

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

150 Years



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

## Sunday 11-September-2016

### Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*The joy in heaven over one repentant sinner explains why Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. God hates sin, but he loves the sinner. He is so full of pity that he is more anxious to give forgiveness than we are to ask for it.*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

#### **Father Forgive Them**

Moses pleaded with God, "why should your anger blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of Egypt." Ex 32 ; 13.

" I will leave this place and go to my father." Lk. 15; 25.

" This man they said welcomes sinners and eats with them ". Lk 15. 2

During this year of Mercy we are reminded to have mercy and forgiveness at the centre of our lives. We are encouraged in scripture to forgive again and again. To the rhetorical, question posed to Christ how often must I forgive, seven times seems a generous number but if I am honest and to all our surprise the bar is raised "seventy times seven." To live together what do we need? What can provide inner peace for ourselves and society?. We need bread for our bodies and spirit, the bread of forgiveness and mercy, bread is a symbol of nourishment. Brother Alois of Taize reminds us that " every human being needs forgiveness and to forgive".

Jesus prayed from the Cross "Father forgive them." Jesus freely gives his life and asks the father to forgive those who crucified him. Confronted today with many acts of violence, destruction and disregard for human life, Jesus wants forgiveness to be total. Forgiveness is the fulfilment of Christs' mission on earth and still applies today. To forgive is to open with all our strength ways for us personally and those dear to us to move forward. To know Gods' forgiveness allows us to be free. Good to be aware we need healing and forgiveness.

*George O'Mahony*

#### **Reflection for Parents**

If you have ever lost a child either at a shopping centre, amusement park, or outside playing, you know the anguish of losing something beyond measure. The joy you experienced when you found each other is often something you can't even put into words. Part of you wants to be angry because the child caused you so much grief, but mostly you are just so happy to see the child, you can hardly speak. If we've had experiences like this, then we have an indication about how God feels when we are truly sorry for our sins and want to be part of God's family.

#### **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

##### **Priest**

Jesus if the Good Shepherd who came to seek out and to save the lost. With confidence let us pray to him for our needs.

##### **Reader**

For all leaders in the Church: that they may faithfully watch over the flock of Christ, showing special care for the lost sheep.

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

For all Christians: that their deeds may bear witness to the faith they profess with their words.

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

For parents: that they may create homes where their children will know they are loved.

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

For people who have disappeared and for their grieving families.

**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 & Nigeria.

**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**

God of love and mercy, give us the certainty that beyond death there is a life where broken things are mended and lost things are found; where there is rest for the weary and joy for the sad; where all that we have loved and willed of good exists, and where we will meet again our loved ones. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*I will leave this place and go to my father.*

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**† IN SYMPATHY †**

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

Ellen Hannon, Salthill, Galway.  
 Michael (Sonny) Curtin, Coolroe Heights.  
 John McCarthy, The Crescent.  
 Mike O'Brien, Powerdermills Nursing Home.

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

Margaret O'Connor, Sunningdale.  
 Brendan Keohane, Knockburden.  
 Gerald Kelly, Wyndham/Allihies.  
 Donald O'Callaghan, Parknamore.  
 Ted Collins, Bantry.  
 John Coakley, Muskerry Estate  
 Tom & Noreen Murray, Straight Road.  
 Peg Barry Murphy, Carriganarra.  
 Bridie Sexton, Hillsboro.  
 Jerry McCarthy, Raheen.  
 Con & Eileen Murphy, Macroom/Muskerry.  
 Twomey Family, Raheen, Carrigrohane.  
 Denis & Ellen O'Leary, Noonan Road.  
 Timmy Lehane, Ovens.  
 Frank O'Brien, Wyndham Downs.  
 Jerry & Anne Henchy, Carrigrohane.  
 Michael & Helen Egar, Glanworth.  
 James O'Leary, Curraheen.  
 Pam & Bridie O'Sullivan, Westcourt.

**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Ex. 32:711. 13-14  
 God hears our prayer for mercy.

Second Reading: 1 Tim. 1:12-17  
 Paul reminds us that Jesus came for sinners.

Gospel: Luke 15:1-32  
 In an attempt to show the people that God will forgive and accept sinners into the Kingdom, Jesus told three parables about being lost and then found. The first parable was about a shepherd who had one hundred sheep but lost one. The shepherd searched until he found the lost lamb. There was much celebration on the part of the shepherd and his neighbours because something lost was found. The second parable concerned a widow who searched her house until she found a lost piece of silver. Finally, Jesus told the parable of the prodigal son who squandered his share of his inheritance and went home to beg his father to let him be a worker. Instead, the father was so thrilled to see this son who had been lost to him that he threw a big party. All three of these parables illustrate the joy that will be in heaven when one lost sinner is found.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Twenty Fourth Week in Ordinary Time**

- 11 Sunday Ex. 32:7-11, 13-14. Ps. 50. 1 Tim. 1:12-17. Lk. 15:1-32. Lect I: 906
- 12 Monday 1 Cor. 11 :17-26,33. Ps. 39. Lk. 7:1-10. Lect II: 763
- 13 Tuesday 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31. Ps99. Lk 7:11-17. Lect II: 765
- 14 Wednesday Num. 21:4-9 or Phil .2:6-11. Ps. 77. Jn. 3:13-17. Lect I: 996 or Lect II: 1186
- 15 Thursday Heb. 5:7-9. Ps. 30. In. 19:25-27 or Lk. 2:33-35. Lect II: 1189
- 16 Friday 1 Cor. 15: 12-20. Ps. 16.Lk. 8: 1-3. Lect II: 772
- 17 Saturday 1 Cor. 15:35-37,42-49. Ps. 55. Lk. 8:4-15. Lect II: 774

**Next Sunday's Readings 18-September-2016**

Am. 8:4-7. Ps. 112. 1 Tim. 2: 1-8. Lk. 16: 1-13. Lect I: 910

**BAPTISMS**

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

Cian Daniel Jermy, Manor Hill.  
 James Darragh Kerrigan, Daffodils Fields.  
 Ellie Kathleen O'Leary, The Quadrants.  
 Emily May Lynch, Chestnut Grove.  
 Oluchukwu Kester Keenan-Ugbelase, Leesdale Court.  
 Darragh Sean Speight, Leslie's Arch.  
 Kaycienna Maria O'Driscoll Fitzgerald, Innishmore Lawn.  
 David John Riordan – O'Flynn, Castlepark.  
 Aoife O'Neill, Longrange, Powdermills.  
 Aaron Jay Davison, Orchard Lane, Aherla.

**"Mothers' Prayers" Group**

Recommence on  
 Thursday Next 15th September at 10 am.  
 At 'SONAS', Station Road  
 Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers all welcome!

**An Invitation to Remember...**

A Service of Remembrance  
 will be held  
 By Cork University Maternity Hospital  
 On Friday 7th October 2016 at 7.30pm  
 In the Sacred Heart Church, Western Road, Cork  
 All who have experienced pregnancy or infant loss are  
 welcome to attend

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**Cork Simon Community**

Join The Great Cork Simon Supper this September by hosting a meal at home, work, or in the community to raise funds for Cork Simon Community. Every €150 raised feeds 50 people who are homeless in Cork. Your support will help save lives. Contact Kate Hargrave on 021 4929 415 or visit [corksimon.ie/supper](http://corksimon.ie/supper) for more information.

**Autism Conference**

The Cork Autism Conference takes place on October 9th at the Oriel House Hotel, Ballincollig, Cork from 9am until 4.30pm. In this conference 5 highly respected medical practitioners and specialists in autism and Asperger's syndrome share valuable resources for your child, family member, friend, student or yourself. You can avail of a special early bird rate of only €49 until September, 18th. Find out more details here: [www.bookwhen.com/corkautism](http://www.bookwhen.com/corkautism) or call Micheál on 0861719311.

**South Chapel's 250th Anniversary**

St. Finbarr's South Church, the oldest Catholic church in the city is celebrating its 250th at the end of this month. South Chapel, as it is affectionately known, has a special place in the hearts of so many in Cork. The place of Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation or Marriage. Come along and be part of the festivities. Friday 23rd September, a Gala Fundraising Concert at 8 pm. Saturday a Heritage Day. Sunday 25th St. Finbarr's Day the 250th Anniversary Mass at 11 am. Tickets for the Gala Concert €20, available at the Parish Office, or phone 0851471147 (payment by cheque or PayPal) and also from Pro Musica. Further Info. See Our Facebook Page: St. Finbarr's South Church

**A.G.M. of the Ballincollig Parish Pastoral Council  
Monday September 19th at 7.45pm  
Annex of the Community Hall**

The Parish Pastoral Council is a 30 strong group of Parishioners who hold a shared vision of the Church as a people of God, and together work out a shared vision for the Parish Community. It is a hands on group who help to promote and advertise different events in the parish and are involved in organising these events. The Parish Council communicates and works with parishioners of all ages. Meetings are held throughout the year in the Annex of the Community Hall. The A.G.M. is held annually in September. New members are needed at this time and will be facilitated with an introductory session.

**Rotterdam & Rio 2016**

We extend our congratulations to all associated with Ballincollig during recent Olympic & World Championship. To best known grandmother Mary Doab and the proud achievements of Gary and Paul O'Donovan her grandsons, may the 'steak and spuds' recipe prosper for further glory. Also our wishes and well done to Sanita Puspure following her rowing display.

**Bulletin Board**

**September** signals a fresh start in the life of the parish. Baptism preparation takes place this weekend. Parents, godparents and parishioners are welcome to come.

**Children's Mass** commences on Sunday September 18th at the 11 O'c Mass. The children's choir is also planning to resume on the 18th. The children's Mass and choir provides opportunities for adults to volunteer to help out. Please come forward and give your names to either Fr Cian or myself.

**Confirmation Preparation** is another important part of parish life. Quite a lot needs to be done at home especially in the line of prayer and reading Bible stories as well as attending Mass. Opportunities will be provided to the families of sixth class pupils to take part in the Sunday Mass by mimes, leading the prayers of the faithful, reflections before and during Mass.

**Taize Prayer** will take place in Christ Our Light church on Friday September 23rd, at 7 p. m. All are welcome.

**Volunteers** as ministers of the Eucharist and Word are invited. Collectors also needed. It is in order to nominate others also

**Mass Diaries**

Mass Diaries to book Mass intentions for October, November & December opened in both churches on Saturday September 10th at 9.00am

**Car Parking at Church of St Mary & St John and Christ Our Light**

Please keep to left hand side as you approach the car parks. This is important from a health and safety point of view. Please also be careful of pedestrians who walk to Mass or from their cars to the church. Take care also not to obstruct entrance and exit to the car parks and church doors.

Fr. George

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BALLINCOLLIG  
CO CORK

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The Presbytery  
Station Road  
Ballincollig  
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**A thought for today**

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

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Sep-17 & Sep-18-2016

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**  
Sandra Walsh / Brayden Peck  
Emma O'Connor  
**8:30 am**  
Triona Downey  
Riain Brennan  
**10:00 am**  
Oisin Morin  
  
**12:00 Noon**  
Sean Hennessy  
Shane Lehane

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**  
Pauline Collins  
Dyan Ebili  
**11:00 am**  
Sorcha Nic Mheanmain  
Máire Buckley  
**12:30 pm**  
Bernard Vallely  
Colm Walsh  
**5:30 pm**  
Tom Reck

**MASS TIMES**

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

8:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon	<b>Sunday</b>	11 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm
9:30 am	<b>Monday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Tuesday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Thursday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Friday</b>	8:30 am
10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)	<b>Saturday</b>	7:30 pm (Vigil)

**CONFESSIONS**

After 10:00 am Mass & before 6:00 pm Mass **Saturday**

**BAPTISMS**

4:30 pm	<b>Saturday</b>	4:30 pm
Except First Saturday of Month		First Saturday of Month
12:45 pm	<b>Sunday</b>	

**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**

12-Sep-2016 to 18-Sep-2016  
Tim Murphy  
Siobhan Glavin

**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**

Sep-17 & Sep-18-2016

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6.00 pm** Patsie Murphy  
Pat Moore  
Mary Walsh  
Marie Healy  
Margaret Kearney  
Nora Barry  
  
**8:30 am** Theresa Lucey  
Tom Butler  
Triona Collins  
  
**10:00 am** Margaret Bunyan  
Mary Murphy  
Joan Tobin  
Breda Monaghan  
Niamh Nic Gearailt  
Mary Hennigan  
  
**12 Noon** Marie Bohan  
Breda Lenihan  
Jacinta Jeffers  
Rena O'Connor  
Sean Farrell

**7:30 pm** Sheila O'Connor  
Martin O'Regan  
Brid Healy-Harris  
Kit Cahill  
  
**11:00 am** Carmel Ryan  
Eileen Byrne / David Mahony  
Bernadett Spillane  
Luarence / Angela Cunningham  
Stella McVeigh  
  
**12:30 pm** Eileen Garvey  
Breda Callanan  
Catherine Freehill  
Betty Walsh  
  
**5:30 pm** Olan O'Mahony  
Noel Kelleher

**Parish Communication with Aleppo**

" I phoned Fr. Ibrahim in Aleppo on the 2nd September as I had not heard from him for some time and I was concerned as I knew things are very bad out there. I got through to him but the line was very bad and I could not make out all that he said.

What he did say though, several times, was, "It is hard, it is hard, there are so many people calling to our door, so many funerals..." He asked for our prayers, he said that the fruit of our prayers can be seen in Aleppo.

Just over €1,000.00 was sent from the parish during the summer I would hope that we could send another donation before Christmas. If anyone would like to carry out a fund raising event please let me know at 086 8103848. Thanks to all who ask after Ibrahim and his Parish in Aleppo and thanks to those who give so generously. Their need is very great. I email him every week to let him know that we are thinking of them."

Virginia Harrington