

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 05-February-2006

Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

When we are sick or our lives are disturbed in some way we tend to see the darkness and to turn in on ourselves. The healing that we need is more than a physical one, it involves being freed from self-concern to care for others.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Nurturing our Children's Faith

As priests and bishops we have the privilege of being present at some of the most important moments in the lives of families. We are very grateful that we are welcomed to be part of such occasions, not only in churches and schools, but also in homes. We are happy to be present at joyful times for our young people, such as Baptisms, First Holy Communions and Confirmations. We are also present and available at times of pain, when a family is visited by sickness, or is distraught with grief because of death and bereavement. Whether the occasion is joyful or sorrowful, we can certainly say that faith makes a great difference.

Our experience tells us that the faith of children is best nurtured when home, school and parish work together in partnership. Firstly and most importantly, children learn about faith in the home. Their faith is supported in the school by the hard work of teachers and chaplains, and by both priests and people in the wider parish community.

As Christians, our hope is rooted in Christ. Hope in the person of Christ is nurtured in his constant presence with us in the sacrament of the Eucharist. He is the centre. We gather around Him, especially in the celebration of the Eucharist liturgy when we gather around the altar to welcome Him and to receive Him. As Pope John Paul II said, the Eucharist 'is the most precious possession which the Church can have in her journey through history' (Ecclesia de Eucharistia 9). The Mass gives us strength to develop a loving, sensitive, forgiving and nurturing home environment.

George O'Mahony

Reflection for Parents

The gospel today is especially helpful for parents. Many (maybe most) nights we fall into bed exhausted from a day of responsibilities. Perhaps it was our intention throughout the day to find time to pray, but sometimes we just don't get to it. At the end of the day, we resolve to talk with God, but wake in the morning to find out we fell asleep before we finished the prayer. Jesus gives us the example that we must take the time away from the busyness and demands of our lives to be fortified and strengthened to meet the most important responsibilities we have and that is the spiritual formation of our children and our family.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us pray to God for our brothers and sisters who are ill and for all who devote themselves to caring for them.

Reader

We pray for our Church, that we may become more and more a community that cares for those who are weak and vulnerable among us.

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

We pray for those who are suffering or carrying heavy burdens of any kind, that they may receive strength and encouragement from the support of their brothers and sisters.

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

We pray for those who care for the sick and suffering, that they may be blessed in their work, and bring healing and compassion to those they serve.

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

We pray for those who care for loved ones at home, that they may receive the strength and support they need.

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

We pray for those in our country and throughout the world who suffer from Mental Stress or Disability, that they may find the care and help they need.

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

We pray for all those with disability, that they may always be treated with respect, dignity and consideration.

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

Priest

God of compassion, you are always with us. May we always be aware of your presence and your power, your care and your love, so that we may always place our trust in you. We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

Amen

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Visit Our Website: www.ballincolligparish.ie

BAPTISMS

WE WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY ALL THOSE WHO WERE BAPTISED RECENTLY :
Sarah Margaret Hartnett, Beech Park

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

Jane Ann McCarthy R.I.P., The Grove, Leesdale.
Mourned by her brother Paddy McCarthy, Gurrans, Ballineen.
Mary O'Mahony R.I.P., Castle Park.
Mourned by her husband Joe.
Eileen McCarthy R.I.P., Bantry.
Mourned by her cousin Michael Kelly, Model Farm Road.
Tony Frolish R.I.P., Lee View.
Mourned by his sister Kit, England.
Paddy Lucey R.I.P., Carriganarra.
Mourned by his wife Nora.
Ellen Lucey R.I.P., Station Cross.
Mourned by her daughter Marie Bowen.
Mary Cahalane R.I.P., Holly Road.
Mourned by her husband Michael.

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

Con & Patricia O'Connor, Bandon Road.
Dan & May Collins, Bantry.
Donal Walsh, Fair St..
Edel Wright, Kingston-On-Thames, England.
Edward & John Murphy, Powdermills.
Ellen & Denis O'Leary, Noonan Road.
Ellen & James Collins, Dunmanway.
Garrett Collins, Dunmanway.
George Sutton, Rosewood.
Gerard Spillane, Castleknock.
Jack & Ellen McCarthy, Ballintemple.
John Coleman, Coolroe.
Mary Lehane, Shanagarry.
Michael Bobby Linehan, Inniscarra.
Michael Gilleran, Rosewood.
Mollie Eily O'Leary, Barrack Street.
Noel Buckley, Carrigdena.
Paddy Horgan, Collyduff, Inniscarra.
Pat & Nancy Manning, Farranree.
The Linehan Family.
Tim Murphy, Glounthaune.
Vince & Bridget Moran, Powdermills.

Society of St. Vincent De Paul

Church Gate Collection
This Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th February, 2006

Offertory Collection

During the past two weeks there has been a noticeable increase in the offertory collection – approximately 10%.
Thank you for your generosity which is much appreciated with rising heating and lighting prices.
Security issues preclude me from publishing the exact figure.

Thanking you
Fr. George O'Mahony

Found

Item of Jewellery found in Christ Our Light
Please contact bookshop or sacristy

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Fifth Week In Ordinary Time

05 Sunday Job 7:1-4, 6-7. Ps 146. 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23. Mk 1:29-39. Lect I: 747
06 Monday 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13. Ps 131. Mk 6:53-56. Lect II: 512
07 Tuesday 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30. Ps83. Mk. 7:1-13. Lect II: 514
08 Wednesday 1 Kgs 10:1-10. Ps36. Mk 7:14-23. Lect II: 517
09 Thursday 1 Kgs 11:4-13. Ps 105. Mk 7:24-30. Lect II: 519
10 Friday 1 Kgs 11:29-32, 12:19. Ps80. Mk 7:31-37. Lect II: 521
11 Saturday 1 Kgs 12:26-32, 13:33-34. Ps 105. Mk 8:1-10. Lect II: 523

Next Sunday's Readings 12-February-2006
Lev 13:1-2, 44-46. Ps 31. 1 Cor 10:31-11:1. Mk 1:40-45. Lect I: 750

PRESS RELEASE

***Ballincollig Students take on the Music Business
Coca-Cola blast:beat***

Transition Year Students from Ballincollig Community School in Cork are taking part in the national music business competition, Coca-Cola Blast-beat, which involves them running their own Mini Music Company and "Battle of the Bands" competition. Coca-Cola Blast-Beat is recognised by the Department of Education as being committed to the overall aims and philosophy of the Transition Year Programme.

The Ballincollig students will be competing with 23 other schools from around the country for the grand prize of €5,000. Each Mini Music Company will stage their own concert as part of a National Battle of the Bands Competition with the overall winning band receiving the grand prize of a **RECORD DEAL** with Kidnapped Records.

The objective of the Coca-Cola Blast-beat Transition Year Project is to empower students to set up their own Multimedia Music Companies to find, promote and market young bands and artists in their schools and local community. Coca-Cola Blast-Beat requires students to be self-motivated, making many crucial business decisions during the project which at the same time having fun learning the skills required to be successful young entrepreneurs. All the participants will work in teams with their fellow students and there will always be a support network available to them through their schools and the Coca-Cola Blast-Beat management team.

The students from Ballincollig Community School are now busy setting up the Coca-Cola Blast-Beat Vol 3 CD. This CD, containing 10 of the best up and coming young Irish artists, is on sale at **Roxy Records, Ballincollig**, all Blast concerts and in Synthetic Records These students are also organising a concert which will feature a host of fresh and exciting unsigned talent. This goes ahead on **12th February in the Half Moon Theatre.**

The final for the competition will take place in **THE HELIX** on 13th May when each Mini Music Company will present their work for the year and the national Battle of the Bands final will take place. **RTE** will be following the progress of the competition with a **6 Part TV Series** set to his our screens in spring.

For full details visit our website www.Blast-Beat.org

Transition Year Students, Ballincollig Community School

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Job 7: 1-4. 6-7
 The Book of Job takes us to the depth of human suffering – even to the depths of despair.

Second Reading: 1 Cor. 9: 16-19, 22-23
 St. Paul tells of his enthusiasm for preaching the gospel.

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39
 We learn several important pieces of information from this gospel passage. First, Simon Peter had a mother-in-law. When we read previously that he left his fishing boat to follow Jesus, we can safely assume that he left much more than that. He had a family at home and we hear in this gospel of Jesus healing Peter's mother-in-law. Also, this gospel helps us recognise the need Jesus had to be away from the crowds and confusion to take time to pray and become revitalised and strengthened for his ministry.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Gobnait 11-February-2005

Saint Gobnait is one of the best loved saints in West Cork but only traditions concerning her life survive. The main part of her life was spent in Ballyvourney, Co Cork, where there has always been a deep devotion to her, and which is a place of pilgrimage on February 11th and on Pentecost. Her gifts of caring for and curing the sick have been a significant part of her cult through the centuries. Happily her memorial coincides with the World Day for the Sick.

Envelope Collection

Lourdes Pilgrimage Invalid Fund
 Next Weekend 11th & 12th February 2006

**World Day of the Sick
 11th February, 2006**

World Day of the Sick will be held on Saturday 11th February, 2006, which is also the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes. Pope John Paul hoped that this day would be an “intense moment of prayer and a call for everyone to recognise in the face of our sick brothers and sisters, the Holy Face of Christ, who, in suffering, died and rising again, carried out the salvation of humanity”.

The Holy Father’s message for this year focuses on “Mental Health and Human Dignity” – the theme of the 2006 World Day of the Sick. Pope Benedict XVI, in his message for this day, wishes special attention to be given to those with mental illness and said that they “should not be seen as a burden for their families and community. They should be given access to necessary forms of care and treatment”.

This weekend, Saturday 4th February and Sunday 5th February might be an appropriate time to encourage people to visit the sick, especially those in long term care in hospitals and nursing homes.

John Buckley, Bishop of Cork & Ross

Today - Catechetical Sunday

Catechetical Sunday draws our attention to Catechesis as a life long learning in faith. It celebrates those who have dedicated much of their lives to handing on the faith in our homes, schools and parishes. Catechetical Sunday aims to strengthen the links between home, school and parish in sharing the faith. It also challenges us to recognise that as members of the church we are all teachers with Jesus and share in the responsibility of sharing faith with others. This involves communicating to others the joy and fulfilment of Jesus Christ found in our own relationship with him.

**Saturday Club
 Society of St. Vincent DePaul
 Family Centre, Station Road,
 Ballincollig**

Need a break? Some time to yourself on Saturday?
 Places available for children 3-8 years on Saturday from 10am – 2pm where your child will be minded by professional staff in a playschool environment.
Application forms from our office 9:15 am -4:30 pm

**Army Massed Bands in Concert,
 City Hall, Cork.**

Featuring Guest Artist David Martin (Tenor)
 Friday 24th February, 2006 – 8.00PM SHARP
 Booking at City Hall Ticket Office, Riverside Entrance
 20th to 24th February 10.00 am – 5.00 pm
 No Phone or Credit Card Bookings

A copy of *Nurturing our Children's Faith* is available at the back of both churches



The Ceeliac Society of Ireland

Date: Tuesday, 7th February, 2006
 Place: SMA Hall, Wilton
 Time: 8.00 p.m.
 Information talk on cross-contamination in the Ceeliac diet and bread maker machine Demonstration
Everyone welcome.

Mobile Citizens Information Unit

(Wheelchair accessible)
 Venue: Main Street, Ballincollig, Co Cork
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 10.00 am. – 4.30 pm.
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MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Feb-11 & Feb-12-2006

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Muireann Nelligan
8:30 am
Niamh Gallagher
10:00 am
Louise McCarthy
Susan Fennell
12:00 Noon
John Dorgan
Keevesa McGrath

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Pauline Collins
11:00 am
Alison Henchion
12:30 pm
Dick Beamish
5:30 pm
Brian O'Donoghue

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	9:00 am & 8 pm (Vigil)

CONFESSIONS

After 10:00 am Mass & before 6:00 pm Mass **Saturday** After 9:00 am Mass

BAPTISMS

5:00 pm **Saturday** 7:15 pm
12:45 pm **Sunday**

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Feb-11 & Feb-12-2006



St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6.00 pm	Patsie Murphy Breda Foley Mary Walsh Finbarr Lehane Margaret Kearney Maud O'Mahony	8:00 pm	Jim Cahill, Kit Cahill Sheila O'Connor John Canty
8:30 am	Theresa Lucey Rita Murphy Mona Holland	11:00 am	Brid Healy-Harris Angela Cunningham Laurence Cunningham Eileen Byrne
10:00 am	Tadgh Murphy Mary Murphy Joan Tobin Tony O'Leary Phil Kennedy Claire McCarthy	12:30 pm	Eileen Garvey Sally Power Breda Callanan Marie O'Brien
12 Noon	Michael Crowley Breda Lenihan Noel Hennessey Marie O'Callaghan Rena O'Connor Sean Farrell	5:30 pm	Neil O'Donoghue Phil O'Connell Maire McCullagh

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Monday	Closed
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Friday	9.30 – 7.30 pm
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