

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 06-March-2016

Fourth Sunday of Lent

The Parable of the Prodigal shows us the power of the Father's forgiving love. The elder brother thinks of himself, and is begrudging. How often do we begrudge God's goodness to others? How many of us 'seek to use our good works as a means of monopolising God's love for ourselves.



**Christ Our Light
Innishmore**



**St. Mary & St. John
Station Road**

150 Years

The Presence of God

Jesus insists that each one of us is uniquely loved by God, something we can lose sight of in times of hardship. C S Lewis makes the point; "we may ignore but we can nowhere evade the presence of God. The world is crowded with Him, He walks everywhere".

If each one is uniquely valued then everyone is uniquely valued and this means we have responsibilities for one another – hence the social gospel. Last week we had an opportunity to cast our vote; I might be worthwhile to take time to consider to what extent we looked beyond our own interests when deciding how to vote. The truth is that all of us are tempted to vote to protect our own interests or advance our own cause. So who did you vote for?

A recent Credit Suisse report reminds us of the many billions of people who are forgotten or left fend for themselves in our world. The report states that while the richest one 1% of the world's population own almost 50% percent of the world's wealth, the bottom half own less than one 1% per cent of the world's wealth and the gap is widening. Most people will accept that this is simply wrong. The report has other details that strike closer to home. A person possessing 3,300.00 euro including the equity on our house belongs to the wealthiest half of the world, while some body with 70,000.00 belongs to the wealthiest ten per cent of global wealth holders.

The reality is that while we insist that the government should "do something" we also insist that we should not be asked to pay for it. So who do we vote for? In reality we vote for ourselves. It can be difficult to see the presence of God in our decision making.

George O'Mahony

Reflection for Parents

We try to divide the world into equal pieces for each of our children, but we know how very different each child can be. There are really no "one-size-fits-all" sets of expectations for families with more than one child. Today's Gospel helps us remember that we need to recognise the virtues of obedience and faithfulness, while we still love unconditionally and forgive the child who challenges us. Both brothers in this story considered themselves slaves, a feeling we work hard to prevent in our children.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

The Father in Christ's story is God the Father. Therefore, let us turn to him with confidence and place our needs before him.

Reader

For the Church: that through its ministry people may experience the love and mercy of God.

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

For parents: that they may love their children in good times and in bad.

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

For young people who have emigrated in search of work and opportunity.

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

For runaway children: that they may find friends and shelter.

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

For all gathered here: that we may extend to others the compassion we would like to experience ourselves.

**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 God, you reveal your power most of all in your forgiveness and compassion. Fill us with your grace so that we may walk with joy in the way of your commandments. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Mary Carroll, Gartan Park, Douglas.
 Geraldine O'Donovan, Mayfield.
 Mona O'Kelly, Turner's Cross.
 Mary Fahy, Mardyke/Model Farm Road.
 Aine Lynch, Bandon.

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

Sean & May O'Callaghan, Galway.
 Dec. members McAuliffe family, Rathmore Place.
 Scott Fitzgerald, Lisheen Fields & Innishmore.
 Frank Rea, Begleys Forge.
 Pat Sheehan, Coachford.
 Fred & Kate Nash, Powdermills.
 Jerry Buckley, Meelin, Newmarket
 Joe Barrett, Leo murphy Terrace.
 Sid Carmody, Leo murphy Terrace.
 Mary, John & Tadgh Creed, Inniscarra View.
 Julia & Jim Walsh, Carrigaline.
 Seamus O'Shea, Park Road.
 John O'Keefe, Albert Road/Rosewood.
 John & Mary Lucey, Coolroe.
 Eileen Murphy, Rosewood.
 Patrick McCarthy, Castlepark.
 Eileen Walsh, Holly Road.
 John & Denis Lucey, Carriganarra.
 James & Mona Hourigan, Limerick.
 Eugene & Bridie O'Sullivan, Ballingearry.
 Tommy McGrath, Beech Park.

St. Patricks Day

The parish faith community will take part in the St. Patricks Day Parade.
 All parishioners are welcome to take part.
 Theme "Jubilee year of Mercy"

Annual Pilgrimage to Knock

The annual pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Sunday May 29th 2016.
 Bus leaving at 7am at the bus stop outside Garda station.
 Early booking advised.
 For details contact: Sally 0214870954 or Cathleen 0214874730

Lourdes 2016 – Young Adult Helpers

The Diocese of Cork & Ross invites Young Adults 18-30 year olds to come to Lourdes as helpers from 11th – 16 June.
 For further details contact Fr. Charlie Kiely 021 4537603
 Pastoral Development Office, Parochial House, Ballypnehane, Cork or email: Charles.kiely@corkandross.com.org

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Fourth Week Of Lent

- 06 Sunday Josh. 5:9-12. Ps. 33.2 Cor. 5:17-21. Lk. 15:1-3, 11-32. Lect I: 284
- 07 Monday Is. 65:17-21. Ps. 29. In. 4:43-54. Lect I: 290
- 08 Tuesday Ez. 47:1-9,12. Ps. 45. In. 5:1-3.5-16. Lect I: 292
- 09 Wednesday Is. 49:8-15. Ps. 144. Jn. 5:17-30. Lect I: 294
- 10 Thursday Ex. 32:7 -14 Ps. 105 In. 5:31-47. Lect 1: 297
- 11 Friday Wis. 2: 1 , 12-22. Ps. 33. Jn. 7: 1 -2, 10, 25-30. Lect I: 300
- 12 Saturday Jer. 11 :18-20. Ps. 7. In. 7:40-53. Lect I: 303

Next Sunday's Readings 13-March-2016

Is. 43:16-21. Ps 125. Phil. 3:8-14. Jn. 8:1-11. Lect I: 313

BAPTISMS

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

Ryan Thomas Cotter, The Green, Coolroe Meadows
 Conall Eamon O Cronin, Rosewood.
 Lilly Ann Kenny, Pine Walk, Muskerry Estate.
 Ellen Caoimhe Gough, Willow Grove, Coolroe Heights.
 Clara Grace McKenna, An Caislean Way.
 Caleb Michael Murphy, Beech Park.

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Joshua 5:9-12
 The story of God providing manna in the desert, but only there, may tell us something about how God provides for us in our every need.

Second Reading: 2 Cor. 5:17-21
 St. Paul gives a strong message today: We, each one of us, are ambassadors for Christ. That is something!

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3. 11-32
 Today's Gospel is the well-known story of the prodigal son who begged for his share of the family inheritance. He took his fortune to a far away place and quickly spent all he had on his personal pleasures. He was completely broke when a serious famine struck the area and he was forced to tend pigs, an occupation prohibited to Jewish people. As he tended the pigs, he hungered for their scraps and realised that his father's slaves lived better than he did. It was then that he decided to return home, not as a son, but as a hired hand. So happy was the man's father when he saw his son return that he celebrated with all sorts of signs of honour. The father's older son, however, was very displeased with the way his father treated his brother, claiming that he had always been there working like a slave for his father. Never once had the father celebrated with this son. The father explained that the older son had always been with him and obedient. It was cause to rejoice, however, that his other son had been lost but now was found.

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The Matt Talbot Mass and Novena

The Matt Talbot Mass and Novena will continue this Friday, 11th March. at 7.30p.m. in Togher Church. The Celebrant and preacher will be Fr Tomas Walsh, C.C from the North Cathedral Parish. Everybody is welcome as we pray for all who are carrying the cross of suffering at this time. There will be a cup of tea afterwards in the Parish Office.

The Sinking of the Aud - 1916

The story of the Aud is central to the events of the 1916 Rising. The effort to import arms from Germany was a failure and it changed the nature of the planned Rising. Philip Johnston has dived on the wreck of the Aud for the past 20 years. He will bring this experience to bear in a talk on 'Casement and the Aud' which is organised by Muskerry Local History Society for Monday, 14 March, in Ballincollig Rugby Club. The talk will include Casement's trip to Germany, the transport of 25,000 guns for rebellion and the arrest and scuttling of the Aud on its approach to Cork Harbour.

Bru Columbanus

Bag a Bargain Bru Columbanus at our Pre-Loved Dress and Handbag Sale Saturday 12th March in Bru Columbanus, Cardinal Way, Wilton 10am -4pm

History of Mother's Day in Ireland

The history of celebrating Mothering Sunday or Mothers Day in Ireland can be traced to the medieval practice where children from poor families were sent to work as domestic servants and apprentices to work with the rich. Once in the year in the middle of the Lent these children were given a day off to visit their 'Mother Church' and worship Virgin Mary. After visiting the Mother Church or Cathedral of their home town these children visited their mothers and presented them with flowers they picked along the way. Girls bake special Mothering Cake on the day. Pattern of living changed after the Industrial Revolution and Mothering Sunday celebration almost lapsed. The custom was revived after World War II. Americans too helped to bring back the charm of the festival in European countries as their tradition and way of celebrating Mothers Day spread far and wide.

"Best Wishes To All Mothers Today"

Scoil Eoin

The school is having a Used Clothing Collection in the School from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday 9th March, 2016. Time to carry out that clean up you've been meaning to do, de-clutter that wardrobe and get all those old clothes in to Scoil Eoin.

A thought for today

Perhaps the most radical statement Jesus ever made is "Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate".

Newsflash

Best seller coming on the market title "Life of a Priest by Fr. Gerry. Signing and sale after 10am mass Sunday March 13th.

Bulletin Board

Masses during Lent for coming week.

Church of Christ Our Light

8.30am & 6:30 pm

Church of St. Mary & John

9.30am No evening Mass

St Patrick's Day Thursday 17th March

Mass Times:

Christ Our Light

Vigil Wednesday 16th 7.30pm

Thursday 17th 12.30pm (Irish Mass) & 6.30pm

St. Mary & St. John

Thursday March 17th 8.30am ,10.00am & 8.00pm

Envelope Collection

Bishop's Commission Collection will be taken up at all Masses next week end 12th & 13th March.

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place on Saturday April 2nd 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.

Mass Diaries

Mass Diaries to book Mass intentions for April, May, & June 2016 will open in both churches on Saturday March 12th at 8.30am

Priority will be given to 1st Anniversary Masses.

Passover Meal

The Passover Meal will be celebrated on Tuesday 22nd March in the Library, Community Hall. Limited number, names please to the Parish Office 021 487 1206, if interested.

Coeliac Hosts

The Coeliac Association of Ireland have advised that the low gluten hosts are suitable for Coeliacs

Fr. George

Ballincollig St Patricks Day Parade

17th March @ 3pm

Stewards required

Please contact admin@ballincollig.ie

or

086 0551911

Thanks Giving Mass January 10th

The Mass of thanks-giving celebrated by The Apostolic Nuncio Archbishop Charles Brown was recorded by Captured Occasions Video Productions. This was a very special and memorable occasion for the people of Ballincollig. DVD's are available at €15 each, if you wish to purchase please give your name and address to the parish office or sacristy

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Mar-12 & Mar-13-2016

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)

Sean Collins
Ben Purcell
8:30 am
Eadaoin O'Leary
Gerard O'Leary

10:00 am
Shannon O'Brien
Erin Holmes

12:00 Noon
Roisin Crewe
Emer Wiseman

7:30 pm (Vigil)

Rebecca Feely
Josh Nyagaya
11:00 am
Sorcha Nic Mheanmain
Maire Buckley

12:30 pm
Adaugu Ebili
Caterina Nugent

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 & 6:30 pm

9:30 am

Tuesday

8:30 am & 6:30 pm

9:30 am

Wednesday

8:30 am & 6:30 pm

9:30 am

Thursday

8:30 am & 6:30 pm

9:30 am

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

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 7th Mar to 13th Mar

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.

Prayer in time of Bereavement

Lord, you are close to the broken-hearted. Be with me now in my grief and loneliness.
Give me the courage to face my loss and not to grieve in silence.

Be with me as I struggle

With many different and painful feelings.

Ease the hurt in my heart. Encircle me in your love.

Help me to believe that one day

I will no longer have this deep sorrow. May I find comfort in sharing my grief

With those who understand the strong bonds of love.

Stay with me, Lord, support me.

Help me to know that your power is at work within me

As I deal with my grief. Amen.



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Mar-12 & Mar-13-2016

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

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

8:30 am Mary Buckley
Tom Butler
Denis Healy

10:00 am Christy Roche
Katie O'Shea
Elaine Crowley
Anna Buckley
Claire Creedon
Jim Lordan

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

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

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

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

5:30 pm Noelle Buckley
Mary Breen
Valerie Barry