

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

150 Years



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 31-January-2016

Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

The messengers of God's truth have often had to suffer hostility and rejection. This is still part of the Church's fate today as it continues the work of the prophets. As we struggle for truth we are encouraged by the Lord's words to Jeremiah "I am with you to deliver you."



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Power of Love

"If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels" and speak without love, I am simply a gong booming." "If I have faith in all its fullness to move mountains but am without love, and then I am nothing at all." There is an essential link between faith and love. There is a story about George Herbert an English poet, priest and musician. He was on his way to a music session one evening when he came on a man whose horse had collapsed under the load. Man and horse were in distress and needed help urgently. Herbert took off his clerical robes and helped the man get his horse back to its feet. He bought some fodder for the horse and in a short time man and horse were able to resume their journey.

Normally Herbert kept himself well, his friends were surprised when he turned up with dirty hands and stained clothes. They expressed surprise and disappointment that he got involved in such a messy task. He replied "the thought of what I have done will be music to my ears at midnight. The omission of it would have caused discord in my conscience. For if I am bound to pray for all in distress, I am sure that I am bound to do all in my power to practice what I pray for. "Then, he said, "let us tune the instruments."

St Paul gives us one of the best descriptions of love ever written. Very often today when we speak about love we are referring to control, lust and possessiveness. St Paul was well aware of the mixed motives behind what we do, but he still believed in the power of love and its' centrality for the Christian.

George O'Mahony

Reflection for Parents

How many times do we react to what appears to be the situation? A few times of being wrong slows parents down and teaches us that "things are not always as they seem." It takes time and often forces us to "eat humble pie" (or at least laugh at ourselves), but very often, by the time we "get the story" we recognize that we have come to the wrong conclusion, that the evidence is misleading. We need to show our children that we trust and have faith in them. If our first impression turns out to be correct, then we can take necessary disciplinary steps, but at least our children recognize our faith in them as our first response.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

St. Paul says: "without love I am nothing at all". With love in our hearts let us bring our needs before God in prayer.

Reader

For all Christians: that they may give an example to the world of true love.

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

For government leaders: that they may listen to the voice of the prophets in their midst.

**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 mutual respect and tolerance between the adherents of the various religions.

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

For all gathered here: that the practice of our religion may make us more loving towards others.

**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

Lord send your Spirit to make us strong in faith and active in good works, because alone and unaided we cannot hope to please you. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

My lips will tell of your help.

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Eric Philpott, Beech Park.
 Mick Nagle, Dennehy's Cross.
 Pat Shanahan, Cloghdub.
 Derry McCarthy, Ballygronan, Ovens .
 Ann O' Connor, Cobh.
 Helen Marshall, Cobh.

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

Mary O'Mahony, Ballshoneen.
 Margaret McSweeney, Kilnaglory.
 Vincent, Bridget & Frank Moran, London / Mayo.
 Mary O'Leary, Beaumont.
 Mary O'Mahony, Castlepark.
 Dec. members of the Buckley family.
 Dec. members of the O'Brien family.
 Tim & Margaret Kelleher, Bandon.
 Catherine Herbert, Inniscarra View.
 Christine Jenkins, The Glen / Ballincollig.
 Denis & Mary Desmond, French Villas.
 Dec. Members of Heaton & O'Leary families.
 Mary Whelan, Rosewood.
 Shelia O'Donovan, Rochestown.
 Philip & Tom Murphy, South Douglas Road.
 Martin & Eily Murphy, Hodders Villas.
 Daniel Cronin, Rossmore.
 Billy Coyle, Glincool Crescent.
 John & Anne Hogan, Tipperary.
 Dec. Members of Ballincollig Credit Union.
 Bernard O'Brien, Inniscarra View.
 Sean Coakley, Hillview, Muskerry Estate.
 Thomas Scully, Castlemartyr.
 Sean Dunne, Willow Drive Muskerry Estate.
 Connie Jim O' Sullivan, Castletownkenneigh.
 Connie Jack O'Sullivan, Castletownkenneigh.

'Quiet Days for Busy People'

Knock Shrine is holding a one-day retreat, called 'Quiet Days for Busy People', on February 6th.

The day focusses on prayer with Scripture, reflection and spiritual renewal.

It is an ideal day for individuals or small, parish groups. Retreat costs €30 and includes lunch at Knock House Hotel. Registration at 9.45am. The retreat will be repeated on March 5th. Booking required. Telephone (094) 93 88100 or email faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie.

Visit www.knockshrine.ie/faithrenewal for more information.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Fourth Week In Ordinary Time

31 Sunday Jer. 1:4-5,17-19. Ps. 70.1 Cor. 12:31-13:13. Lk. 4:21-30. Lect I: 845

01 Monday Job 31:16-20, 24-25, 31-32 or Eph 3:14-21. Ps 106. Lk 6:32-38. National Proper

02 Tuesday Mal. 3: 1-4 or Heb. 2: 14-18. Ps. 23. Lk. 2:22-40. Lect I: 967 or II: 940

03 Wednesday 2 Sam. 24:2,9-17. Ps. 31. Mk. 6:1-6. Lect I: 503

04 Thursday 1 K. 2:1-4,10-12. Ps. 1 Chr. 29. Mk. 6:7-13. Lect II: 506

05 Friday Eccles (Sir). 47:2-11. Ps. 17. Mk. 6:14-29. Lect II: 508

06 Saturday 1 K. 3:4-13. Ps. 118. Mk. 6:30-34. Lect II: 510

Next Sunday's Readings 07-February-2016

Is. 6:1-2, 3-8. Ps. 137. 1 Cor. 15:1-11. Lk. 5:1-11. Lect I: 849

BAPTISMS

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

Alanna Rose Kirby, Westcourt.
 Eoghan Gearoid Dennehy, Sweetbrian Lane, Inniscarra View.
 Mary Rose O'Brien, Elm Lawn, Muskerry Estate.
 Finn David Guthrie, Moss Grove, Classes Lake.

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before your birth I blessed you. I appointed you a prophet to all nations. The will fight you but not prevail, for I am with you.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:31 - 13:13

Love is patient; love is kind. In the end there are only three things that last, faith, hope and love, and the greatest of these is love.

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

Jesus went to Nazareth and taught in the temple. At first the people were amazed at his knowledge but then it occurred to them, he was one of them--a carpenter in their own village! They became very angry with Jesus and planned to throw him bodily from a nearby mountain top. Jesus simply walked through them and left. Some scholars say that the crowd's reaction and Jesus escaping them to continue his teaching and preaching is a foreshadowing of Jesus' death and resurrection and the mission of the Church to continue spreading the Good News.

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“Come and See”

Vocations Afternoon 2.00 – 4.30 p.m.
 Saturday 6th February
 For women discerning a religious vocation
 Poor Clare Monastery, College Rd. Cork.
 Check out: www.poorclarescork.ie
 email: vocationspoorclarescork@gmail.com

Lenten Programme

By the Office of Evangelisation & Vocations, Sisters of Bon Secours. All young adults invited Tues 9th Feb to explore “What does Mercy Mean?” Then each Tuesday during Lent join us as we journey through “A Merciful Lent.” Both events from 7-8pm Casa Maria/Cnoc Mhuire (Opposite the Bon Secours Hospital, College Road).

Parent Evening

Anam Cara is holding its monthly Parent Evening on Wednesday 3rd of February 2016 from 19:30 to 21:00 in the Clayton Hotel, Silver Springs, Tivoli, Cork . All Anam Cara Services are available free of charge to bereaved parents.

SHEP

The Social & Health Education Project.

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

Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools: Challenged to Proclaim God’s Mercy
 Catholic Schools Week is an all-Ireland annual event which invites Catholic schools to give expression in a special way to the ethos of Catholic education. It is a celebration of Catholic schools throughout Ireland, North and South which acknowledges the tremendous contribution that our Catholic primary and post-primary schools make not just to Irish society, but to the mission of the Church. Catholic Schools Week 2016 will take place from Sunday 31 January to Saturday 6 February 2016 on the theme “Catholic Schools: Challenged to Proclaim God’s Mercy”. It is hoped that this theme will help contextualise the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis from 8 December 2015 to 20 November 2016.

Decision Time

This time of year Leaving Cert. pupils are busy completing their CAO forms. This is a particularly stressful time for students. Perhaps we could all make an effort to keep these young people in mind and in our prayers this week and indeed in the weeks ahead also.

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

Bulletin Board

First Friday

Friday February 5th is the first Friday of the month. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St Mary & St John from 6.30pm to 7.45pm, you are invited to come and spend some time with the Lord. There is Mass in St Mary & St John on Friday evening at 8.00pm. The priests of the parish visit the sick of the parish on the first Friday of each month; please let us know if you have a family member or neighbour who is sick or housebound.

Children’s Mass

The next Children’s Mass for children in second class preparing for their first Holy Communion will take place on Sunday February 7th, 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.

Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord

Tuesday 2nd February the feast of the Presentation of Our Lord candles will be blessed at the 8.30am & 9.30am Masses.

Feast of St Blaise

Wednesday 3rd February is the feast of St Blaise. Throats will be blessed after morning masses and at 7.30pm in the church of St Mary & St John.

Ash Wednesday

Lent begins Wednesday February 10th. Ashes will be blessed and distributed after all the Masses

Lenten Retreat

February 15th, 16th & 17th. Theme: Prepare a way for the Lord.

Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund

Special Envelope Collection next weekend February 6th & 7th. 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.

Fr. George

Ballincollig Credit Union

Ballincollig Credit Union wishes to express sincere sympathy to its Members who have suffered bereavement during the past year. Mass for all deceased Members will be offered on Saturday 6th February 2016 at 10am in the Church of St Mary & St John.

Neighbourhood Watch

The A.G.M. of the Ballincollig/Inniscarra Neighbourhood watch committee will be held on Tuesday the 9th of February 2016 at Ballincollig Garda Station at 7:30pm. Everybody welcome. Please feel free to attend. Thank You.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Feb-06 & Feb-07-2016

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
sandra Walsh / Emma O'Connor
Brayden Peck
8:30 am
Eadaoin O'Leary
Gerard O'Leary
10:00 am
Rory Horgan
Kate Greene
12:00 Noon
Oliver O'Donovan
Niamh Heelan

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Fiona Feely
11:00 am
Jack Dorgan
Jacob O'Brien
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

Monday

8:30 am

9:30 am

Tuesday

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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 1st Feb to 7th Feb

Joan Barrett
Margot Twomey

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

Feb-06 & Feb-07-2016

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
Stella 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

Walk in Aid of Aleppo

Brid Dunne from Ballincollig will be doing a 10 km walk to Fund raise for Aleppo.

The walk will take place today Sunday January 31st .

If anyone would like to make a donation towards this walk please contact Virginia at Virginiaharrington@murphyslaw.ie and she will arrange collection of your donation.

Thanks Brid and all who have given so generously of their time, prayers, good intentions and money to support our twin Parish in Aleppo. "

Message from Fr Ibrahim 13th January 2016

We let Fr Ibrahim know about the Mass celebrating the end of the 150 anniversary of St Mary & St. John and advised him know that Aleppo was referred to in the Book that was made up for the occasion and that he might share this news with his parish. His reply on the 13th January was as follows:-

"Congratulations for the occasion. Surely , I will do it. Have a nice day. Fr. Ibrahim."

Ginny