

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

150 Years



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 04-October-2015

Twenty Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

Day for Life

The original relationship of man and woman in marriage was to be that of perfect union, a union brought about by God himself.

In today's gospel, Jesus restates this ideal understanding of marriage and calls for it to be taken seriously



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Day for Life

This weekend, we celebrate 'Day for Life' - a day set aside each year dedicated to celebrating and upholding the dignity of human life. In the words of Pope Francis being a protector of life is about 'protecting all creation showing loving concern and respect for every person and ensuring adequate protection for the fundamental human right to life.' The 'Day for Life' Theme this year is: "Cherishing Life - Accepting Death". The Church teaches that life should be protected and nurtured from conception to natural death. Every person is loved by God and every life is a precious gift never to be destroyed or neglected. There have been remarkable medical and technological advances so that the ill can receive life-saving treatments. We can be grateful for such advances. And yet at some time or other we will all die. Experiencing suffering—or watching another suffer—is one of the hardest human experiences. Yet we are not alone. Jesus Himself experienced suffering and our own suffering can be meaningful when we unite it with his.

In reflecting on the theme 'Cherishing Life' let us remember our worth is based not on our skills or levels of productivity but rather that we are created in God's image and likeness and called to an eternal destiny with Him. Because of this nothing can diminish our God-given dignity. We are held in existence by God's love. Especially in the midst of trials, we are invited to pray and place our trust in God who is with us every step of the way, giving us the grace we need.

While the journey of bearing the Cross can be difficult and painful and God may seem very distant from us, our Faith helps us to hope in the promise of God that he is with us and when our time comes, he waits to welcome us into the joy of heaven.

"Life itself is a gift from God, and death but the gateway to new life with Him".

In the words of today's Psalm: 'May the Lord bless us all the days of our life'.

Sr. Colette

Reflection for Parents

By the very title "parent" we are accustomed to doing and giving, mostly for our children, but certainly for others as well. That is why the notion of today's gospel is probably one of the hardest for parents to accept. Jesus clearly lets us know that the Kingdom of God is a gift, given to us freely by God. It isn't something we can volunteer for, clip coupons for, or negotiate. Our children, if we let them, will show us how freely and innocently we can accept this gift. Pay special attention to your child (ren) over the next few days and see if you can pick up any of their wisdom about the gift God offers each of us.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

God made us not for isolation but for community. Let us bring our common needs before him.

Reader

For the Christian community: that it may be a sign and a source of unity for a fragmented world.

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

For husbands and wives: that God may give them comfort in time of sorrow, strength in time of trial, and an enduring love for one another.

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

For those who have lost a spouse because of death, separation, or illness: that Christ may give them strength and courage.

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

For single people that they may find love and support within the Christian community.

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

On Day for Life we pray for refugees fleeing from violence, persecution, war and famine – give them hope and justice.

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

For grace to bring our needs before God, in silence and in trust.

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

Priest

O God, strengthen the bonds that exist between us. We do not ask that these bonds never be tested. All we ask is for the grace to be faithful to you and to one another. We make our pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

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BAPTISMS

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

Ben William Holland, Clash Road, Carrigrohane.
 Jack Thade Morrissey, Avon Court.
 Richard Jurgens, The Grove, Coolroe Meadows.
 Fionn Hugh John Leonard, Greenfields
 Theo Caelan O'Brien, Garravagh, Inniscarra.
 Jayson Ndangoh Babila, Hazel Grove, Muskerry Estate.
 Emma Clare O'Connor, Fionn Laoi.
 Zoey Patricia O'Connell, Aylsbury.
 Amy Michelle Bohane, Glendower Court.
 Joseph James O'Sullivan, Mount Oval, Rochestown.
 Samuel John Bunyan, Hawthorn Ave, Inniscarra View.
 Bodhi Noel Lucey, The Square, Highfield Park.
 Noah James Lucey, The Square, Highfield Park.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Timothy Collins, Bantry.
 Gwen Daly, Castlepark.
 Noreen O'Riordan, Westgate & Beech Road.
 Flor O'Sullivan, Ministers Cross.
 Philip Hall, Rosewood.
 Eddie Collar, Letchworth.
 Lucy Gibbon, Claremorris.
 Tim Cronin, Aylsbury & Aherla.
 Rona McGlennon, Leesdale Drive.
 Mary Tohill, Derry.
 Billy O'Driscoll, Ladysbridge.
 Finbarr Moynihan, Howood Scotland/ Drinagh.

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

Willie Kavanagh, Raheen.
 Christy Buckley, Bakers Road.
 Mick & Ita Murphy, North Main Street.
 James O'Sullivan, Kilmichael.
 Gerard Murphy, Westcliffe.
 Patrick Barry, Rosewood.
 Christine Coady, Rosewood.
 Michael Barry Murphy, Carrigrohane.
 Breda McSweeney, Beech Road.
 Audrie Wiseman, Cranford Pines.
 Eileen & Michael Doab, England.
 Peg Collar, Manor Hill.
 Dec members of O'Flynn family.
 Charles & Shelia Hegarty, Caheragh.
 Paddy & Ester Walsh, Bishopstown.
 Patrick O'Shea, Innishannon.
 Sean (Jack) Lynch, Kilmurry.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Twenty Seventh Week In Ordinary Time

04 Sunday Gen 2:18-24. Ps 127. Heb 2:9-11. Mk 10:2-16. Lect I: 807
 05 Monday Jon. 1: 1-2: 1, 11. Ps. Jon. 2:3-8. Lk. 10:25-37. Lect II: 350
 06 Tuesday Jon. 3:1-10. Ps. 129. Lk. 10:38-42. Lect II: 353
 07 Wednesday Acts 1: 12-14. Ps. Lk. 1:46-55. Lk. 1:26-38. Lect II: 1217
 08 Thursday Mal. 3: 13-20 Ps. 1. Lk. 11:5-13. Lect II: 357
 09 Friday Joel 1:13-15. 2:1-2. Ps. 9. Lk. 11:15-26. Lect II:359
 10 Saturday Joel 4:12-21. Ps. 96. Lk. 11:27-28. Lect II: 362

Next Sunday's Readings 11/October/2015

Wis 7:7-11. Ps 89. Heb 4:12-13. Mk 10:17-30. Lect I: 810

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

Here is the origin of marriage. Man and woman are created to be partners. Man and woman are created different, by the hand of God. Man and woman are united, in one body.

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11

In today's reading, Jesus Christ is described as our leader. Since we have the same father as He does, we are His brothers and sisters.

Gospel Mark 10:2-16:

Marriage is the core topic in today's readings. Marriage is the greatest vocation in life and it demands a generosity and commitment that are almost too much for us mere mortals. There are marriages that are failures, which break up, bringing in their train deep and painful wounds. The marriage rituals says" In becoming husband and wife you give yourselves to each other for life. You promise to be true and faithful, to support and cherish each other, so that your years together will be a living out in love of the pledge you now make. May your love for each other reflect the enduring love of Christ for his people. " Lord bless all married couples trying to live this commitment. Today we might keep in our prayers and thoughts all those people who are bereaved by death or separation.

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Harvest Festival Service

Sunday 4th October 2015

St Peter', Church Hill, Carrigrohane @ 3.00pm

Preacher: Father George O'Mahony

The Church of Ireland Union in Carrigrohane will welcome the Ballincollig Parish Priest, Father George O'Mahony, as he comes to preach at the annual Harvest Festival Service on today Sunday 4th October at 3pm in St Peter's Church.

All are welcome to share in this harvest thanksgiving for this Jubilee Year, the positive relationships between the churches, and of course for the goodness and bounty of God's earth.

After the service there will be refreshments served in the Parish Centre Church Hill, just down the hill from the church.

For more information please contact the Rector:

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"Mothers' Prayers"

Continue every Thursday at 10.00 a.m

At 'Sonas' House - Station Road

We welcome Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers to join in prayer for all our children and the youth of our parish.

Our Favourite Psalms

Psalm 62 (Longing for God)

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you
as in a dry and weary land without water.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
seeing your power and glory.

Because your faithful love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise.

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.

My soul is filled as with a banquet,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips.

On my bed I remember you.

On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;

and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

My soul clings to you;

your right hand holds me first.

Bulletin Board

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place on Saturday October 10th 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.

Directed Prayer

Commencing 8th – 13th November inclusive. Last year people were delighted who took part.

This is an opportunity to deepen and enhance our prayer life.

First Holy Communion Dates 2016

Scoil Mhuire	Saturday April 23rd
Scoil Barra	Saturday May 14th
Our Lady of Good Counsel	Saturday May 14th
Scoil Eoin	Saturday May 21st
Gaelscoil Ui Riordan	Saturday May 28th

Diocesan Collection

Diocesan Needs Collection on the weekend of October 10th & 11 next.

The success of these collections has greatly assisted the operation of the Diocesan Central Account. The collections initially amounted to approximately €78,000 per quarter, with the continuing average quarterly collection now being maintained at approximately €60,000 or €240,000 annually. This amounts to a significant contribution, 20%, to the overall Income of the Central Fund of the Diocese, which pays the running costs of the Diocese. The generosity of people of the Diocese and the resulting success of the quarterly collection is evident in its effect in contributing to the running costs of the Diocesan Central Account.

Fr. George

Ballincollig Tidy Towns

Well done to all concerned for another excellent result in National Tidy Towns released last Monday.

Another GOLD and fourth in a row, below table shows Ballincollig in 3rd place

in the Population Category G = 15,001 to 25,000

Letterkenny, Co. Donegal 323 marks, this years winner

Kilkenny, Co. Kilkenny 321 marks, last years winner

Ballincollig, Co. Cork 317 marks, ????

An Invitation to Remember...

A Service of Remembrance will be held
By Cork University Maternity Hospital on
Friday 16th October 2015 at 7.30pm

In the Sacred Heart Church,
Western Road, Cork

All who have experienced pregnancy or infant loss are welcome to attend

Anam Cara Parental

And Sibling Bereavement Support

Anam Cara is holding its monthly Parent Evening on Wednesday 7th of October 2015 from 19:30 to 21:00 in the Clayton Hotel, Tivoli, Cork (formally called the Silver Springs). All Anam Cara Services are available free of charge to bereaved parents.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Oct/10 & Oct/11/2015

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)

Rosarie Cotter
Laura O'Keeffe

8:30 am

Tom McDonagh
Sean Casey

10:00 am

Tony Hegarty
Daithi O'Floinn

12:00 Noon

Sean Hennessy
Shane Lehane

7:30 pm (Vigil)

Nonyi Ebili
Jennifer Nyagaya

11:00 am

Maebh Nic Mheanmain
Lisa Aylward

12:30 pm

Cathy Naughton
Michelle McCarthy

5:30 pm

Kevin Tuohy / Colm 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

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

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Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

Week 5th Oct to 11th Oct

Michael O'Leary

Kay O'Sullivan

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

Oct/10 & Oct/11/2015

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Patsie Murphy
Pat Moore
Mary Walsh
Marie Healy
Margaret Kearney
Nora Barry

7:30 pm Sheila O'Connor
Martin O'Regan
Brid Healy-Harris
Kit Cahill

8:30 am Theresa Lucey
Tom Butler
Triona Collins

11:00 am Carmel Ryan
Eileen Byrne
Bernadett Spillane
Laurence / Angela Cunningham
David Mahony

10:00 am Margaret Bunyan
Mary Murphy
Joan Tobin
Breda Monaghan
Niamh Nic Gearailt
Mary Hennigan

12:30 pm Eileen Garvey
Breda Callanan
Catherine Freehill
Betty Walsh

12 Noon Marie Bowen
Breda Lenihan
Jacinta Jeffers
Rena O'Connor
Sean Farrell

5:30 pm Olan O'Mahony
Noel Kelleher

Cantairí Mhuscraí - John Rutter's Requiem

The Ballincollig based choir, Cantairí Mhuscraí, will perform John Rutter's acclaimed Requiem at the Church of St. Mary & St. John, Ballincollig, at 7.30pm on Sunday 22nd November. This performance of the Requiem coincides with the 150th Jubilee Year of the Church of St. Mary & St. John and appropriately takes place during November, the Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory. This wonderful and very accessible work was written by the composer John Rutter who celebrates his 70th birthday on 24th September this year. It is a musical setting of parts of the Latin Requiem with added psalms in English and was first performed 30 years ago in October 1985. It has since become a mainstay of the choral world being recorded many times and performed all over the globe. Classic FM says of the composer "John Rutter unashamedly composes instantly memorable tunes. In a world where so many composers believe music is no longer primarily about melody, Rutter stands out as someone who defiantly bucks that trend."

Tickets @ €20 will be on sale from choir members from early October.

Telephone 0876658021, 0872514816 or 0862998239 or any choir member for further details.

Tickets also available from Catherine in Parish Office.

Telephone: 021 487 1206

Proceeds to Marymount Hospice