

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 05-October-2014

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

Today, we celebrate 'Day for Life', a day set aside each year to raise awareness about the meaning and value of human life from conception to death. The Theme this year is: "PROTECT AND CHERISH LIFE". In his message, Pope Francis tells us that being a protector of life is about, "protecting all creation: showing loving concern and respect for every person; ensuring adequate legal protection for the fundamental human right to life; and respecting the environment in which we live. Everything has been entrusted to our protection, and all of us are responsible for it."

Today's readings not only remind us that God entrusts us with the mission to live, celebrate, cherish and protect the life we are given but also invite us to pray for the spirit of cherishing and protecting what God has given us. We hear a parable about tenants in the vineyard. 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. As members of the Body of Christ, we are especially privileged to be called to work in the Lord's vineyard. We all have received life from God. As human beings, with all our strengths and failings, we are expected to cultivate and manage this life in such a way that it bears good 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. The Gospel concludes with the words that the Kingdom of God will be given to a people that produce the fruits of the Kingdom. We pray for the grace to cultivate those fruits in our daily lives.

In our second reading St Paul offers us some comforting words: "There is no need to worry, but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus". Many of us are so aware of various challenges in our families. So many today face all sorts of everyday worries relating to many issues, including health and financial issues, as well as bigger fears about the future. Today in Rome, Pope Francis opens the Synod which will discuss some of the challenges facing family life. The theme of this Synod is: 'The pastoral challenges of the family in the context of evangelisation'. Let us pray during these two weeks that all those participating will be open to God's Spirit guiding them in their deliberations.

Sr. Colette

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

We turn to God of hosts, 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 it 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 position 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.**

Let us pray for all those gathered at the Synod in Rome: may their deliberations help us to appreciate the variety of family life.

**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 watch over your church with unfailing compassion, and since left to ourselves we are prone to evil, by your grace turn us away from all that is wrong, and direct us into the way of what is right. We make this pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Week of Directed Prayer

To mark the 150th anniversary of the church of St Mary and St John several events are being planned chief among them a week of directed prayer commencing on Sunday October 19th. Prayer is a central and vital part of our life as followers of Christ. Prayer and reflection are essential to deepening our relationship with Christ and God. The week of directed prayer is an opportunity to deepen our relationship with God and the role of the guide is to help us during the week. St. Paul to Timothy 3; 16 says "All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy". Quite a number of persons have already signalled their intention to commit to the week of prayer. You may give your name to one of priests or parish office at 021 4671206.

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 :

Liam Jack O'Brian, Blarney.
 Aran Ruairc Kavanagh, Fionn Laoi.
 Oran James Leahy, Mossgrove, Classes Lake.
 Orlaith Fiona Pedersen, Elm Walk, Classes Lake.
 Saoire Marian Kelleher, Daffodil Fields.
 Isabella Rosie Cronin, Aylsbury Downs.
 Karol Piotr Lichota, Caislean View.
 Ethan Sean Ryan, Old Court, Greenfields.
 Adam James Heaney, Silverwood.
 Cara Sophie O'Driscoll, Leslies Arch, Old Quarter.
 Priya Lilly Galvin, Gleann Fia, Tower.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Eoin O'Sullivan, Kilcummin, Killarney.
 Bob O'Donovan, Skibbereen/Lisheen Fields.
 Jay Gokul, Douglas.
 Bridie Hourihan, Chesterfield.

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

James Dillon, Sunday's Well.
 John & Mary L;ucey, Gillabbey Terrace.
 Christ Buckley, Bakers Road.
 Michael & Hannah Dineen, Kanturk.
 Michael Barry-Murphy, Glengariffe.
 Michael & Catherine Healy, Eyerries.
 Audrie Wiseman, Cranford Pines.
 Sr. Catherine Buckley, Knock.
 Mary Downey, The Lough.
 Sheila Collins, The Lough.
 Dan, Julia & Billy Desmond, Farran.
 Patrick Barry, Rosewood.
 Paddy Fitton, Ballyshoneen.
 Margaret (Peg) Collar, Manor Hill/Beara.
 Josephine Aquinas Kennedy, Military Hill.
 Bidsie Yerling, Fermoy.
 Joe Guerin, Knocknagree.
 Patrick O'Shea, Innishannon.

Troubled by someone else's drinking?

Try Al-anon. Local Meetings S V de P Centre Station Road
 Thursdays 8.30 pm. Phone: 087 6651707.

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/2014

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 Tuesday 14th October. It will continue each Tuesday night for 8 weeks (7.30 to 9.30 pm). It is open to anyone who is experiencing the grief and loss of a loved one and is held in a small group setting.

For further details please contact:

Sr Colette at 086-3557375

Legion of Mary

Meeting at Sonas House Station Road

Every Saturday from 3 to 4 pm.

All welcome

Phone Sally 021 4870954

Society of St Vincent De Paul

Monthly collection for St Vincent De Paul will be taken up this week end at the gates of the church at all masses.

Cork Simon Community

An Evening of Memories of Life in Cork with the author Alice Taylor will take place on Thursday 16th October at 7.30pm at Rochestown Park Hotel. Eleanor Kiely of Cork

Simon Community will also speak at the event.

Tea and coffee will be provided.

Kindness is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can read

Mark Twain

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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.



An Introduction to Genealogy Online by Ancestry.com

Tuesday 7th October, 2.30 p.m.
The Gresham Metropole Hotel
MacCurtain Street, Cork City
with staff from Ancestry.com
This is a Free Talk.

The talk will provide information on how to trace your family origins back to, at least, the 1860s, using free and paid-for online resources.

Places limited

To book your place please phone
021 453 6554 ask for Shane, Gordon or Pat
or email gscorkadmin@ageaction.ie

Alzheimer's Research

Does your spouse / Partner have dementia? We are carrying out research looking to gain an insight into the health and wellbeing of those who live with someone who has dementia. For more information about taking part please contact Alan Galvin or Dr Maria Pertl at Trinity College on 01 8968414

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.

Bulletin Board

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place on Saturday 18th October 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.

Diocesan Collection

Special collection for Diocesan needs will be taken up at all Masses next week end
The Central fund of the Diocese that is, the fund which supports the administration and centralised activities of the Diocese, has been running at a deficit for a number of years. In order to alleviate this problem it was decided, have consulted with representatives of Parish Finance Committee in July 2011 and with the Diocesan Finance Committee, that a second collection would be taken in each parish of the Diocese on a Quarterly basis. To date, the Quarterly Collections have proved to be very successful.

Confirmation Dates 2015

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| Wednesday 15th April | Scoil Barra |
| Wednesday 15th April | Our Lady of Good Counsel |
| Monday 20th April | Scoil Mhuire |
| Thursday 30th April | Gael Scoil |
| Friday 8th May | Scoil Eoin |

First Holy Communion Dates 2015

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| Saturday 25th April | Scoil Eoin |
| Saturday 9th May | Scoil Barra |
| Saturday 9th May | Our Lady of Good Counsel |
| Saturday 16th May | Scoil Mhuire |
| Saturday 23rd May | Gael Scoil |

Church of St Mary and John

The church is almost 150 years old. We plan to mark this year with a number of events, beginning on October 19th 2014 with a week of directed prayer (see front page). This week is an opportunity to deepen our prayer life and focus on the Word of God as a resource to help me in prayer.

The redecorating of St Mary and John is also progressing with pace. I wish to acknowledge the goodwill, suggestions and offers of time and talents to develop many projects in parish. The certificates, Website and ideas for a unique Christmas card. Thank you all.

Christ Our Light Roof

The sponsor a slate project is proceeding well. Last week was the initial week and it brought in €3,705. Thanks to the sponsors and volunteers who helped to make sponsor a slate project a success. The sponsorship will continue this weekend.

Fr. George

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Oct/11 & Oct/12/2014

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)

Aine Sheehan
Michael Collins

8:30 am

John Healy
Kerry O'Leary

10:00 am

Louise McCarthy
Robert Noonan / Declan Crowley

12:00 Noon

Oliver O'Donovan
Niamh Heelan

7:30 pm (Vigil)

Fiona Feely
Louise McGrath

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

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

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Fr. Dave O'Connell C.C.

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Fr. James McSweeney

021-4873308

Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

Week 13th Oct to 19th Oct

Tim Murphy

Siobhan Glavin

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/11 & Oct/12/2014

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm

Patsie Murphy

Pat Moore

Mary Walsh

Marie Healy

Margaret Kearney

Nora Barry

8:30 am

Theresa Lucey

Tom Butler

Mona Holland

10:00 am

Margaret Bunyan

Mary Murphy

Joan Tobin

Breda Monaghan

Niamh Nic Gearailt

12 Noon

Marie Bowen

Breda Lenihan

Jacinta Jeffers

Rena O'Connor

Sean Farrell

Mary Hennigan

7:30 pm

Sheila O'Connor

Martin O'Regan

Brid Healy-Harris

Kit Cahill

11:00 am

Carmel Ryan

Eileen Byrne

Bernadett Spillane

Angela Cunningham

Laurence Cunningham

12:30 pm

Eileen Garvey

Sally Power

Breda Callanan

Catherine Freehill

Betty Walsh

5:30 pm

Olan O'Mahony

Ann-Marie Whelan

Noel Kelleher

Cura is a voluntary organisation which offers support and help to those who are faced with a crisis pregnancy. It also provides post-abortion counselling. CURA counsellors provide free, confidential and offer non-directive counselling. Counsellors will listen and help you to talk about your feelings, worries and difficulties.

You can attend for counselling in any of the locations listed above. If you need directions, information on how to get to the service, or if you have concerns about the waiting area, please ask about this when you call to make your appointment and we will give you the information you need. Telephone counselling is also available.

You may bring a partner, a friend or a family member with you. Counselling is also available to them if it is needed. Counselling is provided by specially trained counselling volunteers, who have many years experience in supporting women after an abortion.

Opening Hours: 11:30am – 2:30pm (Monday/Tuesday/Friday),

1:30pm – 4:00pm (Wednesday),

11:00am – 4:00pm & 5:30pm – 7:30pm (Thursday),

12:00 noon – 3:00pm – (First Saturday of the month)

Address 34 Paul Street, Cork, **Telephone** 1850 622626 / 021 4277544, **Email** curacares@cura.ie, **Website** www.cura.ie