

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 02-March-2014

Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

*We are cherished by the tremendous love of God,
tender and forgiving above every human love. We
pray that we may be able to surrender to this love
in perfect trust.*



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

A Mother's Love

"Does a woman fail to cherish the child of her womb? Yet even if these forget, I will never forget you." Many years ago (15 yrs. approx.) I witnessed the depth of a mother's love for her child. A few hours earlier her son of sixteen, named Jamie, had driven a stolen car at high speed through a densely populated area, the car was written off, his companion escaped unharmed from the wreckage, damaged lamp posts and railings remained as evidence of this debacle and Jamie lay on a hospital bed with multiple injuries and organ damage, thankfully those walking about escaped from injuries.

Jennifer visited her son in hospital, shocked by his activity late at night and so ashamed hoping she would not be noticed. The medical report of Jamie's injuries was long and detailed. Jennifer's heartbreak, the tone of her voice as well as her tears gave a clear indication of her love and affection for Jamie. She needed some encouragement to put words on her love for Jamie. Eventually she stooped and whispered in his ear "Jamie I love you" as the tears flowed down his cheek she was so relieved that she plucked up the courage to utter those precious words.

Isaiah 40 conveyed a message of constant love and affection for Zion and the people of Jerusalem in their time of desolation. That constant love and affection is whispered to each of us every moment of our lives. Help me to be open to this message of love.

Worry is part of being human, when I am almost overwhelmed by worry, Lord help me to believe that your constant love and affection is with me. Lord you hold me in the palm of your hand, may your touch be my strength.

The season of Lent 2014 is in the door, generally Ash Wednesday is marked by many of us receiving ashes signifying my intention to turn to the Lord and give Him an even more central role in my life. Lent is a call to commitment to prayer, to the less well off in our world (Trocaire) and refocusing my daily living on my Saviour God. Hopefully we will be able to commit to the great prayer the Mass on a daily basis throughout Lent.

George O'Mahony

Reflection for Parents

Without satellite navigation or day planner, birds know when to migrate. They haven't planned their trip weeks in advance nor have they packed their belongings. They don't buy travel insurance in case something goes wrong. They just know to go. If we plan a big trip like that, we may find ourselves worrying about all the possible scenarios and take precautions to avoid problems. When we worry about things, we use a lot of energy that exhausts us and may not have been necessary in the first place. But what if there are really dangers lurking ahead? Ask yourself: What possible good can come from the situation if it works out in the way I worry that it will? What gift might God have for me if my plans don't go my way . . . if it's God's will and not mine that wins in the end?

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

With great confidence and trust let us make our needs known to our heavenly Father.

Reader

For the Church: that through its ministry people may experience the tender, steadfast love of God.

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

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

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

For our own parents, who first gave us an experience of love.

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

For all those who are burdened with problems and worries: that they may know the strength that comes from the trust in God.

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

For those who have died; that they may find their eternal rest in the kingdom of heaven.

**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

Heavenly Father, 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 sorrows your consolation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

In God alone is my soul at rest.

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BAPTISMS

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

Jack William Patrick Kelleher, Mossgrove, Classes Lake.
 Leo Thomas O’Sullivan Alice, Cherry Walk, Muskerry Estate.
 Celyn Richard Watkins, Aylsbury.
 Matthew Lee Davison, Orchard Lane, Aherla.
 Charlotte Kate Brauckmann, Mill Range, Powdermills.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Michael O’Riordan, Skibbereen

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

Deceased members of O’Connell & Whooley families.
 Dermot Kehily, Newcestown.
 Tim Cagney, Gardiner's Hill.
 Bernie McNamara, Carrigrohane.
 Maureen Callanan, West Village.
 Clare Dineen, Ovens.
 Tony Dineen, Ovens.
 John McKechnie, Tower
 Pat, Kitty & Pat (Jnr) Sheehan, Coachford.
 Deceased members of the Davis family, Tipperary.
 Dan McCarthy, The Crescent.
 Jerry Buckley, Meelin, Newmarket.
 Richard Sheehan, Philpott Curran St, Cork.
 Nan & Joe Casey, Friars Walk.
 Eileen Claffey, The Maltings.
 Seamus O’Shea, Park Road.
 Iza Murphy, Muskerry Golf Club.
 John & Mary Lucey, Coolroe.
 Ellen & deceased members of the Cronin family.
 Abbey O’Mahony, The Cottage, Main Road.
 Michael, Rita, David & John Buckley, Ladysbridge.
 Sean Doab, Ballincollig/ Lanzarote.
 Dec. members of the Neenan family, Millstreet.
 Eileen Murphy, Rosewood.
 Paddy & Julia Murphy, Ovens.
 Deceased members of O’Riordan family, Kilmichael.
 Jeremiah Crowley, Kilmichael.
 Connie Linehan, Banteer.
 Timothy O’Brien, Banteer.
 Elizabeth & Timothy Murphy, Carriganarra
 Martin Power, Ovens.
 John & Ellen O’Sullivan, Glanmire

St Patrick's Day Parade - Ballincollig 2014

Why not get your club/organisation involved?
 Are you available to Steward at Ballincollig's largest annual community event?
 Contact admin@ballincollig.ie
 Tel 086 0551911

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Eight Week In Ordinary Time

02 Sunday Is 49: 14-15. Ps 61. 1 Cor 4:1-5. Mt 6:24-34. Lect I: 658

03 Monday 1 Pet 1:3-9. Ps 110. Mk 10:17-27. Lect II: 549

04 Tuesday 1 Pet 1:10-16. Ps 97. Mk 10:28-31. Lect II: 551

05 Wednesday Joel 2:1-18. Ps 50. 2 Cor 5:20. Mt6:1-6, 16-18. Lect I: 191

06 Thursday Deut 30:15-20. Ps 1. Lk 9:2-25. Lect I: 194

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

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

Next Sunday's Readings 09-March-2014

Gen. 2:7-9, 3:1-7. Ps 50. Rom. 5:12-19. Mt. 4:1-11. Lect I: 201

Novena

The Novena in honour of Matt Talbot will begin on Friday next 7th March at 7.30 and will run for the 6 Fridays of Lent in the Way of the Cross Church, Togher. While the focus of the Novena is mainly to pray for all those who suffer in any way because of addictions, we will also be remembering the intentions of all God's people. For more details check out the parish website www.togherparish.ie/parish/
 A Lunch and Social for Pioneers and Friends will take place in The Ambassador Hotel, Military Hill on Sunday 23rd March at 1.30, cost €27.50. Everybody is welcome. For tickets contact Sorcha (086) 3642619.

**The Coeliac Society of Ireland
 Cork Support Group Meeting Notice**

Date: Tuesday 4th March 2014
 Venue: SMA Centre Wilton, Cork
 Time: 8pm
 Topic: Gathering and a search for volunteers plus info and support
 All Welcome, €4 Entrance Fee,
 Refreshment will be provided
 We will also have our resident Dietician for those wishing to talk to her

Cuan Mhuire, Farnanes

Ladies Treatment Centre.
 Pancake Fundraiser on Shrove Tuesday, 4th March
 10.30am – 12.00pm.
 Join us for pancakes, tea, coffee and raffles.

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 49:14-15

One of the desert fathers is reported as saying that 'Forgetfulness is the root of all evil'. This sounds a bit extreme. Surely to forget someone's birthday or anniversary is not so serious. Memory lapses are understandable in busy lives, especially as we grow older. This reading shows how serious forgetfulness is in linking it with the notion of abandonment. To forget may be to abandon someone. God has perfect memory. He never abandons his creation.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

The 'iceberg theory' of morality warns against reducing morality to external acts and urges us to explore the human heart. This reading stresses the role of the 'secret intentions of men's hearts' in moral judgement. We may fool other people by hiding our real motives for acting, but God's searchlight judgment is infallible. May this light illumine our fallible consciences.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 6:24-34

This text is surely related to the beatitude of the pure of heart, which is concerned with single-mindedness, putting God first and resistance to idolatry. Anthony Bloom once used the image of Gulliver in the land of Lilliput to illustrate this point. Having being washed ashore unconscious, Gulliver awakes, but can't get up because the little folk have tied him down by each of his strands of long hair. The cumulative effect of the worries mentioned in the gospel, immobilise us and prevent us from achieving the liberation associated with God's Kingdom and belief in his providential care. Every desire of the heart must be subordinated to firm belief that in God alone 'all shall be well'.

Ballincollig Tidy Towns

Table Quiz

Thursday 13th March 2014 @ 8.30pm

Treacy's Bar & Restaurant

Table of Four: €30.00

To Register for Quiz: Call Pat Clarke 087-6348807

Arthritis Ireland - Working on a Cure

Join us in Cork to hear Prof. Gerry Wilson, Arthritis Ireland Chair of Rheumatology UCD, on his plans for life-changing research in rheumatology in Ireland.

Prof. Gerry Wilson was recently appointed to take charge of Arthritis Ireland's new world-class centre of rheumatology research and education in UCD. There he will continue his research into the genetic origins of rheumatoid arthritis with the aim of improving treatment to help people living with arthritis throughout Ireland

Prof. Wilson will also work to foster a combined national approach to rheumatology so that Ireland can become an international centre of excellence in the field.

Date: 26 March 2014

Time: 7:30-9pm

Location: Rochestown Park Hotel,
Douglas, Co. Cork, Ireland

*Pre-Registration for this event is essential, please contact Arthritis Ireland

Bulletin Board

Ash Wednesday

Lent begins on Wednesday March 5th, Ashes will be blessed and distributed at all Masses.

Daily Masses During Lent

Church of Christ Our Light 8.30am & 6.30pm

St Mary & St John 9.30am & 8pm.

Lenten Retreat 2014

Lenten Retreat 24th, 25th & 26th March, 2014

Church of Christ Our Light

Mass 7 am

Liturgy, Homily & Prayer 8pm

The Retreat will be conducted by Fr. Tom Clancy.

No evening Masses during Retreat.

First Friday

Friday March 7th 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.

Mass Diaries

Mass Diaries to book Mass intentions for April, May & June 2014 will open in both churches on Saturday March 8th at 9.00am.

Priority will be given to those booking 1st Anniversary Mass.

Diocesan Directory

New Diocesan Directory available, up to-date information on Parishes, Mass times, Religious, and Schools.

Envelope Collection

Bishop's Commission collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend.

Fr. George

An Garda Siochana

On March 4th the Bishopstown Community Gardai are hosting a Pancake Morning at the S.M.A centre Wilton, between 9.30am and 7pm.

A raffle will take place.

All proceeds will go towards the Cork City Hospitals Children Club.

World Day of Prayer

Title: "Streams of Light"

International and Interdenominational

Friday 7th March, at 8pm Church of Ireland, Blarney

Service prepared by Christian Women of Egypt

All Welcome.

Talk on Managing Money

Practical talk for women with Susan Hayes, the positive economist and author, on managing money and money worries, advice on saving and getting out of debt. Tickets €15, call 086 811 4944 or 086 8123900, or visit www.rosecommunications.ie/events

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Mar-08 & Mar-09-2014

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)

Sean Collins
Katie Collins
8:30 am
Eadaoin O'Leary
gerard O'Leary
10:00 am
Eoin McDonagh
Diandra Buckley
12:00 Noon
Chloe Dalton O'Connor
Katie Tobin

7:30 pm (Vigil)

Fiona Feely

11:00 am
Sorcha Nic Mheanmain
Maire Buckley
12:30 pm
Kay Carew
Jane O'Leary
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	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

Priest on Duty	087-2479140
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Fr. Dave O'Connell C.C.	021-4876171 or frdaveoconnell@gmail.com
Fr. James McSweeney	021-4873308

Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

Week 3rd March to 9th March

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

Mar-08 & Mar-09-2014

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Eileen Murphy
Ted Nelligan
Eileen Corkery
Maurice Bunyan
Sheila Walshe
Katie Collins

7:30 pm John O'Donoghue
Mary Dineen
Kathleen Daly
Mairead Keenan
Kay O'Sullivan

8:30 am Helen Kelly
Mary O'Connor
Michael Crowley

11:00 am Mary Twomey
Mona Bowen
Billy Barry
Mary Aylward
Pauline Barton

10:00 am Fionnuala McDonagh
Mary Buckley
Fiona Kelly
Mary O'Regan
Teresa O'Driscoll
Martin O'Leary

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

Cork Simon Community

Works in solidarity with men and women who are homeless, offering housing and support in their journey back to independent or supported living. In 2013, over 1,000 people turned to Cork Simon Community for support. Cork Simon relies on hundreds of volunteers to undertake its work and to help to fundraise over 2 million euro each year to maintain its services. Cork Simon is seeking volunteers for its Annual Bag Pack Fundraising Drive taking place in Cork and Kerry on April 4th, 5th and 6th. If you would like to get involved by giving up two hours of your time to bag pack in your local Tesco or Dunnes please contact kerry on 021 4929410. Volunteering in your local community is an opportunity to make a meaningful contribution to supporting the work of Cork Simon and supporting people in finding a pathway out of homelessness. Among Cork Simon's most well know services are the Emergency Shelter and the Soup Run. Cork Simon's Emergency Shelters has 48 beds and is full every night of the year while the Soup Run operates every night of the year, offering nourishing food and a listening ear and is often the first point of contact for people who become homeless in Cork. Cork Simon Community also provides housing at five high-support houses throughout the city for people with health needs that require 24 hour care and 27 flats throughout the city for people who are leaving homelessness behind them. In addition to accommodation, Cork Simon offers support to people to maintain their tenancies', access to health services, training and employment opportunities and a range of personal supports to enable people to move out of homelessness. For more information on Cork Simon Services visit www.corksion.ie.