

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

150 Years



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 07-February-2016

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The vocation to serve God does not follow a standard pattern; it is as unique as the person who is called. It came for Isaiah while he was at prayer; it came for Peter in the middle of his work. For both men it meant a sense of unworthiness before the presence of God, but both learnt that the service of God does not spring from innate human goodness as much as from the forgiving power of God's love.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Responding to God's Call

As baptised Christians, each one of us is called to live out our particular vocation in life. How each of us responds to God's call to witness to His love here on earth depends on our gifts, our limitations and our generosity.

In today's Readings, we see Isaiah, Simon Peter and Paul were very conscious of their failings and limitations, yet each receives the grace to respond to God's call. Isaiah says 'what a wretched state I am in, I am lost', but in accepting God's challenge and forgiveness he responds: 'Here I am, send me'. In the Gospel, Simon Peter and his companions having fished all night and caught nothing, were on the shore washing their nets when Jesus says to Simon Peter: "Put out into the deep water and let your nets down for a catch." Peter, initially sceptical, says "Master, we've worked hard all night and have caught nothing." Perhaps he may even have thought what would Jesus, a Carpenter, know about fishing! Yet, he does what Jesus asks of him, and they catch a huge number of fish. Simon Peter recognizes the hand of God in what has happened; while at the same time is conscious of his own sinfulness. In our second reading, Paul, who had been a persecutor of Christians tells us "I am the least of the apostles, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace he has given me has not been fruitless." In spite of their weaknesses, God called each one and they respond to God's grace working within each of them.

There are times in our own lives when we realize our own human frailties, especially when faced with our shortcomings and failures. We may feel inadequate and think that God could not possibly be choosing me to serve him in some way. Yet not only did he create each one of us for some special purpose here on earth, but has blessed us with different gifts and talents to reach out to others in his name.

In today's three readings we see where Isaiah, Simon Peter and Paul realize that they are in need of God's grace and God's love. God also gives us the grace we need to respond to the challenges and the opportunities that come our way. Let us respond to God's call to continue his work in our world of today. We are not alone - the Lord is with us and he reassures us as he reassured Peter: 'Do not be afraid'.

Sr. Colette

Reflection for Parents

Jesus wants us to be active in spreading his Kingdom, but he will help us and guide us. We can start by considering with our children the good things in our lives, and thanking God for them. Just as Jesus called Peter and his friends through their fishing, so he calls us through the wonders of our daily lives. In today's Mass we hear the call of Jesus to 'put out into the deep'. We pray for the grace to recognise what the Lord is calling us to do and to answer, 'Here I am, send me'.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us pray to the Lord who strengthens us in our weakness, and who does not abandon us when we fail.

Reader

For all disciples of Jesus: that they may follow him with humility and generosity like Peter.

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

For all those who hold public office: that they may have a special place in their hearts for the little people of our world, the sick, poor and those with special needs.

**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 those who suffer from depression or an inferiority complex and those whose life is dogged by failure.

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

For those engaged in the difficult and often dangerous work of catching fish.

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

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

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

Priest

God of mercy, grant us in all our tasks your help, in all our doubts your guidance, in all our weakness your strength, in all our dangers your protection, and in all our sorrow your consolation. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Eamonn Fitzgerald, Rathfarnham, Dublin.
 Mary Kelleher, Laught, Rathcoole.
 Tom Twohig, Hazlegrove/Toames.
 Fiachra O Callnain, Ballinlough.
 Bridget Mulhern, Mayo & England.
 Mirette McCarthy, Bishopstown.
 Tadgh Cronin, Beech Road.
 Denis Carroll, Freemount.

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

Bill & Kitty O'Connell, Pouladuff.
 Paddy Horgan, Collyduff, Inniscarra.
 Patrick Goodwin, Tralee & Glasheen.
 Jack Lynch, Kilmurry.
 Dan & John Walsh, Ballinhassig.
 Margaret McSweeney, Kilnaglory.
 Mary O'Connor, Gardiners Hill.
 Shay Graham, Glincool Drive.
 Pat Manning , Farnanree.
 Br. Angelus Leahy.
 Michael Tully, Longford.
 Brendan Butler, Aylsbury.
 Donal Walsh, Fair Street.
 Mary Hurley, Albert Road.
 Shelia Walsh, Castlepark.
 Helen Lynch, Gurranes.
 Jimmy O'Mahony, Ballinora.
 Michael Gilleran, Rosewood.
 Margaret & John Kelleher, Castlepark.
 Sean Doab, The Crescent.
 George Knowles, Ballyphehane.
 Carrie Lynch, Castlepark.
 Dec. members McCarthy family, Ballymacoda.
 Timothy O'Keeffe, Shamrock Drive.
 William & Mairead Boyce, Milford.
 Dan & Hannah Dempsey, Leemount Cross.

Lourdes 2016 – Young Adult Helpers

The Diocese of Cork and Ross invites Young Adults 18 – 30 year olds to come to Lourdes as helpers from 11th to 16th June. As helpers you will assist with the sick and be involved in the full pilgrimage programme as well as time for prayer, for making new friends and sharing in the story of Lourdes. This is the sixth year of the project and the helpers always excel in their attention to the sick.
 Limited number of places. Closing date for applications is 29th February 2016. For further details contact Fr Charlie Kiely 021 – 4537603, Pastoral Development Office, Parochial House, Ballyphehane, Cork or email: charles.kiely@corkandross.org

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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

08 Monday 1 K. 8:1-7,9-13. Ps. 131. Mk. 6:53-56. Lect II: 512

09 Tuesday 1 K. 8:22-23,27-30. Ps. 83. Mk. 7:1-13. Lect II: 514

10 Wednesday Joel. 2:12-18. Ps. 50. 2 Cor. 5:20-6:2. Mt. 6:1-6. 16-18. Lect I: 191

11 Thursday Deut. 30:15-20. Ps. 1. Lk. 9:22-25. Lect I: 194

12 Friday Is. 58: 1-9. Ps. 50. Mt. 9: 14-15. Lect I: 196

13 Saturday Is. 58:9-14. Ps. 85. Lk. 5:27-32. Lect I: 198

Next Sunday's Readings 14-February-2016

Deut. 26:4-10. Ps. 90. Ram. 10:8-13. Lk. 4:1-13. Lect I: 207

BAPTISMS

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

Robyn Laura Hennessy, The Cloisters.
 Emma Eileen O'Sullivan Darcy, The Cloisters.

Pancake Morning.

Hosted by Bishopstown Community Gardai
 9th February 2016, 9am – 1pm
 SMA Centre Wilton
 In aid of Cork City Hospitals Children's Club.

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-2,3-8

The Lord comes to Isaiah and purifies him. Isaiah then begs the Lord to send him out to do the work of God.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Some people began to deny the resurrection. Paul tells them the story of this miraculous happening to remind them of what they once believed in.

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Luke connected the great fishing catch with the calling of the disciples. While it is an important miracle about the mission of the disciples, it appears here with the calling of Peter, James, and John. Apparently business partners, Peter called James and John to help him with the big catch Jesus provided. The invitation to these three was to "net in" people for the Kingdom as abundantly as they had netted in the fish.

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Novena Mass

The Matt Talbot Mass and Novena for 2016, for all those who suffer because of living with addiction, will begin on Friday 12th February at 7.30p.m. in the Way of the Cross Church, Togher. Fr. Michael O'Leary S.M.A., P.P., Wilton parish will be the celebrant and preacher. There will be a blessing with the Relic of Venerable Matt Talbot on this opening night. Futher details on local posters or on www.facebook.com/corkpioneers/

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).

Pioneer Lenten Challenge!

Many people abstain from alcohol and take the Short-Term Pledge for the duration of Lent. Make your Lenten pledge by visiting www.pioneerassociation.ie and joining online or by contacting your local Pioneer centre representative. Take this opportunity to help someone you know/love with an alcohol or drug problem by offering up your Lenten sacrifice as a prayer for their freedom and well-being. Go for it and make a difference to someone's life! If you wish to sign up to the Lenten challenge, you can do so by visiting our website – www.pioneerassociation.ie – and complete the process on-line.

Muskerry Local History Society

'Mick' Mannock, World War 1 Flying Ace and VC

What are the Ballincollig and Irish origins of the greatest British air ace of World War I? What is Mannock's claim to greatness? These are some of the questions that Dermot Lucey will try to answer in a lecture on Edward 'Mick' Mannock who rose from humble origins to become a Major and Squadron leader in the Royal Air Force in 1918. His father, also Edward Mannock, married his mother, Julia Sullivan, in the Church of St Mary and St John in Ballincollig in 1883. His unfortunate death in July 1918 brought to an end a short but glorious career which might have led to even greater achievements after the war had he lived. The lecture, organised by Muskerry Local History Society, will be held on Monday, 15 February, at 8.00 pm in Ballincollig Rugby Club.

Pope Francis and the Gospel of Mercy

A talk by Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor,
 Sunday 21st February 2016
 3.00pm to 5.00pm
 Christ the King Church, Turner's Cross, Cork.
 Cost: Donation only All are welcome

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.

Bulletin Board

Ash Wednesday

Lent begins this Wednesday February 10th. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at all Masses.

Masses during Lent

Church of Christ Our Light
 8.30am & 8 pm (Weekdays)
Church of St. Mary & John
 9.30am & 8 pm (Weekdays)

World day of Prayer for the Sick

Thursday February 11th feast of Our Lady of Lourdes is World day of Prayer for the sick. To mark this day a prayer service with Liturgy of the Word and blessing of the sick will take place at 12noon in the church of St. Mary & St. Sick and infirm welcome, family, neighbours and friends might help people to get to the church.

Lent Retreat

February 15th, 16th & 17th.
 Church of Christ Our Light
 Morning Mass: 7am Prayers: Homily: Liturgy: 8pm
 Conducted by the Redemporists

Trocaire Boxes

Trocaire boxes are available at the back of both churches. Parishioners are asked to please take one and to make a weekly contribution during lent. Boxes will also be distributed to the schools.

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place on Saturday February 20th 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.

Tax Rebate

Many thanks to the Parishioners who returned their CHY4 Cert for 2015. The parish, being a registered charity, is entitled to claim tax back paid by their donors. Thank you for your support and I look forward to your continued support.

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 Twinning Association

Weekend event 22-24 April 2016
 With Saclay, France & Mechterstadt, Germany

We need host families

Anyone interested in supporting (in any way) what promises to be a wonderful weekend is invited to attend a meeting at Cholaiste Cholim on 9th Feb 7.30 pm contact calandenise@yahoo.ie

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Feb-13 & Feb-14-2016

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Aine Sheehan
Michael Collins
8:30 am
John Healy
Kerry O'Leary
10:00 am
Margot Twomey
Kaylyn Lordan
12:00 Noon
Declan Chalmers
Sean Manley

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Rebecca Feely
Josh Nyagaya
11:00 am
Tomas Buckley
Michael Buckley
12:30 pm
Cathy Naughton
Michelle McCarthy
5:30 pm
Tom Reck

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 & 8 pm	Wednesday	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	Thursday	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	Friday	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
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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Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

Week 8th Feb to 14th Feb

Laurence Cunningham
Virginia Harrington

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-13 & Feb-14-2016

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

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

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

8:30 am Mary Buckley
Tom Butler
Denis Healy

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

10:00 am Mary Collins
Christy Roche
Katie O'Shea
Joe Coughlan
Elaine Crowley
Ann Buckley

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

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

5:30 pm Noelle Buckley
Mary Breen
Valerie Barry

Telephone Conversation with Fr Ibrahim Aleppo Syria 26th January 2016

The people are without water and he and others are trying to help them with sharing the water that comes from a well in the convent. But obviously logistical-ly this is a challenge as there are hundreds of households. Some of the houses in his area were hit by bombs on the 16th January and a group was put together to attend at the houses and to do their best to rebuild them to make them habitable. He said that they are besieged by people seeking their help. 85% of his parishioners are below the poverty line, of the hundreds and hundreds of people in his parish only five families say that they don't need help. People are without jobs and therefore money and so cannot support themselves. They are very cold as it is -3 degrees in Aleppo at the moment and they do not have the money to buy diesel and in any event it is hard to come by. He finds it difficult to sleep with the cold. As they are without money quite a number of people have been unable to pay their mortgages and are being served with foreclosure papers from their banks. I was gobsmacked to hear this, it hadn't even had crossed my mind that this would happen in a war torn country. He and some his parishioners who are experienced in this area, e.g. a lawyer and others who are helping negotiate with the banks to see if they can come to arrangement that will not result in these people becoming homeless. In an effort to enable people to help themselves they have organised mini markets and have set up home businesses, where they make things to sell at the mini markets. The church is buying machines so that the people can use them to make things to sell. The hope is to help the people become a little bit more self-reliant and in control of their own life, insofar as this is possible. His church are also helping financially young couples who wish to marry. He said it would be impossible for couples to get married and set up a home without their help. Again this is something that didn't cross my mind. Even in Aleppo life continues, people fall in love and want a life together. The parish are living in great fear and are afraid that the final battles of this war will be played out in Aleppo and strategically it is a very important location. He has a number of volunteers who help him and the brothers with their work, I think that he said it was 18 in total. He said that he tells the people of the aid and support that he is getting from us at every opportunity. He is very grateful for this and it is badly needed. He is also greatly consoled that people are thinking of them and praying for them and he wants to thank everybody in Ballincollig for their help and support. I told him that he and his parish are prayed for at all our Sunday masses and that I am asked about how they are doing all the time. Ginny