

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



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

**Sunday 02-October-2011**

**Twenty Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time**

*DAY FOR LIFE*

*God cares for his people with great love, he gives them many blessings. We belong to His people, but we must remember that we cannot presume upon God's love and patience - we are expected to produce the fruit of what we have received.*



**Christ Our Light  
Innishmore**

## ***Tenants of God's Vineyard***

In today's readings, we see the infinite goodness, patience and mercy of God in his dealings with his chosen people and we also see the ingratitude shown by them. The first reading from Isaiah provides the background for the Gospel reading, where Christ compares the kingdom of heaven to a vineyard promised as an inheritance, but rejected by an ungrateful generation. The Lord expected justice in his own people, but found bloodshed. He expected that they would act with integrity. Instead he hears the cries of distress from those who are suffering the most – the poor who are oppressed by those who should be acting with integrity. God sent them prophet after prophet to recall them to their senses, but they turned on these messengers and refused to heed their warnings.

As members of the Body of Christ, we are especially privileged to be called to work in the Lord's vineyard, to be cared for and nurtured. With privilege, comes responsibility and good stewardship! We are challenged to go forth and bear fruit. We receive God's gifts with a spirit of gratitude and that gratitude leads us to share our gifts, to help others, and to act with justice and integrity. God calls us to be faithful stewards of his creation. We welcome this time of Harvest Thanksgiving again. As we look at the fruits of the harvest, presently displayed in front of our altars, they are a reminder to us of God's goodness. We give thanks to God for all he has given us to enjoy. The sun that warms us, the rain to make the earth fruitful. The wonderful scenery of land and sea that we have in real abundance in this land of ours. All of these are God's gifts which are freely given to us. If people in our world go to bed hungry every night it is not because God isn't caring for them, but rather because of the greed of humanity - tenants of his vineyard.

To-day we celebrate "Day for Life"- a day set aside each year to celebrate the dignity of life from conception to natural death. This year's theme, taken from St Paul's Letter to the Romans, encourages us to, "Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer". The idea of the Day for Life is to help us remember that we are made in the image and likeness of God and so carry a dignity that cannot be taken away. This year, the focus is on what it means to live a full and happy life. It takes as its starting point these words of Pope Benedict spoken to youth during his recent visit to Britain: "Happiness is something we all want, but one of the great tragedies in this world is that so many people never find it, because they look for it in the wrong places. The key to it is very simple – true happiness is to be found in God. We need to have the courage to place our deepest hopes in God alone, not in money, in a career, in worldly success, or in our relationships with others, but in God. Only he can satisfy the deepest needs of our hearts".

*Sr. Colette*

## ***Society of St. Vincent De Paul***

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This Weekend 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2011  
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## **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

### **Priest**

We turn to the God of kindness, that he may visit us and protect us and let his face shine upon us as we call on his name.

### **Reader**

For the Christian community, the vineyard of Christ: that is may produce the fruits of justice, love and peace.

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

For all believers: that they may realise that life is a gift from God, and use it wisely.

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

For all those in positions of leadership: that they may be faithful in carrying out their duties.

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

For all victims of ingratitude.

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

For all gathered here: that we may be able to respond to God's love by loving others.

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

For the blessing of God on our own special needs and concerns.

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

### **Priest**

Lord, watch over your Church, with un-failing compassion, and since left to ourselves, we are prone to evil, by your grace turn us away for all that is wrong, and direct us into the way of what is right. We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord.  
Amen

***The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.***

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**BAPTISMS**

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

Jamie Ryan Murphy, Avon Court.  
 Liam Joseph Collins, Westcourt.  
 James Thomas O'Regan, An Caislean Close.  
 Isabelle Anne Murray, The Green Coolroe Meadows.  
 Adam Paqul Collopy, Moss Grove, Classes Lake.  
 Lea Sarah Francine Latno, Rowan House Poulavone.  
 Tajus Adomas Sakalauskas, Glincool Rise Maglin Road.  
 Maksymilian Powel Zazula, The Lodge Apt Classes Lake.  
 Mateusz Ireneusz Smakulski, Granary Court The Maltings.  
 Ronan Alan Kelleher, Waltham Abbey, Old Quarter.  
 Isabella Jane O'Brien, Willow Grove, Coolroe Meadows.  
 Stephen John Hallissey, Old Court, Greenfields.  
 Zoe O'Sullivan, Fernway Classis Lake.  
 Tara O'Sullivan, Fernway, Classis Lake.  
 Richie Chinecherem Yamslaw, Highfield Park, Carriganarra.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Sr. Damien, Infant Jesus Sisters.  
 Jerry O'Mahony, Leeview, Leesdale and Donoughmore.  
 Pat (Patrick) Hallahan, Greenfields.  
 Con Murphy, Macroom.  
 Bridget Costello, Richmond Hill.

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

James Purcell, Kilcrea Park.  
 Denis J. Callanan, Innishmore Court.  
 Christy Buckley, Bakers Road.  
 James O'Sullivan, Kilmichael.  
 Stephen Baston, Aylsbury Crescent.  
 Patrick O'Shea, Innishannon.  
 Polly, Rose & Rosemary Wall, Navan.  
 Sean Donovan, Church Road.  
 Michael Barry- Murphy, Carriganarra.  
 Susan & John O'Driscoll, Carrigdenne.  
 Monica Fitton; Kilnaglory.  
 John Doab, The Crescent.  
 Dec members of the Brennan Family, Roscommon.  
 Imelda Roche, Wicklow.  
 John Linehan, Gurrabraher.  
 Michael & Teresa Morton, Ballincollig / Dundalk.  
 Maureen Driscoll, Castlegregory.  
 Neil O'Leary, Beech Rd, Muskerry Estate.  
 Mary Linehan, Inniscarra View.  
 Molly Cagney, Cattle Market Street.  
 Florence Kelly, Fr. Sexton Park.

**Reflection for Parents**

God has given us a great harvest in our children. The harvest may not be perfect or a bumper crop in all ways, but nevertheless, the harvest is a precious gift from God. Like the greedy tenants, there are things in our lives that would take us away from our responsibilities to our children. What are the things we give in to and how have we justified their interference? Perhaps it is our job. Of course, we need to support our families, but is our lifestyle worth a trade-off in the amount of time we spend with our children? Do our friends, hobbies, ambitions sometimes get in the way of family time? Today's gospel challenges us to appreciate the fruits of our harvest.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Twenty Seventh Week In Ordinary Time**

02 Sunday Is. 5:1-7. Ps. 79. Phil. 4:6-9. Mt. 21:33-43. Lect I: 708  
 03 Monday Jon. 1: 1-2: 1, 11. Ps. Jon. 2:3-8. Lk. 10:25-37. Lect II: 350  
 04 Tuesday Jon. 3:1-10. Ps. 129. Lk. 10:38-42. Lect II: 353  
 05 Wednesday Jon. 4: 1-11. Ps. 85. Lk. 11: 1-4. Lect II: 355  
 06 Thursday Mal. 3: 13-20 Ps. 1. Lk. 11:5-13. Lect II: 357  
 07 Friday Acts 1: 12-14. Ps. Lk. 1:46-55. Lk. 1:26-38. Lect II: 1217  
 08 Saturday Joel 4:12-21. Ps. 96. Lk. 11:27-28. Lect II: 362

**Next Sunday's Readings 09-October-2011**

Is. 25:6-10. Phil. 4: 12-14, 19-20. Mt. 22: 1.14. Lect I: 711

**Ballincollig Parish  
 Bereavement Support Group**

A Bereavement Support Programme will commence in Ballincollig on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October** and will continue each Tuesday night for 8 weeks (7.30 to 9.30 pm). This programme is held in a small group setting. It provides a safe place where all who are grieving the loss of a loved one will have the opportunity to share their own personal grief and experience the support of others. For further details please contact: **Sr Colette at 086 3557375**

**"Mothers' Prayers"**

We welcome Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers to join us in prayer for our children and the youth of our parish on one of the following mornings:

**Wednesdays 10.30 a.m at Meeting Room  
 at Christ our Light Church**

or

**Thursdays 10.00 a.m at Library Room,  
 Parish Community Hall**

**The Coeliac Society of Ireland**

Cork support Group, are holding a meeting on the first Tuesday in October

**Date:** Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2011  
**Venue:** SMA Centre, Wilton, Cork  
**Time:** 8 pm  
**Topic:** Update and review after summer months  
 Dietician talk  
 Cooking/Baking tips  
 Refreshments will be provided.  
 All Welcome, €4 entrance fee

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**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

The prophet Isaiah wants us to listen to what God has done for his chosen people.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9

St Paul assures us that there is no need to be anxious. God will give us what we need and he will also give us the great gift of peace.

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

Using a parable, Jesus got the Jewish leaders to admit their error. He described a vineyard owner (God) who sent slaves (prophets) to collect his share of the harvest from the tenants (Jewish leaders). But the tenants killed the slaves. The landowner sent more slaves, but the tenants killed them, too. Finally the owner sent his son (Jesus). Of course, they killed the son. Jesus summarised his point by telling the chief priests and elders that what they had rejected (their place in the kingdom) would now be given to the Gentiles.

**Let the Healing Begin**

An Evening of Healing for all who have been wounded by the reality of abuse

**When?** Sunday, 16 October 2011 at 3.00 pm.

**Where?** SMA Hall, Wilton, Cork.

Those who have been affected by sexual or other abuse, in all its manifestations, within the family, in institutions, in the church or in any other setting as well as their families, their carers and supporters are welcome to attend.

The evening is carefully designed and focused so as to respond to the need for healing and renewal. It includes appropriate chant, singing, music, dance, readings, ceremonial and symbolism. It is structured so that those who participate will leave with a sense of hope in their own worth as individuals and as valued members of the community.

The Organising Committee includes the following:

**Dave Dineen** Founder of Lámh Healing Foundation (www.lamhhealingfoundation.com) and initiator of this Healing Event.

**Fr. Liam O' Driscoll** Director of Safeguarding, Diocese of Cork and Ross.

**Michael Joyce** Psychotherapist.

**Josephine Fitzgibbon** Psychotherapist.

**Redempta Furney** A parish Safeguarding Representative.

**Jim Connolly** A former parish Safeguarding Representative.

**Day for Life Prayer**

We thank you Lord for the gift of life  
 Help us to appreciate the unique dignity of every person and the individual contribution they make to the world, in fulfilment of the task you give them.  
 Enable us by your grace to promote their wellbeing, serving you in one another in a spirit of generosity,  
 through Christ Jesus Our Lord Amen

**Troubled by someone else's drinking?**

Try Al-anon. Local Meetings S V de P Centre Station Road  
 Thursdays 8.30 pm. Phone: 021 4311899.

**Bulletin Board**

**First Friday**

Friday October 7<sup>th</sup> is the first Friday of the month. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St Mary & St John from 6.30 pm to 7.45 pm, you are invited to come and spend some time with the Lord. There is Mass in St Mary & St John on Friday evening at 8.00 pm. 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.

**Baptism Preparation**

The next Baptism preparation will recommence on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2011 at 12.00 noon** in the **Library Room, 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.

**Children's Mass**

The Children's Mass continues each Sunday *in the Church of Christ Our Light*. The children of 2<sup>nd</sup> class go to the crying room at the beginning of Mass there they celebrate Liturgy of the Word in a child friendly fashion –word searches, colouring and maze search are some of the methods used. Volunteers are welcome and needed to help. Training and practice will be given. Parents are welcome to join their Children for the celebration of the Word of God. I am inviting Parents of First Holy Communion Children to please try and bring your Child to this Mass. Bringing your Children to the Sunday Mass is an important preparation for your Child's First Holy Communion.

**Ballincollig Parish Choir**

New adult members welcome to join the Parish Choir, Church of St Mary & St John. Please come along and join existing choir members. **Practice Thursday evenings in Church of St Mary & St John at 7 pm - 8 pm.**

**Accord**

Pre Marriage Course is being organised by Accord at Oriel Court House Hotel Friday (7 pm – 9 pm) 18<sup>th</sup> November and Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November, Booking 027 50272 or www.accord.ie

**Fr. George**

**Catechesis for Adults and Youth**

Many of us can find no real answer to questions like:  
 Where is your life leading?

Why are there difficulties in your life?

Do you think that God has forgotten about you?

The Church faithful to the Gospel of Christ does have an answer.

**Come! Listen!**

Continues every Sunday & Wednesday @ 8 pm, in St.Mark's Centre (opposite Christ Our Light Church) Innismore, Ballincollig

**Ballincollig Drama Festival 2011**

The Pyke Theatre Group will be running the Festival from October 26<sup>th</sup> to October 29<sup>th</sup>.

Entries are now being taken from groups wishing to compete and arrangements can be made by contacting

Charlie or Benny Conway at any of the following numbers  
 021 4646223 / 087 656 7965 or 087 9609433

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Oct-08 & Oct-09-2011

**St. Mary & St. John      Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**  
Ailish O'Reilly  
Daniel McAuliffe  
**8:30 am**  
Pat Fennell

**10:00 am**  
David O'Brien  
Debra Daly  
**12:00 Noon**  
Oliver O'Donovan  
David Drohan

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**  
Fiona Feely

**11:00 am**  
Jacob Derham  
Paul Donovan  
**12:30 pm**  
Mags Buckley  
James Nyagaya  
**5:30 pm**  
Marlyn O'Connor

**MASS TIMES**

<b>St. Mary &amp; St. John</b>		<b>Christ Our Light</b>	
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      **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. Billy O'Sullivan C.C.**      **021-4876171**  
**Fr. James McSweeney**      **021-4873308**

***Have you Time to Spare?***

Cork Simon is marking the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of working with men and women who are homeless; 40 years of believing in people, believing that people can and do leave homelessness behind them. We are holding our annual Flag Day in the city centre and suburbs on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> November 2011. If you have an hour to spare and would like to help us to collect please ring Mary at 021 4929410 or email [mary@corksion.ie](mailto:mary@corksion.ie).

**Parish Office, The Presbytery, Ballincollig is open Mon - Wed from 9 am - 1 pm & 2 pm - 3 pm.  
Sat 10:30 am - 12 Noon. Phone No. (021) 4871206, Office Secretary Catherine Crowley.**



**A new Ballincollig Parish *Alpha* course begins in October. This is an opportunity to explore the meaning of life in an informal, fun and friendly environment. The course starts on Wednesday October 12<sup>th</sup>, and continues in Coláiste Choilm on Wednesday evenings from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm for ten weeks, ending before Christmas.**

*What is the point of life?*

*What happens when we die?*

*What relevance does Jesus have for our lives today?*

*How do we deal with guilt?*

***Alpha***

**If you would like to explore any of these questions, then Alpha is for you. *Alpha* considers some basic aspects of the Christian faith, including - Who is Jesus? Why Did Jesus Die? How does God guide us? and What about the Church?**

Contact: Sr. Colette, at 086- 3557375

Fr Billy, at 086-8235291