

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 03-February-2013

Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

The messengers of God's truth have often had to suffer hostility and rejection. This is still part of the Church's fate today as it continues the work of the prophets. As we struggle for truth we are encouraged by the Lord's words to Jeremiah "I am with you to deliver you."



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Proclaiming God's Word

It was customary for Jesus to go weekly to the Synagogue to worship and on occasion to read the scriptures and comment on them. On this occasion the people in his hometown of Nazareth listen intently. There was an air of expectancy - the news of his miracles and his teaching had spread - so, if Jesus could do all of those wonderful things in other places, how much more so in his own home town! Initially the crowd are impressed at the 'gracious words' he speaks. Then he tells them the 'Good News' that "Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing" - the prophesy of Isaiah has been fulfilled - Jesus is the awaited Messiah. They are not sure how to respond to his words and begin to question Jesus' claim, asking 'is this not Joseph's son?' After all, they had watched Jesus grow up from the time he was a small boy! Having told them that a prophet is not normally accepted in his own place, Jesus lets them know that his mission is to all people and no one is exempt. God welcomes everyone without distinction.

In the Old Testament we see how the prophets were rejected in their hometown and by their own people. Now Jesus also experiences similar rejection by his own people. In their eyes he did not respond to their expectations. In a short time the people of Nazareth have gone from praising him to planning to kill him. Their efforts fail as Jesus slips quietly away from them. As followers of Christ, we too are all called to welcome everyone without distinction and to stand up for those excluded or rejected in our society today.

In today's Second Reading St Paul speaks about the importance of the gifts of the Spirit saying that love is the most important gift of all. It is love that enables us to be compassionate, understanding, patient, forgiving and accepting others. Unconditional love is the love that God has for every single person. We are to respect the dignity of every human being. There are so many divisions in society but with God there are no divisions, we are all members of his one big family. In times of struggle and rejection God is saying to us as he said to the prophet Jeremiah in today's first reading: 'I am with you; I will make you strong'

Sr. Colette

Reflection for Parents

How many times do we react to what appears to be the situation? A few times of being wrong slows parents down and teaches us that "things are not always as they seem." It takes time and often forces us to "eat humble pie" (or at least laugh at ourselves), but very often, by the time we "get the story" we recognize that we have come to the wrong conclusion, that the evidence is misleading. We need to show our children that we trust and have faith in them. If our first impression turns out to be correct, then we can take necessary disciplinary steps, but at least our children recognize our faith in them as our first response.



PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

St Paul says: 'Without love I am nothing at all.' With love in our hearts let us bring our needs before God in prayer.

Reader

For all Christians: that they may give an example to the world of true love.

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

For government leaders: that they may listen to the voice of the prophets in their midst.

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

For mutual respect and tolerance between the adherents of the various religions.

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

For all gathered here: that the practice of our religion may make us more loving towards others.

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

We pray for all who work in Catholic Schools: May their faith and love in God be strengthened. We pray for teachers and assistants, may they strive to build a caring respectful community.

**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, send your Spirit to make us strong in faith and active in good works, because alone and unaided we cannot hope to please you. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

My lips will tell of your help.

Visit Our Website: www.ballincolligparish.ie

BAPTISMS

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

Vincent Joseph Twomey, The Lodge, Classes Lake.
Mathew Thomas Harrington, Poulavone Manor.
Chloe Alice Phelan-Joyce, Innishmore Grove.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Mary O'Mahony, Ballinora.
Matthew Canter, Carrigaline.
Joyce Catchpole, England.
Kfzysztotf Wiejowski, Poland.

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

Tim & Maragret Kelleher, Bandon.
Paddy Horgan, Collyduff, Inniscarra.
Margaret Sweeney, Kilnaglory.
Michelle Hogan, Maglin Vale.
Alison Murphy, Wyndham Downs
Dermot & Nell Cronin, Connolly Park.
Catherine Herbert, Inniscarra View.
Elizabeth Cleary, Castle Avenue.
Frank & Tom Cleary, Beech Road & Toronto.
James & Agnes Spencer, West Village.
Timothy Dineen, Curraheen Cross.
Kathleen & John O'Keeffe, Mitchelstown.
Mary O'Mahony, Castlepark.
Patrick Manning, Farranree.
Edward Barry, Inniscarra.
Ellen Deasy, Dublin Hill.
Maud O'Brien, Blackpool.
Nora Heelan, Inniscarra.
Donal Walsh, Fair Street.
Barbara Lambe, Derby.
Deceased members of the Murphy family Ballyhaunis, Co Mayo.
Billy Coyle, Glincool Grove.
Mildred & David McCarthy, Union Hall.
Kevin & Saibh McCarthy, Rosewood.
Timothy O'Keeffe, Shamrock Drive.
Mairead Boyce, Milford.
Eileen Walsh, Holly Road.
Thomas Scully, Castlemartyr.
Eileen O'Sullivan, Glanmire.
Thomas Reck, Innishmore.
Deceased members of the O'Reilly & Hanney families.

Marriage Encounter Weekend

A Marriage Encounter Weekend will take place in Cork on 8th -10th March, 2013. This is a weekend to enrich your marriage. IS YOUR MARRIAGE WORTH THAT?

For more information phone: - 021 4381511

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Fourth Week In Ordinary Time

- 03 Sunday Jer 1:4-5, 17-19. Ps 70. 1 Cor 12:31-13:13. Lk 4:21-30. Lect I: 845
- 04 Monday Heb 11:32-40. Ps 30. Mk 5:1-20. Lect II: 40
- 05 Tuesday Heb 12:1-4. Ps 21. Mk 5:21-43. Lect II: 42
- 06 Wednesday Heb 12:4-7, 11-15. Ps 102. Mk6:1-6. Lect II: 45
- 07 Thursday Heb. 12: 18-19, 21-24. Ps. 47. Mk. 6:7-13. Lect II: 47
- 08 Friday Heb. 13: 1-8. Ps. 26. Mk. 6: 14-29. Lect II: 49
- 09 Saturday Heb 13:15-17, 20-21. Ps 22. Mk 6:30-34. Lect I: 51

Next Sunday's Readings 10-February-2013

Is. 6:1-2, 3-8. Ps. 137. 1 Cor. 15:1-11. Lk. 5:1-11. Lect I: 849

"Mothers' Prayers"

Continue

Every Wednesday at 10.30 am

in Meeting Room at Christ our Light Church

And every Thursday at 10.00 am

At Parish house - 'Sonas' - Station Road

(almost opposite Parish Community Hall)

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



Irish Blood Transfusion Service
Seirbhís Fuilíastríúcháin Éireann

Blood Donor Clinics

Ballincollig GAA Pavilion

Monday 11 Feb 4.30 – 8.00
Tuesday 12 Feb 4.30 – 8.00

Ovens Éire Óg GAA Hall

Wednesday 13 Feb 5.00 – 8.30
Thursday 14 Feb 5.00 – 8.30



YEAR OF FAITH 2012-2013

Faith is...
a meeting with the love of God

Come and meet this love!

on

Mondays & Thursdays @ 8.00 pm

In St. Mark's Centre,

(Opposite Christ our Light, Innishmore, Ballincollig)

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19
 Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before your birth I blessed you. I appointed you a prophet to all nations. The will fight you but not prevail, for I am with you.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:31 - 13:13
 Love is patient; love is kind. In the end there are only three things that last, faith, hope and love, and the greatest of these is love.

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30
 Jesus went to Nazareth and taught in the temple. At first the people were amazed at his knowledge but then it occurred to them, he was one of them--a carpenter in their own village! They became very angry with Jesus and planned to throw him bodily from a nearby mountain top. Jesus simply walked through them and left. Some scholars say that the crowd's reaction and Jesus escaping them to continue his teaching and preaching is a foreshadowing of Jesus' death and resurrection and the mission of the Church to continue spreading the Good News.

St Blaise

Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia, is believed to have been martyred in the early Fourth century. Very little is known about him. Tradition states that he was a physician before becoming a bishop. Since the eighth century he has been venerated as the patron of those who suffer from disease of the throat. He is said to have healed a boy who was choking. The blessing of St Blaise is a sign of our faith in God's protection and love for us and for the sick. Using two crossed and unlighted candles, blessed on the memorial of St Blaise or on the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, the priest touches the throat of each person, saying: Through the intercession of St Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from all ailments of the throat and from every other evil (or from every disease of the throat and from every other illness): In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Survivors of Institutional Abuse

"Munster Survivors Support Services Ltd"
 Cork, Outreach Centre.

Hold a Weekly Clinic in the meeting rooms of "Holy Cross Church" Mahon, Every Thursday From 2 pm - 4.30 pm. All are Welcome to join us for form filling etc. or for any other advice. Needed. (Tea and Coffee Available). For more information please contact:
 Ollie at 087 0516070 or email ollieb@eircom.net
 or Pat at 086 3473583 or email debut15@gmail.com

Scout Mass

The Annual Mass for the deceased members of the Scout Organisation in Cork will be held on Friday next 8th February, in the African Missions Church, Blackrock Road, at 8pm. All present and past members, as well as their relatives and friends are welcome to attend.

Bulletin Board

Feast of St Blaise

Today Sunday 3rd February is the feast of St Blaise. Throats will be blessed after 10.00am Mass in St Mary & St John.

Lenten Retreat 2012

Lenten Retreat 25th, 26th & 27th February. The Retreat will be conducted by the Redemptorist Fathers.

Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund

Special Envelope Collection next weekend February 9th & 10th February, 2013. This collection subsidises the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage for individuals whose health/or means would otherwise prevent them from travelling to Lourdes. It also subsidises medical expenses, travel and care personnel.

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.** Car parking spaces are limited, please park in a compact manner. **Please be vigilant do not leave handbags or any other items in your car, and if you observe any inappropriate activity in the church or on the church grounds please report to the Gardai.**

Coeliac Hos

Coeliac Host available at all Masses in both churches. Generally the Priest celebrating the Mass has the Coeliac Host. To help the Celebrant you might please let him know before the Mass.

Accord

Pre marriage courses will be held in the Parish Community Hall, Ballincollig on the following dates:-
 March 22nd & 23rd
 October 19th & 20th
 Website: www.accord.ie

Fr. George

Good News for Ballincollig Parish

On the first Sunday of Lent, in cathedral churches all over the world, adults who wish to be baptised are presented to their Bishop by their parish groups who have come to know them. This ceremony is called the Rite of Election. This year in our parish, Judit Jansik and Patricia Vicario are preparing for Adult Baptism and Confirmation. At the 6 pm Mass Saturday February 2nd we as a parish community will formally send them, with our blessing, to be presented to Bishop Buckley on Saturday 9th February and they will be accompanied by their godparents and companion group (RCIA). We congratulate them on entering this final stage of preparation to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. We pray too, during Lent, that Christ's light will shine on every part of our lives and our parish community so that we will be able to renew our Baptism with faith and joy at Easter.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Feb-09 & Feb-10-2013

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Muireann Nelligan
Padraig McAuliffe
8:30 am
Pat Fennell

10:00 am
Margot Twomey
Kaylyn Lordan
12:00 Noon
Oliver O'Donovan
David Drohan

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Jessica Lingard
Morgan Smith
11:00 am
Maebh Nic Mheanmain
Lisa Aylward
12:30 pm
Joseph Manning
Niamh Murray
5:30 pm
Tom Reck

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

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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
Except First Saturday of
Month

Saturday

4:30 pm
First Saturday of Month

12:45 pm

Sunday

PARISH CLERGY

Priest on Duty

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Fr. George O'Mahony P.P.

021-4871206

Fr. Dave O'Connell C.C.

087-2479140

Fr. James McSweeney

021-4873308

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.

Society of St. Vincent De Paul

Monthly Collection

This Weekend 2nd & 3rd February 2013

Please Support

Would you like to speak, in complete confidence,
to a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society?

Please Phone: SVP Ballincollig 086 3202182

or SVP Tuckey St., Cork: 021 4270444



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Feb-09 & Feb-10-2013

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Eileen Murphy
Ted Nelligan
Eileen Corkery
Maurice Bunyan
Sheila Walshe
Ann McCarthy

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 O'Mahony
Mona Bowen
Billy Barry
Mary Aylward
Pauline Baston

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

12:30 pm Mary O'Mahony
Maura O'Driscoll
Mary Lehane
Dympna Byrne
Suzanne Leech

12 Noon Ann-Marie Cosgrove
Phil Kennedy
Ellen O'Sullivan
Ursula McAuliffe
Sally Crowley

5:30 pm Shelia Curran
Elizabeth O'Sullivan

The Social and Health Education Project (SHEP)

The following programme of courses for adults will be held in Cork.

Each of these courses runs for a total of 20 hours over 8 weeks.

It is essential to book your place in advance as numbers are strictly limited

Effective Communication	Venue: SHEP Ballincollig (Room 1)
Every Tuesday to 12th March 2013	Time: 7.30 – 10pm
<i>Build self-esteem and develop skills and awareness to improve communication in ways that help enhance the quality of life and relationships.</i>	
Introduction to Personal Development	Venue: SHEP Ballincollig (Room 3)
Every Thursday to 14th March 2013	Time: 7.30 – 10pm
<i>Explore issues affecting emotional well-being and growth, including the management of feelings, stress, listening, communication and relationships.</i>	

To book your place or for further information, phone 021 466 6180