

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 05-October-2008

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

Two Vineyard Parables

We have seen a rejection of the Faith by some in Ireland; this rejection varies from apathy to ridicule to hostility. There are positive and good aspects of present day Irish life, generosity to those in need, a sense of humour and of fun, but we may also notice a certain coarseness in life, a lack of respect for values that was not there before, and at the moment a certain pervasive anxiety. The Christian message stands in stark contrast to the consumerism and the selfish individualism of modern Irish culture.

The readings in today's liturgy present us with two vineyard parables. In Isaiah the vineyard is Israel, the beloved of God, a common metaphor in Hebrew poetry. This vineyard failed to produce the fruit that was expected of it, in spite of all the necessary care and attention being lavished on it, and produced instead sour grapes. Isaiah indicates that the consequences of rejecting God's kingdom, God's message, are simply that God will no longer care for, tend and protect the particular vineyard. In this context it is important for us to remember that we are the "New Israel" of God, and these stories serve as a warning for us as well. If our faith practice produces sour grapes we have only ourselves to blame for the consequences. The kingdom may be taken from us.

The custodians of the vineyard are the subject of the Gospel vineyard parable, representing the religious leaders of Israel. In this Gospel parable the message was rejected, the messengers were rejected, God himself was rejected in Jesus. We may ask ourselves if we reject God at times. On this Life Sunday we are asked to reflect particularly on those in our midst who have mental health difficulties. Do we fail to reach out to those brothers and sisters to give them support, to affirm their lives? Have we learned to be patient, kind and loving with those who suffer from depression or other forms of mental suffering? If we reject them we reject Christ.

The teachings of Isaiah and of Jesus make it clear that there are consequences when we reject faith, when we reject God's grace. This raises the question of how to we respond to the situation in our own lives and to the situation in our culture and in our place. A key is given in the psalm included in today's readings, the plea: God of hosts bring us back, let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. We turn to prayer, a prayer that includes an admission of guilt, an acknowledgement that it is we who have forsaken God, and a promise that we will not forsake him again.

St Paul sets prayer as a sort of polar opposite to worry. He advises us to fill our minds with all that is good, true, noble and turn to God in prayer, placing all our needs before him. Then the God of peace will be with us and fill our hearts with that peace of Christ which is beyond all human understanding. That peace will answer all our anxieties..

Billy O'Sullivan

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.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

In today's Second Reading St Paul says, 'if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving'. We bring our prayers to the Lord in confidence.

Reader

We pray for the Church. That it may guide people to the fullness of life.

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

We pray for our politicians and community leaders. That they may govern with justice and integrity and strive to promote life in their work.

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

Today, on the Day for Life, we remember in a special way all those who suffer from the torment of mental illness. We ask for the grace to be more aware of the mental health of those around us.

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

We pray for those who care for the mentally ill. May the face of Christ shine through them.

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

We pray for the needs of our parish.

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

We pray for those who have died. May the face of God shine on them in heaven.

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

Priest

Heavenly Father, God of justice and integrity. Hear the prayers of your people this day. We make these, and all our prayers, through Christ, your beloved son.

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 :

Aoife Mary Wrixon, Raheen, Carrigrohane.
 Clíodhna Aoife Higgins, Old Court Greenfields.
 Owen Eugene Costello, Chestnut Crescent.
 Phoebe Paterica Russell, Lucan, Co. Dublin.
 Daniel Volkovs, Avoncourt.
 Emer Bridget Ann Mulqueen, New Grange, An Caislean.
 Caoimhe Helen Corkery, Poulavone.
 Aoife Karen O'Brien, Leedsdale Court.
 Nikola Khimek, Westbury Heights.
 Fiora Margaret Kelleher, Prospect Lawn.
 Faye Ann O'Mahony, Tower.
 Kate Marie O'Brien, Old Court Greenfields.
 Jack William Walsh, Woodberry, Greenfields.
 Thalma Rose Broadbent, Sheffield.
 Isabel Rose Fleury, Greenfields.
 Anne Catherine Doyle, Waltham Abbey.
 Conor Michael Evans, Westcourt Heights.

MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Dave O'Brien, Rushbrooke & Nicola Quinn, Beech Park.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Tony Machie, Aisling Close.
 Tom Murphy, Cherry Walk, Muskerry Estate.
 John O'Donovan, Whites Cross.

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

Mary Aoife Bell, Kerry Pike.
 Patrick O'Shea, Innishannon.
 Michael Ring, Castle Park & Dungourney
 Michael Barry Murphy, Carriganarra.
 Deceased members of the Ring Family, Blarney Road.
 Connie Murphy, Healy's Bridge.
 Con Murphy, Macroom.
 Mary O'Mahony, Clash Road.
 Liam Canty, The Lough.
 Con & Maureen Cremin and son Con, Glasheen
 Jimmy Kavanagh, Powdermills.
 Mamie McNicholas, Cobh & Model Farm Road.
 William & Julia Burke, Vicarstown.
 Christy Buckley, Bakers Road.
 John & Ellen Beamish.
 Jim, Katie & Ellen O'Grady.
 James Coyle.
 Peter & Ellen Murphy, Ovens.
 Dan & Julia Desmond, Farran.

Ballincollig Secular Franciscan Order

The monthly Mass and meeting will be held on Thursday 9th October at 11.00 am in St. Mary & St. John Church
 Rosary will be recited at 10.40 am (Sharp)

Society of St. Vincent De Paul

Monthly Collection
 This Weekend 4th & 5th October 2008
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Twenty Seventh Week In Ordinary Time

05 Sunday Is. 5:1-7. Ps. 79. Phil. 4:6-9. Mt. 21:33-43. Lect I: 708
 06 Monday Gal. 1: 6-12. Ps. 110. Lk. 10:25-37. Lect II: 801
 07 Tuesday Acts 1: 12-14. Ps. Lk. 1. Lk. 1: 26-28. Lect II: 1217
 08 Wednesday Gal. 2: 1-2, 7 -14. Ps. 116. Lk. 11: 1-4. Lect II: 806
 09 Thursday Gal 3:1-5. P. Lk.1:69-75. Lk 11:5-13. Lect II: 808
 10 Friday Gal. 3:7-14. Ps. 110. Lk. 11:15-26. Lect II: 810
 11 Saturday Gal. 3:22-29. Ps. 104. Lk. 11:27-28. Lect II: 812

Next Sunday's Readings 12-October-2008
 Is. 25:6-10. Phil. 4: 12-14, 19-20. Mt. 22: 1.14. Lect I: 711

Irish Day for Life
Today Sunday 5th October 2008

Day for life – the day in the church's year dedicated to celebrating the sacredness of life – will focus this year on the theme of mental health. It will help raise awareness of the needs of those affected by mental ill-health, their friends, their family and their carers, and the support that the parish community and professional services can bring

Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Ballincollig

Volunteer collectors urgently required

We urgently require additional collectors for our monthly church gate collection at both our churches, if you are willing to help out (even if only occasionally), please ring 085-7374244.

Stroke Information Evening

The meeting will take place in the Montenotte Hotel, Cork on Thursday 9th October, 2008 from 7:00 pm to 9.00 pm. The purpose of the meeting is two-fold. Firstly it is an opportunity to hear from some medical experts in the area of stroke, to ask questions and share experiences. Secondly we hope to set up a support group for those affected by stroke in the Cork area. If you or any family member would like to attend please contact Tracy Egan, Irish heart Foundation, 4 Clyde Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4
 Tel: 01 6685001, fax: 01 6685896,
 email: tegan@irishheart.ie.

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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.

St. Dominic's Retreat Centre

Commencing 8th October – 12th November

Wednesday 7.30 - 8.30 pm

(5 Wednesdays excluding 29th October)

Mid-week meditation - Resting Spaces – Meditation, Reflection using Scripture and guided input.

Led by: Martina Lehane Sheehan

Donation €5

October 11th – Saturday 10.00 am – 4.30 pm

Art & Spirituality – a day of reflection with paints and prayer.

Led by: Jonnie Fitzpatrick.

Cost: €30 (includes light lunch : soup & roll)

October 11th – Saturday 10.30 am – 4.30 pm

Stress Release and Healing – Relax, unwind and discover lasting ways of healing and dealing with stress in daily life. The day comprises of relaxation, meditation, guided visualization using Scripture, as well as input on how to find healing and stillness in our everyday lives.

Led by: Martina Lehane Sheehan Cost: €30 (includes light lunch : soup & roll)

Week of Directed Prayer - Final Reminder

The week of Directed Prayer for all participants will begin on Sunday evening (12th October) at 7:00 pm in the Annex to the Community Centre.

If you have a bible please bring it with you.

Cois Tine Multicultural Choir

For the past few months a group of people have been coming together each Monday night in Cois Tine for choir practice. They represent many nationalities and will make their first public appearance in October.

Through the use of song, imagery, light and African drumming Cois Tine Multicultural Choir will present a story on how music cultures to bring about harmony and unity.

Venue: African Missions, Blackrock Road 8.00 pm, Friday 10th of October

If you wish to reply or seek further information contact – coistine@sma.ie or Tel 021 4557760.



The Coeliac Society of Ireland

Date: Tuesday, October 7th, 2008

Place: SMA Hall, Wilton

Time: 8.00 p.m.

Delicious Gourmet Foods presentation followed by Dietician talk and refreshments.
Everyone welcome.

Bulletin Board

Baptism Preparation.

The next Baptism preparation will take place on **Saturday October 18th (Time and venue to be advised)**. 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? We recommend parents book baptisms a few weeks in advance in order to give ample time to take part in the preparation.

Parish Office

The Parish Office is situated in the Parochial House, next-door to St Mary & St John's church. Office hours are Monday to Wednesday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm and Saturday mornings from 10:30 am to 12 noon. Available at the office are Baptism and Confirmation Certificates. Bookings for Baptisms and appointments with the priests are made.

Mass Cards are available and signed. Parishioners are welcome to call or phone 021-4871206.

Communion dates for 2009

Scoil Eoin,	Saturday, 23 rd May.
Scoil Barra,	Saturday, 16 th May.
Our Lady of Good Counsel,	Saturday, 16 th May.
Scoil Mhuire,	Saturday, 6 th June.
Gaelscoil Ui Riordáin	Saturday, 9 th May.

Catholic Paper

Copies of the Catholic Paper -**The Universe** - are available in both Churches every week.

This Week's Calendar

Monday 6 – Saint Bruno, priest. Born in Cologne, 1033, Bruno became professor of theology in Reims University and later its head. But his desire was to found a monastery where poverty, manual work, silence and worship would be the basics. He founded the Carthusians at La Grande Chartreuse, where he died in 1101.

Tuesday 7 – Our Lady of the Rosary. 'Today's celebration urges all to meditate on the divine mysteries of Christ, following the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who was in a special manner associated with the incarnation, passion and glorious resurrection of the Son of God.' (Divine Office)

Wednesday 8 – Weekday (27th Week in Ordinary Time)

Thursday 9 – Saint Denis, bishop, and Companions, martyrs. Denis and his companions, Rusticus and Eleutherius, were beheaded and thrown into the Seine in 258 and later buried at Montmartre. Their finest tribute is the abbey Church of Saint Denis, where the kings of France are buried. Denis, the bishop of Paris, is one of the patrons of France. Also, St John Leonardi, priest. John supported the reforms of Trent, published a Catechism and helped to found the seminary of the Propagation of the Faith in Rome.

Friday 10 – Weekday

Saturday 11 – St Canice was born in Co Derry around 527 and died in 603. Though his people were poor he studied at Clonard under Finian and at Glasnevin under Mobhi. A deep friendship developed between himself and Colum Cille, with whom he worked for a time in Scotland, where he set up a number of churches. In Ireland his principle foundation was in Aghaboe in Ossory, but this was replaced centuries later by his church in Kilkenny.

Fr. George

Coffee Evening

For senior citizens on Wednesday 8th October 2008 at Westgate Foundation at 3 pm. Ballincollig Community Gardai will be in attendance to give advice on personal and home security. Teas and Coffee kindly sponsored by Dunnes Stores

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Oct-11 & Oct-12-2008

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Ailish O'Reilly
Daniel McAuliffe
8:30 am
Susan Fennell
10:00 am
Louise McCarthy
Robert Noonan
12:00 Noon
Tony Lynch
Even Keating

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Rosarie Cotter
Louise McGrath
11:00 am
Jack Dorgan
12:30 pm
Brian O'Donoghue
Chide Ebili
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	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	

PARISH CLERGY

Priest on Duty 087-2479140

Fr. George O'Mahony P.P.	021-4871206
Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C.	021-4877161
Fr. Billy O'Sullivan C.C.	021-4876171
Fr. James McSweeney	021-4870434



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Oct-11 & Oct-12-2008

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Michael Maher
Ber Bell
Betty Casey
Frank Riordan
Siobhan Riordan
Sr. Martha

7:30 pm Geraldine Lynch
Charlie Vaughan
Joan Stephenson

11:00 am Neil Jeffers
Eileen O'Donoghue
Bridie O'Donnell
Bridie Hanrahan

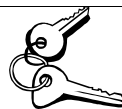
8:30 am Mary Buckley
Theresa Lucey
Triona Collins

10:00 am Anne Cahill
Pat Lee
May Delaney
Cathy Horgan
John O'Donovan
Betty Flavin

12:30 pm Denis O' Mahony
Christine O'Mahony
Tom Murray
John O'Regan

12 Noon Joan Barrett
Sheila Carroll
Seamus O'Donovan
Joe Coghlan
Rose Moore
Catherine Greene

5:30 pm Bernard Curran
Clare Curran



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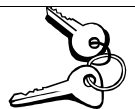
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