan. 7:13-14

In today's Scripture reading, the prophet Daniel looks ahead in time and sees the coming of Christ on the clouds of heaven. We look forward to that coming. It will be a day of great rejoicing.

Second Reading: Rv. 1:5-8

Jesus Christ is king today, in a special sense. He is a reliable witness to truth; he is the first to rise to new life; he is the King of Kings. To the glory of God, Jesus makes us a new people, a royal nation, a holy priesthood.

Gospel: John 18:33-37

Generally, we do not find the title "Christ the King" in any of the Gospels, but here in John, Jesus accepted the title even though it was given to him with misunderstanding. Pilate mistook the title as political. Jesus corrected him by saying that his kingdom was not of this world. Through the title of "King," Jesus pointed beyond himself to God, explaining that his mission was to tell the people about God and testify to the truth God wanted revealed through Jesus.

**Anam Cara**

Is holding its monthly Parent Evening on Wednesday 2nd of December 2015 from 19:30 to 21:00 in the Clayton Hotel, Tivoli, Cork (formally called the Silver Springs).

All Anam Cara Services are available free of charge to bereaved parents.

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## ***Our Favourite Psalms***

### **Psalm 50 (Sorrow for Sin)**

Have mercy on me, God, in your faithful love. In your compassion blot out my offences. Wash me thoroughly from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my offences and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned; and done what is evil in your sight. Indeed you love truth in the heart; then in the secret of my heart teach me wisdom.

Indeed you love truth in the heart; then in the secret of my heart teach me wisdom.

O purify me, and I shall be clean;  
O wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

Give me again the joy of your salvation; and with a generous spirit sustain me. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

Rescue me, O God, my saviour, and my tongue will ring out your goodness.

O LORD, open my lips and my mouth will declare your praise.

In your goodness, show favour to Zion; rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. Then you will be pleased with lawful sacrifice, holocausts offered on your altar.

## ***The Weaver of Dreams***

A Teller of tales and a dreamer of dreams,  
A builder of bridges, a planner of schemes

Could this be one person? You think it untrue?

But just look again, for that person is you

Look back on your life and take stock of the years  
And all you accomplished through courage and fears.

Remember the children, they took your hand?

Remember the stories, adventures you planned  
And how you helped someone in sickness and pain,

No thought of reward and no question of gain?

You may not feel clever; stand out in the crowd,  
But count your achievements, be thankful and proud,  
And look to the future, there's much to be done

There's joy to be earned and love to be won.

Keep building your bridges and planning your schemes  
Remember that you are the weaver of dreams.

(Iris Hesselden)

## ***Encountering Mercy***

As we prepare for the Year of Mercy we are hosting three sessions on the theme of Mercy in the Gospel of Luke on Mondays 30th November, 7th December, 14th December.

Coffee from 10:30am session from 10:45am to 12noon.

Venue: Pastoral Development Office, Parochial House, Ballyphehane.  
Located in Church grounds - access and parking on Friars Walk.

Contact Sr Karen 021 4537601

## ***Bulletin Board***

### **Advent Retreat**

Will take place from November 30th to December 2nd Church of St. Mary & St. John. Conducted by Fr. Dave Hannon. Mass 7am, Prayers: Homily: Liturgy 8pm

### **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.

### **Mass Diaries**

Mass Diaries to book Mass intentions for January, February, & March 2016

Will open in both churches on Saturday December 12th at 9.00am. Priority will be given to 1st Anniversary Mass.

### **Novena for the Dead**

Sincere thanks to all who made a big effort to attend 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.

### **Autumn Dues**

The Priests of the Parish would like to thank you for returning your Autumn Dues. Your continued support and generosity is greatly appreciated.

### **Coeliac Host**

Coeliac Host available at all Masses in both churches. Generally the Priest celebrating the Mass has the Coeliac Host. To help the Celebrant you might please let him know before the Mass.

Fr. George

### **Mount Mercy College Remembrance Mass**

Monday 30th November, 2015 @ 7.00pm  
The School Hall – Mount Mercy

### **Trip of a Lifetime to the Holy Land 2016**

Join Group Leader, Mícheál de Barra and Spiritual Director and Bible Scholar, Fr. John Newman for an unforgettable journey, following in the footsteps of Jesus in the land of the Bible

Dates: June 8-18th 2016. Staying in excellent 4\* hotels and with full itinerary from Bethlehem to the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem. New reduced price for 2016, same quality 11-day pilgrimage. See the testimonials from last year's pilgrims on the website, [www.culturaltoursireland.com](http://www.culturaltoursireland.com)

For more information and booking contact Micheál at +353868337681 [culturaltoursireland@gmail.com](mailto:culturaltoursireland@gmail.com)

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Nov/28 &amp; Nov/29/2015

**St. Mary & St. John**

6:00 pm (Vigil)  
Laura O'Keeffe  
  
8:30 am  
Eadaoin O'Leary  
Gerard O'Leary  
**10:00 am**  
Lauree Hegarty  
Mary O'Driscoll  
**12:00 Noon**  
Sean Hennessy  
Shane Lehane

**Christ Our Light**

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**  
Fiona Feely  
  
**11:00 am**  
Maebh Nic Mheanmain  
Lisa Aylward  
**12:30 pm**  
Cathy Naughton  
Michelle McCarthy  
**5:30 pm**  
Liam Tuohy

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Nov/28 &amp; Nov/29/2015

**St. Mary & St. John**

**6:00 pm** Michael Maher  
Bernadette Bell  
Betty Casey  
Frank Riordan  
Siobhan Riordan  
Pauline Quane  
  
**8:30 am** Mary Buckley  
Theresa Lucey  
Mary B. Murphy  
  
**10:00 am** Cathy Horgan  
Betty Flavin  
Anne Spillane  
Betty Sheehan  
Ann O'Connell  
Con O'Connell  
  
**12 Noon** Seamus O'Donovan  
Eleanor Knowles  
Catherine Greene  
Joan Barrett  
Frances Hogan  
Mary O'Leary

**Christ Our Light**

**7:30 pm** Geraldine Lynch  
Charlie Vaughan  
Joan Stephenson  
Bernie Bowen  
  
**11:00 am** Neil Jeffers  
Eileen O'Donoghue  
Bridie Hanrahan  
Padraig Fleming /  
Imelda Power  
Hugh & Catherine Mo-  
ran  
  
**12:30 pm** Tom Murray  
John O'Regan  
Gerard Dunne  
Sylvia Manley  
  
**5:30 pm** Bernard Curran  
John Canty

**MASS TIMES****St. Mary & St. John**

8:30 am, 10 am &amp; 12 noon

**Sunday****Christ Our Light**

11 am, 12:30 pm &amp; 5:30 pm

9:30 am

**Monday**

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**Tuesday**

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**Wednesday**

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**Thursday**

8:30 am

9:30 am

**Friday**

8:30 am

10:00 am &amp; 6 pm (Vigil)

**Saturday**

7:30 pm (Vigil)

**CONFESIONS**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. Cian O'Sullivan C.C. 021-4876171

**Funeral Pastoral Team Rota**

Week 23rd Nov to 29th Nov

Joan Barrett  
Margot Twomey

**Social / Coffee Mornings**Continue every Friday morning in parish house "Sonás"  
on Station Road at 10 am.Everyone welcome as it is an ideal opportunity to get  
and know people from our community.**Ancient Sweet Donoughmore**

Life in an Irish Rural Parish to 1900 is a new publication detailing the history of an old and ancient parish. Its 496 pages is packed with maps, line drawings , images and original documents previously unpublished. Religion and its struggles play a big part in the book It will resonate with the life and times of any parish and is certain to appeal to anyone connected to Donoughmore and those interested in local history and Irish lifestyles. Available from Liam Ruiseail and Waterstones in Cork, Healy's P.O. Ballincollig, McCarthys Newsagents Macroom, from the author Tel 021/7337368 or the website [www.donoughmore.com](http://www.donoughmore.com)

**Cantairí Mhuscrai - John Rutter's Requiem**

The Ballincollig based choir, Cantairí Mhuscrai, will perform John Rutter's acclaimed Requiem at the Church of St. Mary & St. John, Ballincollig, this Sunday evening at 7.30pm

**More extract from Telephone Conversation by Parish Office  
with Fr. Ibrahim (Aleppo) Thursday 5th November 2015**

It is clear to me that they need funding as well, the price of all items are going through the roof there and their resources are limited as it is. For those who read this would you consider what you could do to raise money for these people. A coffee morning perhaps or a darts tournament – who knows. It is we as a community that are reaching out, let us reach within our own community to be of assistance to these people. I am making some approaches myself but by myself I can little, but we as a community can do great things. If you wish to participate or contribute funds please email [virginia.harrington@murphyslaw.ie](mailto:virginia.harrington@murphyslaw.ie).