

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

150 Years



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 17-January-2016

Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

World Day For Migrants And Refugees

A wedding is a time for joyful celebration; it is a time of hope and promise. According to John the wedding at Cana marked the beginning of Jesus' ministry. It showed the joy and plenty that his coming brings because in him, God's promised love is present reality.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Final Celebration

Sunday January 10th 2016 will live in the memory of the faith community who gathered at St. Mary and St. John's to partake in the Mass with the Papal Nuncio Archbishop Charles Brown as chief celebrant. The occasion was to mark the final celebration of the 150th anniversary of this beautiful church. The regular Sunday morning congregation as well as invited guests led by the County Mayor Councillor John Paul O'Shea, Comdt. Kevin Bastion representing the army, Garda Sergeant B Kelly and community Garda Liam Linehan. Martin Power composed two pieces of music to celebrate the year; these were performed during Mass as Ballincollig branch of Comhaltas provided the music and sang parts of the Mass. Bishop John Buckley presided at the Mass.

The prayerfulness of the occasion, the atmosphere and sense of celebration will long be remembered and treasured by all present and taking part.

The presence of the Papal Nuncio Archbishop Charles Browne was much appreciated by parishioners and clergy. The Papal Nuncio was chief celebrant of Mass assisted by Fr. Gerry Daly and Fr. George O'Mahony. Archbishop Browne delivered the homily. He drew our attention to the statement by Pope Francis "parish is a territory where the church is present". He went on to elaborate that even in the case of a beautiful building like St Mary and St John's the real blocks and wood of church are the people of God. The baptised playing an active role and having responsibility for their parish is the privilege of all. He also mentioned his ancestors who emigrated from South Galway to the USA also 150 years ago.

The Papal Nuncio was delighted to meet so many parishioners after Mass. There were many hours of work and effort in preparation for the visit of the Papal Nuncio however the feedback from so many on the occasion made it all worthwhile. Sincere thanks to everybody who helped in so many ways.

George O'Mahony

Reflection for Parents

The point Jesus wanted to illustrate by performing this sign was to introduce a change. Many scholars interpret the wedding as the new age and the huge stone jars represent the magnitude of the wonder. There is great abundance in the story and that is the message of the new order Jesus promises - God lavishes us with his abundant love and we come to know that love through Jesus. In today's Gospel, John relates the story of the beginning of Jesus' ministry at Cana. We celebrate the bountiful love of God for humankind symbolised in the six jars of wine and we ask for the grace to respond positively to the words of Mary: 'Do whatever he tells you.'

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Jesus brought joy to the wedding guests at Cana by turning water into wine. Let us bring our needs before him with confidence.

Reader

For the Pope, the bishops, and all who exercise any ministry in the church: that they may see themselves as agents of Christ's love and compassion.

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

For all those who hold public office in our society: that they may be agents of truth, justice and peace.

**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 all married couples: that they may taste the new wine of unselfish love and couples who are experiencing difficulty in their marriage.

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

For those who have never known the wine of love and joy in their lives.

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

We pray for migrants, especially those who have been forced from the land they call home; may they receive a warm welcome in their adopted land.

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

Priest

God of love and mercy, may we experience your Son's presence in our lives, so that when our own efforts are not enough, he may support us with his grace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Tom Twohig, Hazelgrove.
 Mary Twomey, Main Road, West Village.
 Michael Chivers, Innishmore Square.
 John O'Brien, Model Farm Road.

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

Niall Casey, Farran.
 May (Mary) Keohane, Leevue, Inniscarra.
 Alison Murphy, Wyndham Downs.
 Dermot & Nell Cronin, Pouladuff Road.
 Dec. members O'Riordan Family, Kilmichael.
 Dec. members of Murray Family, Ballingearry.
 Joseph Sheehan, Kilcorney.
 Denis O'Callaghan.
 Martin Murphy, Rockchapel.
 Fr. Dan O'Connell, Ballincollig.
 Kevin Byrne, Parknamore.
 Patrick & Mary Kenneally, Curraheen.
 Frank Collins, Ballingulley.
 Martin Stack, Aisling Lawn.
 Michael O'Mahony, Ballincollig/Ballydehob.
 Noreen & Christy Deasy, Gerald Griffin Street.
 Billy Walsh, Carrigrohane.
 Richard & Eileen Walsh, Bishopstown.
 Michael Murphy, Winsor, Ovens.
 Joan & Eddie Murphy, Powdermills.
 May Murphy, The Lough.
 Eleanor O'Mahony, Castletownbere.
 Mamie Kavanagh, Eastgate.
 Jack McCarthy, Ballintemple.
 John Duggan, Parnell Terrace.

Blood Appeal

The Irish Blood Transfusion Service has called for people to give blood over the coming weeks as the sustained bad weather has adversely impacted blood supplies.

The IBTS usually holds a seven-day supply across the blood groups.

However, supply levels of the main blood groups are currently at three days which will only sustain hospitals for the next three to four days, according to the IBTS.

IBTS Operations Director Paddy Bowler said: "In the 3 week period since December 21st last, donor attendance at clinics has been significantly affected by the bad weather.

"In an effort to improve the supply levels and maintain services to patients the IBTS is asking donors to make a special effort to attend clinics in the next two weeks and if you can, bring a new donor with you."

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Seventh Week In Ordinary Time

17 Sunday Is. 62: 1-5. Ps. 95. 1 Cor. 12:4-11. Jn. 2: 1-11. Lect I: 838
 18 Monday 1 Sam. 15:16-23. Ps. 49. Mk. 2:18-22. Lect II: 470
 19 Tuesday 20 Tuesday 1 Sam. 16: 1-13. Ps. 88. Mk. 2:23-28. Lect II: 472
 20 Wednesday 1 Sam. 17:32-51. Ps. 143. Mk. 3:1-6. Lect II: 475
 21 Thursday 1 Sam. 18:6-9,19:1-7. Ps. 55. Mk. 3:7-12. Lect II: 477
 22 Friday 1 Sam. 24:3-21. Ps. 56. Mk. 3:13-19. Lect II: 479
 23 Saturday 2 Sam. 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27. Ps. 79. Mk. 3:20- 21. Lect II: 482

Next Sunday's Readings 24-January-2016

Neh. 8:2-6, 8-10. Ps. 18. 1 Cor. 12: 12-30. Lk. 1: 1-4, 4:14-21. Lect I: 841

BAPTISMS

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

John Timothy O'Brien, The Lawn, Coolroe Meadows.
 Ella Kate O'Donovan, Leevue.
 Madison Lily O'Callaghan, River's Edge, Fionn Laoi.

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Is 62:1-5
 God's people will be shown to be right; this will be their day of vindication. God will take his people to himself, like a bridegroom, like a new husband.

Second Reading: Cor 12:4-11
 People have many different gifts. Nevertheless, the Church is united, because all these gifts come from the one God.

Gospel: John 2:1-11.
 While the Wedding in Cana is a familiar story, it only appears in John's Gospel. Scholars call it the first of Jesus' signs. Mary, Jesus' mother, observed that the wine was running low at a wedding feast she and Jesus were attending. She didn't specifically ask Jesus to do something about the situation, but he understood the implication. He instructed the servants to fill six stone jars with water and then take some to the waiter in charge. The waiter was surprised that the bridegroom had saved the best wine for last. The servants were surprised because they knew the jars were filled with water and they had witnessed something remarkable.

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 email: vocationspoorclarescork@gmail.com

**Make-A-Wish Fundraising
 Walking Challenge**

The Islands of Sardinia and Corsica
 9th –16th October 2016

Make-A-Wish® Ireland grants wishes to children aged between 3 - 18 years battling a life-threatening medical condition. This year, our target is to grant 174 magical wishes, so we have developed a unique fundraising walking challenge event in order to ensure we increase funding and reach our target of wishes in 2016.

Our new unforgettable challenge to the Islands of Sardinia (Italy) and Corsica (France), takes place on Sunday 9th – Sunday 16th October 2016. We are looking for walkers of all capabilities to join us and Walk for Wishes, whilst enjoying an amazing experience and well planned and organised walking challenge!

Places are limited and the total amount to be raised by each participant for the walk is a minimum of €3,500, which includes all aspects of the trip.

Highlights:

- Orgosolo – a town in the historic region of Barbagia, where approximately 150 murals decorate its streets, bringing thousands of Italian and foreign tourists every year
- Beach walk in Biderosa and Emerald Coast
- Visit Garibaldi’s footsteps, Caprera
- A hike in the rocky wonder world, Capo Testa
- Bonifacio – one of Corsica’s most visited towns and picturesquely located on imposing chalk cliffs fringed by sea water

Please contact Mary Quille
 By email mary@makeawish.ie ,
 or call the Make-A-Wish Ireland office on 01 2052012.

School Talk

The Parents' Association in BCS are holding a talk on Monday 18th January at 7.30pm in the school. The topic is 'Post Leaving Certificate Courses - An Alternative to the Points System'. Representatives from local PLC colleges will be in attendance.
 All welcome and admission is free.

Carmelite Monastery, Delgany, Co Wicklow

Invite you to join them to celebrate the Day for Consecrated Life
 On Sunday 31st January at our 9.30 a.m. Mass
 Celebrant Fr Tom Noonan, Carmelite
 All welcome
 Refreshments after Mass

Bulletin Board

Children’s Mass

The next Children’s Mass for children in second class preparing for their first Holy Communion will take place this Sunday January 17th, 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 return to the main body of the church for the offertory of the mass.

Diocesan Collection

The quarterly collection in aid of the Diocesan Funds will be taken up this week end at all masses .

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place on Saturday January 30th 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.

Week of Prayer Service

The gathering for prayer of the various Christian traditions coming together is deferred until Pentecost Week. Pentecost Sunday 15th May.

Fr. George

Church of the Real Presence

Curraheen Road, Bishopstown
 Eucharistic Adoration: Monday to Friday 10.30am – 7.00pm.
 Saturday 12 noon – 6.00pm

Shep – The Social & Health Education Project

Short Courses Cork Spring 2016
 Application forms from SPEP on 021 4666180, online at www.socialandhealth.com
 or the Lantern Project on 086 0236442.

Book Sale

To mark the 150 Anniversary of St. Mary & St. John Book for sale after Masses, Sacristy and Parish Office.
 Price €10.

“Mothers’ Prayers” Group

Recommence On Thursday Next 21st January at 10 a.m.
 At ‘SONAS’, Station Road
 Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers all welcome

*‘I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples.’
 Mother Teresa.*

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Jan-23 & Jan-24-2016

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Sean Collins
Ben Purcell
8:30 am
Tom McDonagh
Sean Casey
10:00 am
Jordan Crowley
Fergal Monahan
12:00 Noon
Chloe Dalton O'Connor
Katie Tobin

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Pauline Collins
Dylan Ebili
11:00 am
Sorcha Nic Mheanmain
Maire Buckley
12:30 pm
Adaugu Ebili
Caterina Nugent
5:30 pm
Christine O'Brien

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
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Fr. Cian O'Sullivan C.C.	021-4876171

Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

Week 18th Jan to 24th Jan

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

Jan-23 & Jan-24-2016

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
Mary B. Murphy

11:00 am Neil Jeffers
Eileen O'Donoghue
Bridie Hanrahan
Padraig Fleming /
Imelda Power
Hugh & Catherine Moran

10:00 am Cathy Horgan
Betty Flavin
Anne Spillane
Betty Sheehan
Ann O'Connell
Con O'Connell

12:30 pm Tom Murray
John O'Regan
Gerard Dunne
Theresa O'Driscoll

12 Noon Seamus O'Donovan
Eleanor Knowles
Catherine Greene
Joan Barrett
Frances Hogan
Mary O'Leary

5:30 pm Bernard Curran
John Canty

Muskerry Local History

'Remembering the six men who died following the ill-fated Dripsey Ambush 1921'

Remembering the men executed by British Crown Forces in February 1921 following an ill-fated ambush at Dripsey, Co. Cork is the subject of a slide show presentation being delivered by Tim O'Brien at 8.00 pm on 18 January in Ballincollig Rugby Club. Under the auspices of Muskerry Local History Society, the presentation will include news on the formation and growth of the Irish Volunteers in the East Muskerry areas of Donoughmore, Courtbrack and Inniscarra; the ambush plan; the capture of men involved; their subsequent court martial at Cork's Victoria Barracks; the traumatic execution morning; the construction of a memorial at Dripsey and some key commemoration ceremonies through the decades.

World Day For Migrants And Refugees

Today is World Day of Migrants and Refugees. Immigration is a phenomenon which is here to stay for the foreseeable future. Today, millions are displaced by war, hunger and oppression. We are deeply saddened by the tragic loss of life around the Mediterranean as migrants, who are desperate, attempt to enter the E.U. They are in search of a better life. Some will be coming to this country and they are hoping that Ireland will be a place where they are safe and can begin the process of rebuilding their lives. It is important that the local church be at the forefront of efforts to welcome them.

In one of the key phrases of the famous passage of Chapter 5 of Matthew's gospel, Jesus said: 'I was a stranger and you took me in'. In the bible, we are repeatedly told to welcome the stranger. In the Old Testament we read 'you shall love the stranger for you are strangers in Egypt' (Deuteronomy). The implications of this are spelled out in Chapter 24 of Deuteronomy. We Irish have much to learn from this. The Lord could well say to us: Remember you too were treated harshly abroad, building London's underground, the mines of Yorkshire, in the docks of Boston or in the new cities of Sydney and Perth. St. Patrick himself was a refugee, a slave, someone who was trafficked for profit. Pope Francis said that the city, the town, the village that does not welcome the stranger has forgotten to care for itself.

It is an occasion also to pray for all who are experiencing great suffering, remembering especially, the persecuted Christians of the Middle East and Africa.