

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 17-February-2019

Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

World Day of The Sick

*God's blessing is for those who trust in him. It is especially promised by Jesus to the poor, the hungry, those who mourn and all those who are able to turn to God in their need.*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

## Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

We are told that Jesus 'fixed his eyes on the disciples' before speaking. This suggests that he was about to say something that he really wanted them to take in. Surprisingly he then tells them it is no bad thing for us to be poor or hungry. But perhaps you have recognised that truth in what St. Augustine said: 'You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.'

'Blessed are you who weep' is not an encouragement to be miserable. Rather it is an affirmation of the importance of loving relationships in life. We are blessed to have such people in our lives, but there may also be pain. Yet it is not true that the blessing of loving and being loved is worth the price you pay?

Jesus said that his followers would be open to opposition and ridicule because of him, and that they are blessed when this happens. Unpleasant it may be, but have you not been grateful on those occasions when you had the courage to stand by something that you believed in?

*Fr. George O'Mahony*

## Reflection for Parents

Even in hard times the tree by the river receives water and food from the soil. So the people Jesus praise, the poor, the peacemakers, those who hunger for justice have deeper roots than the rich, who value what is on the surface. What makes us happy in our family? Talk about the love you share, the love God gives because we are close to him, like the tree by the river.

## A Prayer to Christ the Healer

In the comfort of your love  
I pour out to you my saviour,  
The memories that haunt me,  
The anxieties that perplex me,  
The fears that stifle me,  
The sickness that prevails upon me,  
And the frustration of all the pain that weaves about within me.  
Lord help me to see your peace in my turmoil,  
Your compassion in my sorrow,  
Your forgiveness in my weakness,  
And your love in my need.  
Touch me, O Lord, with your healing power  
and strength. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

### Priest

We have listened to the Lord's word. Now let us raise our voices in hope, as we confidently make our prayers.

### Reader

May the Church hold to the full truth of the Gospel of Christ.

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

That Christians everywhere may witness strongly to the light of Christ.

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

For peace in the world.

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

For those who lack peace in their hearts; those who are addicted to alcohol or drugs or harmful patterns of behaviour.

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

That all our deceased may hear the words Christ spoke to the thief crucified with him; 'Today, you will be with me in paradise.'

**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

Help us, God our Father, to seek you in all things and above all things. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.*

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Fr. Henry Twohig, Sacred Heart Missionaries.  
 Fr. Pat Courtney, Sacred Heart Missionaries.  
 Sr. Elizabeth Lynch, Ovens/England.  
 Michael Murphy, Powdermills.  
 Eileen Stack, Currihaly, Farnanes.  
 Bridget (Bridie) Keohane, Model Farm Road.  
 John Heffernan, Tower/Kilkenny

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

Sean Ryan, Coolroe.  
 Fred Hutchinson, Barrack Street.  
 John & Margaret McCarthy, The Crescent.  
 Shay Graham, Glincool.  
 Irene White, Leemount.  
 Frank & Margaret O'Farrell, Station Road.  
 Teresa O'Farrell, Station Road.  
 Seán & Jim McCarthy, Dunmanway.  
 Patrick, Bridget & Mary Boyd, Coleman Rd.  
 Dan & Hannah & Ellen Dempsey, Leemount.  
 Johnny Good, Castlepark.  
 Teresa Barry-Murphy, Cloughduv.  
 Eugene & Margaret Teahan, Killarney.  
 Mary O'Mahony, Castlepark.  
 Seán Doab, The Crescent.  
 Abbey O'Sullivan, Park Rd.  
 Daniel O'Sullivan, Inniscarra  
 Raymond Sheehan, Rosewood.  
 Ann Downey, Model Farm Road.  
 Frank Hurley, Blackrock.  
 Teresa Strahan, Dublin.  
 Mary O'Connell, Main Street.  
 Michael Murphy, Powdermills.  
 Mary O'Shea, Park Road.  
 Elizabeth & Timothy Murphy, Carriganarra Road.  
 Billy Whelton, Muskerry Estate.  
 Jim Deasy, Aherla.  
 Connie Jim O'Sullivan, Castletownkenneigh.  
 Connie Jack O'Sullivan, Castletownkenneigh.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sixth Week In Ordinary Time

17 Sunday Jer 17:5-8. Ps 1. I Cor 15:12, 16-20. Lk 6:17, 20- 26. Lect I: 853  
 18 Monday Gen 4:1-15, 25. Ps49. Mk 8:1 1-13. Lect II: 68  
 19 Tuesday Gen 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10. Ps28. Mk 8:14-21. Lect II: 70  
 20 Wednesday Gen. 8:6-13.20-22; Ps.115. Mk 8:22-26. Lect II:72  
 21 Thursday Gen 9:1-13. Ps 101. Mk 8:27-33. Lect II: 74  
 22 Friday 1 Peter 5: 1-4 Ps 22 Mt 16: 13-19 Lect II: 962  
 23 Saturday Heb 11:1-7. Ps 144. Mk 9:2-13. Lect II: 78

**Next Sunday's Readings 24-February-2019**

Sam. 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23. Ps. 102. 1 Cor. 15:45-49. Lk. 6:27-38. Lect I: 856

**BAPTISMS**

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

Muhammad Daniel Shahzad Munir, Castlepark.  
 Shay Daniel O'Flynn, Castlepark.  
 Fíadh Gretta Ryan, Inniscarra View.  
 Dylan James Downey, Old Fort Gate.  
 Josh Seán Dorgan, Powdermills.  
 Luke Gerald Ryan, Greenfields.  
 Christopher Eric O'Sullivan, Innishmore.  
 Levi Michael O'Mahony, Innishmore.

**Pilgrimage to Fatima**

On 28th Sept to 4th Oct.  
 6 nights. Flights from Cork.  
 €609 if booked before Feb 1st (€50 discount).  
 Price includes trips to Eucharistic Miracle of Santarem  
 St Anthony's birth place in Lisbon  
 and Blessed Alexandrina Da Costa in Balasar.  
 Spiritual Director Fr Marius O'Reilly.  
 Limited places! Contact Damien on 087 204 9048

**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8  
 Those who trust in the things of this life will soon perish. But those who trust in the Lord will remain, bearing fruit even in the worst of seasons

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 1-6  
 If we do not believe that Christ has been raised from the dead, then our faith is worthless. He has opened the gates of heaven for us that we might live forever.

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26  
 Jesus taught his listeners that some values in God's Kingdom will be the opposite of what they are in our earthly society. Those with no power or material possessions, but who trust completely in God will be first in the Kingdom of God. But people who value the luxuries of this world will be last in the Kingdom.

**Follow The Footsteps of Jesus  
From Galilee To Jerusalem 2019**

Take the TRIP of a LIFETIME to the HOLY LAND, May 28th- June 7th 2019.

Group Leader, Mícheál de Barra and Spiritual Director, Fr. John Newman (Bible Scholar) In association with Premier Travel, Cork

Contact Mícheál at 0868337681/  
emailculturaltoursireland@gmail.com

What former pilgrims have said about this tour:

'Masada was awe inspiring but I was moved by Calvary in a way I could not imagine or describe' (Mike)

'Keep it up, the happiness you brought to your pilgrims will never be forgotten,' (Alice)

'We will now read and hear the gospels in a very different light since our pilgrimage', (Lucille)

**Vacancy**

Vacancy for Receptionist/Secretary Cork and Ross Pastoral Development Office, Ballyphehane - Must be eligible for CE scheme – 19.5 hours per week. Details contact Nellie Crowley on 021 4345583 or Fr Charlie 021 4537474. Please send cv and cover letter to southsidetdl@eircom.net

**Lourdes 2019 - Young Adult Helpers**

The Diocese of Cork and Ross invites young adults 18-25 to join the pilgrimage to Lourdes as helpers from 10th to 15th June. As helpers you will assist with the sick and be involved in the full pilgrimage programme – time for prayer, sharing in the story of Lourdes and making new friends. Limited number of places – for further Details contact Fr Charlie Kiely on 021 4537474

**Faith Encounters in the Gospels**

Two remaining sessions – Tuesdays 19th and 26th February. Coffee from 10:30am session from 11:00am to 12:15pm at the Pastoral Development Office, Ballyphehane – facilitated by Sr Karen. Reserve your place on 021 4537601.

**Say Your Prayers**

If you have spiritual or religious beliefs, you probably have access to one of the world's most time honoured methods of achieving tranquility: prayer.

**CROWLEY**

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**Bulletin Board**

**Coeliac Hosts**

Low gluten hosts are available that are suitable for Coeliac. Please inform the priest prior to Mass if possible if you require it.

**Offertory Collection Boxes**

The boxes of envelopes for the Offertory Collection are available in both churches. Families are asked to take one box. Please use the envelopes for the Offertory Collection for the Vigil and Sunday Masses during the year. The Offertory Collection is solely for the upkeep, maintenance, insurance, lighting, heating and related expenses of both churches.

Parishioners who gave their name and offertory box number for Tax Rebate to the Church will have their boxes delivered to them. Thanks for your generosity and we look forward to your support for the coming year.

**Tax Rebate**

Many thanks to the Parishioners who returned their CHY4 Cert for 2018. 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.

**Confirmation Dates 2019**

Scoil Eoin	Tuesday, 12th March
Scoil Barra	Friday, 15th March
Our Lady of Good Counsel	Friday, 15th March
Gaelscoil Uí Ríordáin	Monday, 25th March
Scoil Mhuire	Friday, 5th April

**First Holy Communion Dates 2019**

Scoil Barra	11th May
Our Lady of Good Counsel	11th May
Gaelscoil Uí Ríordáin	18th May
Scoil Eoin	25th May
Scoil Mhuire	8th June

Fr. George

**Cork Scripture Group**

Title: The Gospel of John: Reflecting on the Word made Flesh

Facilitators: Fr. John Newman and Pauline Byrne

Mondays 4th, 11th, 25th March and 1st April from 7.30 – 9.30 p.m. in Scala Centre, Blackrock (opposite Blackrock Castle)

Saturday Workshop: Ecology and the Bible

Facilitator: Sr Celine Mangan OP (formerly of UCD and Milltown Institute)

Sat March 23rd from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. in Sacred Heart Hall, Western Road

Cost: €50 [for the 4 nights and Saturday workshop]

For those who wish to attend the workshop only, the cost will be €10.

To book a place or find out more please email [corksripture-group@gmail.com](mailto:corksripture-group@gmail.com)

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Feb-23 & Feb-24-2019

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**

Chloe O'Neill  
Ailish O'Reilly

**8:30 am**

John Healy  
Kerry O'Leary

**10:00 am**

Marie Bunyan / Amy O'Driscoll  
Daithi O'Floinn

**12:00 Noon**

Emer Wiseman

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**

Rebecca Feely  
Siobhan Keane

**11:00 am**

Ciara Healy  
Luke Telford

**12:30 pm**

Gretta Fleming  
Mary Kate O'Brein

**5:30 pm**

Marlyn O'Connor

**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

Fr. George O'Mahony P.P. 021-4871206

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

**Funeral Pastoral Team Rota**

18-Feb-2019 to 24-Feb-2019

Joan Barrett

Margot Twomey

**The Meningitis Research Foundation**

**Bake Sale**

My name is Ciarán Connery and I'm a third year Pharmacy student in UCC. In August 2009, I will venture to Nepal to climb to Base Camp Everest in aid of the Meningitis Research Foundation. When I heard about this charity hike, I instantly knew that I wanted to do it; combining one of my favourite hobbies with a great cause. The Meningitis Research Foundation is a leading worldwide charity with three goals; to see fewer people contacting meningitis and septicaemia, to see more people surviving with a better quality of life and reduced disability and to have more engaged, informed and supported patients and communities. From working with the charity for the last few months, I can personally attest to the great work that they do both in Ireland and abroad. I would be highly appreciative of any donations big or small; every little bit make a huge difference. Donations can be made at my bake sale on the 17th February outside the church of St. Mary and St. John, in person or on my online page which can be found through my Facebook page under the name "Ciarán Connery".

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Feb-23 & Feb-24-2019

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6.00 pm**

Pat Moore  
Marie Healy  
Margaret Kearney  
Nora Barry  
Joan Tobin

**7:30 pm**

John O'Donoghue  
Mary Dineen  
Mairead Keenan  
Kay O'Sullivan

**8:30 am**

Triona Collins  
Tom Butler

**11:00 am**

Mary Aylward  
Pauline Baston  
Dermuid Horgan  
Sylvia Manley

**10:00 am**

Mags Bunyan  
Mary Murphy  
Breda Monaghan  
Mary Hennigan  
Helena Buckley

**12:30 pm**

Maura O'Driscoll  
Mary Lehane  
Dympna Byrne  
Suzanne Leech  
Mona Bowen

**12 Noon**

Marie Bohan  
Breda Lenihan  
Jacinta Jeffers  
Rena O'Connor  
Sean Farrell

**5:30 pm**

Shelia Curran  
Elizabeth O'Sullivan

**World Down Syndrome Day — 21st March 2019**

**Guinness World Record.**

In aid of The Down Syndrome Centre Cork, Bingo at the Rock will be hosting their annual coffee morning in aid of the charity from 10:00 am until 12 noon. FREE tea & Coffee and CAKES on the day as well as some AMAZING spot prizes that will be raffled as always. Aside from the coffee morning, they will also be making an attempt to break the WORLDS LARGEST BINGO CARD world record. This will begin at 12:30 followed by some bingo and major fun!! Tickets to be involved in the attempt at breaking the world record will be €20 and this will give the ticket holder entry into the game by means of a 3-page bingo book. Tickets can be bought in The Down Syndrome Centre, Forge Hill, Cork 0219615616 or in Rock Bingo, Deanrock Business Park, Togher, Cork. 021425011