

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



**St. Mary & St. John
Station Road**

Sunday 06-November-2005

Thirty Second Sunday In Ordinary Time.

The wisdom of God is given to us if we are open to seek it. Having received it, it teaches us to be always open, alert for the approach and the presence of God. With this wisdom God's coming will not catch us unprepared to receive Him.



**Christ Our Light
Innishmore**

THE HOLY SOULS

A Christian lives in two worlds. He or she does not belong merely to one. Time and eternity are entwined in the tapestry of our lives. We are not out of contact with those who have died and our link with them is genuine, true, practical and real. It is not something sentimental or imagined. Still less it is something morbid, unhealthy or superstitious?

Every person knows that he or she was born for greater things than this passing world. Christ has told us that we are immortal. "Life is eternal and love is immortal and death is only a horizon, and a horizon is nothing but the limits of sight".

In talking about the Holy Souls...the Second Vatican Council reminds us of our "Fellowship with our brothers and sisters who are in Heavenly Glory or who are still being purified after death". It tells us clearly that faith gives us "The power to be united in Christ with our Loved Ones who have been snatched away by death".

There is no doubt whatever that we can help the Dead; the Holy Souls! The teaching of the church and the practice of Christians down the centuries make this perfectly clear. But can they help us? Again the answer is yes! There is not, it's true, any defined church teaching on the matter, as there is on our power to help them. But that they should be able to help us is perfectly in accordance with God's plan that human beings should be helped to reach Him by other human beings; and the Dead, the Souls in Purgatory, are still our Friends, they are still interested in us just like when they were on earth.

Indeed...They are more our friends, they are more interested in us; not only that but their power to help us is greatly increased. As one of the Saints has beautifully expressed it: "Those we have loved and lose are no longer where they used to be, around the house, at their place of work. No...But instead they are everywhere we go". In other words, the dead are free of the limitations of space and time that bound and restricted them on earth, limitations to which we are still subject, far from losing all contact with this world by passing through the gates of death, they are on the contrary in much closer contact with it because of this freedom which is theirs and so they are now everywhere we go. Or to express this beautiful truth in another way, the Dead have gone no further than God and He is very close. And it is precisely because the holy souls (better called our Dead Friends) are still close friends of the Lord that they are now our friends in a far higher and more intense degree than they were on earth. The scales have dropped from their eyes. They see the meaning, the point and the purpose of Life on this earth in a way that they never did, or could, while alive.

Oh! Yes...They are our Friends, they are close, they can help us. As St. John Vianney tells us: if only we realised the power of the Holy Souls in Purgatory and what they can obtain for us by their intercession "If Only", we are so easily forgetful of them. We must pray for them that they may pray for us.

In November we become more aware of our fellowship with those who are in Heaven or in Purgatory. As we pray and offer our mass today for our Dead Friends we know we are helping them, if they need our help. Our prayers are a true expression of our Love, so... November is not a time for morbid sadness but for rejoicing. It is in this hope and strength and fellowship that we live our daily lives and do what good we can to make this world a better place.

John O'Donovan

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

We are people of faith and trust. We bring our prayers for the church and for the world before our loving God.

Reader

We pray for the gift of wisdom for our Holy Father, Pope Benedict, and for all who lead in the church at this time.

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

We pray for the dying and for those who care for them.

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

We pray for all who have suffered trauma of any kind, for all victims of violence, war or natural disaster.

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

We pray for all children, that they may be loved and cherished.

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

We pray for the sick and the infirm, for all doctors, nurses and medical teams, and for all who work in hospitals or care homes.

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

We pray for the intentions of all here present.

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

Priest

Loving God, we pray to you with confidence. We bring these and all our prayers in the name of Jesus, your Son, Our Lord and Saviour.

Amen.

For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

Visit Our Website: www.ballincolligparish.ie

BAPTISMS

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

Declan John Patrick Quinn, 13, Chestnut Grove, Classes Lake.
 Alan Declan Moran-O’Riordan, 12, Westcourt.
 Christopher John Nolan, 44, Seanabothar, Kileens
 Brendan Kriauciunas, 16, Westcliffe.

MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Karen O’Keeffe, 124, Castle Park & Mark Looney, 7, Priory Court, Watergrasshill.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Oscar Murphy, Kilcraigie, Douglas Road. Sadly mourned by his parents Eva & Finbarr Murphy.
 Julie Dunne, Beech Road, Muskerry Estate. Mourned by her daughters, Margaret, Marsie & Sheila
 Mary Downey, Ballymaw, Waterfall,
 Jerry Murray, Rugby, England. Mourned by Joan Daly, Ballyburden.

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

Denis & Margaret Linehan, Inniscarra.
 Richard Hourigan, Co. Limerick
 Ann Twomey, West Village.
 Edward Hogan, Ballinlough, Cork.
 Margaret Broderick, Wyndham Downs.
 Theresa Goulding, Ballyshoneen.
 Dan McSweeney, Inniscarra.
 Aeneas Murphy, Kenmare.
 Eddie Harte, Newry.
 Thomas Finnegan, Bishopstown.
 Sylvester Bowler, Bantry.
 Michael & Sheila Duggan, Dunmanway.
 Gerard Moriarty, Ballincollig.
 Dan McSweeney, Coolyduff, Inniscarra.
 Paddy & Patrick O’Flynn, Fr. Sexton Park.

Diabetes

World Diabetes Day is upon us once again and the Cork Branch of the Diabetes Federation will be marking it with Free public Screening and an Open Evening. Many people have diabetes and are unaware of the fact and it can take up to 10 years for type 2 diabetes to be diagnosed. The Diabetes Federation is dedicated to raising awareness of diabetes, its risk factors and symptoms so that people will become more educated and hopefully be diagnosed before complications set in .

Free Diabetes Screening takes place on Friday November 11th 2005 in the following locations

Cork University Hospital
 A&E 11 am to 3 pm

Wilton Shopping Centre
 O’ Sullivan’s Pharmacy 10 am to 3 pm

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Thirty Second Week In Ordinary Time

- 06 Sunday Wis. 6:12-16. Ps. 62. 1 Thess. 4:13-18. Mt. 25:1-13. Lect I: 722
- 07 Monday Wis. 1:1-7. Ps. 138. Lk. 17:1-6. Lect II: 412
- 08 Tuesday Wis. 2:23-3:9. Ps. 33. Lk. 17:7-10. Lect II: 414
- 09 Wednesday Ez. 47:1-2, 8-9, 12. or 1 Cor. 3:9-11, 16-17. Ps. 45. Jn. 2:13-22. Lect II: 1250
- 10 Thursday Wis. 7:22-8:1. Ps. 118. Lk. 17:20-25. Lect II: 418.
- 11 Friday Wis. 13:1-9. Ps. 18. Lk. 17:26-37. Lect II: 420
- 12 Saturday Wis. 18:14-16, 19:6-9. Ps. 104. Lk. 18:18. Lect II: 422

Next Sunday’s Readings 13-November-2005

Prov. 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31. Ps. 127. 1 Thess. 5:1-6. Mt. 25:14-30.

November is a time for remembering our Dead

November is a month when we remember our Dead in various ways. Many people make an effort to go to daily mass. Others remember the Dead by dropping into a Church or visiting a Graveyard and praying for them. Some people fast and abstain (alcohol/smoking/chocolate/chewing gum) during November. But the important thing is that we try to remember and pray for our Dead in November. Also we remind ourselves that “we have not here a lasting home” and need to prepare ourselves for that final parting.

You will notice that in the Sanctuary in both churches the names of those who died during the past year are displayed. You are welcome to add the names of your loved ones (cards provided). Hopefully this will help us to remember and pray for Parishioners and family members who died during the past year.

On **Friday November 11th** mass will be celebrated in **St Mary & St John’s at 8.00pm** for all Parishioners and family members who died during the past year. If you wish to include a friend or a family member in this mass, you might be good enough to hand in the names during the week.

CROWLEY

FUNERAL DIRECTORS

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Wis. 6:12-16
The gift of wisdom is freely given to all who seek it.

Second Reading: 1 Thess. 4:13-18
People of faith do not grieve like others who have no hope.

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13
Jesus told the story about ten maidens waiting for a bridegroom to return home with his new bride. Most likely he had been delayed at her home working out the negotiations for her with the bride's father. Five of the maidens came with enough oil to keep their lamps burning through the night. The other five foolishly brought none. This passage is clearly about the end times and our being ready for it. The maidens needed oil to keep their lamps burning in order to be ready for the bridegroom. The message for us relates back to the Great Commandment we read about two weeks ago. We need to love God and our neighbours to insure that our lamps are ready for the end time.

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland (Cork City Branch)
Carer's Support Meeting, SMA, Wilton, Cork.
Monday 14th November, 2005 at 8.00 pm. All are welcome

Emmaus Men's Fellowship

The Emmaus Men's Fellowship present Fr. Jack McArdle, who will speak on the theme "Why Jesus" at the Sacred Heart Community Hall, Western Road, Cork on 12th and 13th November starting 10.30am and finishing 5.30pm on both days.
Healing Mass will be held on Sunday afternoon.
All are welcome.

A Foyer of Charity

5 Day Silent Retreat with Fr. Killian Byrne
7th to 13th November 2005
Theme: With Mary Contemplate Jesus
The Wisdom of God Made Flesh

Special Inclusive Price: €345
Venue: St. Dominic's Retreat Centre, Montenotte, Cork.
Contact: Gearóid (086) 129 33 84

Cork Simon

Special Edition Christmas Cards to mark Cork 2005 are on sale with all proceeds going to the Cork Simon Community. These special edition cards with beautiful images of Cork are available from the Fundraising Office Tel 021 4321166 or the Simon Shop, North Main Street. They are being sold in packs of 6 for €5 per pack. Corporate overprinting is also available on these cards. Stocks are limited so please get your order in early.

21st Birthday Celebration
Life Pregnancy presents:

Dr Philip Boyle

NaPro Practitioner - Alternative to IVF - Investigation and treatment of infertility and recurrent miscarriages

Prof. Patricia Casey

Professor of Psychiatry, UCD and Consultant Psychiatrist, Mater Hospital

Crisis Pregnancy Issues and Outcomes

Clarion Hotel, Lapps Quay, Cork Friday 11th Nov 2005 7:45pm

Free Admission - Refreshments

All welcome - to secure a place Tel: 021-427 0445

Annual Cemetery Mass

St. Mary & St. John's (adjoining cemetery)
Will take place on Saturday 12th November 2005 at 2 pm

Children's Mass in Christ Our Light

The 11:00 am Mass in Christ Our Light welcomes children of 2nd and 3rd class. Before the readings, the children are invited to the Crying Room. Parents prepare and present the Liturgy of the Word in an appropriate way. Parents are welcome to come along and observe the Liturgy and take part in it.

Random Theatre Company

Present
THE LONESOME WEST

By
Martin McDonagh

At
**Briery Gap Theatre
Macroom**

With Stephanie O'Flynn,
Dick Beamish, Dixie Collins and John Lawler
Director **Maurice McGillicuddy**

Random chose this play for its humour, and for its brilliant if sometimes tragic observation of a significant sector of Irish culture that would fit as neatly in Muskerry as it does in Connemara. A reviewer recently wrote: "It has us laughing while we poke our open sores"

Thursday Nov 10th to Sunday Nov 13th @ 8 pm

Bookings 026 41793

**Opening night for the Benefit of Gaelscoil Ui Riordain,
Baile an Chollaigh**

Cead isteach €12 €10

Volunteers Needed

to
Help Sick Children Play
in
Cork Hospitals

Just 2 - 3 Hours Per Week Can Make A Difference

If you are mature, enthusiastic, caring and reliable, over 18 years of age, love children and have one morning or afternoon a week to spare, find out more about becoming a volunteer and joining one of our "PlayWell" teams

by contacting

By phone 021 4211822

or Email: info@childreninhospital.ie

"PlayWell" is a volunteer play service of
Children in Hospital Ireland

Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Ballincollig
We Need Volunteers!

Would you like to help and support those in need in Ballincollig? Would you be interested in Home Visitation, Providing support for families with financial, emotional, and life issue problems? Could you spare us three hours one evening a week? If you think this work would interest you, we would love to hear from you. As a support to you, full training is provided. Please contact Grace at (021) 4874626 or call into our Family Centre, Station Road, Ballincollig.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Nov-12 & Nov-13-2005

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Derval Spillane
8:30 am
Niamh Gallagher
10:00 am
Susan Fennell
12:00 Noon
Keevesa McGrath

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Pauline Collins
11:00 am
Aideen O'Connor
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 & 8 pm	Monday	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	Tuesday	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	Wednesday	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	Thursday	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	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

Nov-12 & Nov-13-2005



St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Vera Allen
Ber Bell
Oliver Delaney
Betty Casey
Frank Riordan
Siobhan Riordan
8:30 am Mary Buckley
Theresa Lucey
10:00 am Anne Cahill
Pat Lee
May Delaney
Seamus O'Shea
John O'Donovan
12 Noon Joan Barrett
Sheila Carroll
Marsie Curling
Will Casey
Geraldine Graham

8:00 pm Geraldine Lynch
Charlie Vaughan
Joan Stephenson
11:00 am Marie Ui Chrualaof
Neil Jeffers
Eileen O'Donoghue
Bridie O'Donnell
Bridie Hanrahan
12:30 pm Con O'Connell
Denis O' Mahony
Christine O'Mahony
Tom Murray
John O'Regan
5:30 pm Patsy Galvin
Bernard Curran
Clare Curran

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Saturday 10:30 am - 12 Noon. Phone No. (021) 4871206**



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Notice To Members

Our new Sub Office in the Town Centre

Is now open

The hours of business in our offices will be



Harrington Street

Monday Closed
Tuesday 9.30 - 5.00 pm
Wednesday 10.30 - 5.00 pm
Thursday 9.30 - 5.00 pm
Friday 9.30 - 5.00 pm
Saturday 9.30 - 12.30 pm

New Town Centre Office

Monday 9.30 - 5.00 pm
Tuesday 9.30 - 5.00 pm
Wednesday 10.30 - 5.00 pm
Thursday 9.30 - 7.30 pm
Friday 9.30 - 7.30 pm
Saturday 9.30 - 5.00 pm