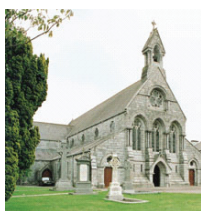


# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

## Sunday 06-October-2013

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Day for Life

*Our faith is so often put to the test not just by intellectual doubts but by the difficulties of life. The paradox is that it is only faith that will bring us to life through these trials. It is only faith that allows us to see beyond what we give to what we have already been given by God himself.*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

### *"Care for Life"*

Today, we celebrate 'Day for Life' This is a day set aside by the Church each year dedicated to celebrating and upholding the dignity of human life. In his Message for today, Pope Francis says that "all life has inestimable value, even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live for ever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect. The culture of life affirms the inherent value of life at all of its stages. Life is a precious gift and should be protected and nurtured from conception to natural death. Catholic social teaching holds up the vision that no person should ever be marginalised or set aside. All have an inherent value and worth that comes not from Governments or the State, but from the very heart of God".

In today's First Reading, we hear the frustration of the prophet Habakkuk. Discouraged by the injustice, oppression and violence that is happening to the Chosen People, the Prophet asks the Lord - "Have you abandoned us"? Habakkuk's words are the prayer of a believer who is distressed at what appears to be an overwhelming presence of evil around him. The Lord's response is to be patient; that justice will be done - 'because the upright man will live by his faithfulness'. In our second Reading St Paul advises Timothy, to whom he has entrusted new responsibilities of leadership, to remain faithful to Christ despite the criticism and opposition that he will encounter and to fan into a flame the gift that God gave him?

There are so many challenges and crises that we all face at some stage in our lives. How many in our Parish are going through a difficult time for one reason or another; perhaps illness; death of loved ones; injustices; unemployment; wondering where the next meal will come from, etc. We may be asking 'where is God in all this turmoil'. It is easy to say we have Faith in God when everything is going well, but not so easy in crisis situations. Yet as we see in today's Readings, the Lord is always with us, wanting us to remain faithful and to place our trust in him. We thank God for the gift of Faith and pray for all who are struggling today.

*Sr. Colette*

### **Reflection for Parents**

We often fall into bed at night declaring to the empty darkness, "No one appreciates all I did today." Perhaps it's the lot of parents to spend most of their years in a state of exhaustion, but when those little legs climb up to our laps and tiny hands clutch our necks in a hug, we don't feel quite so weary or burdened. The smile that crosses our lips shows our true appreciation for God's gift and the service we offer is our gift in return.

### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

#### **Priest**

With confidence in God's love for us, let us bring our needs before him.

#### **Reader**

For the Pope and the Bishops: that they may guide the Church in unity, love and peace.

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

For political leaders: that they may speak wisely and act justly.

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

For employers: that they may treat their employees justly.

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

For the unemployed: that the Lord may sustain their faith and hope.

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

For all gathered here: that the Lord may help us to serve him, not out of a sense of duty, but out of love.

**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**

Teach us, Good Lord, to serve you as you deserve: to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labour and not to ask for any reward save that of knowing that we do your will. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.***

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**BAPTISMS**

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

Conor James Nolan, Castle Ave, Muskerry Estate.  
 Cathal Tadgh O’Sullivan, The Cedars Classes Lake.  
 Benjamin Thomas Man Hong Lee, Rock Road, Cambridge.  
 Adam James Duggan Casey, Holly Road, Muskerry Estate.

**† IN SYMPATHY †**

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

Teresa (TC), Model Farm Road.  
 Patrick James Mulderrig, Coolroe Meadows/Mayo.  
 Jim Gahan, Parknamore.  
 Ann Kelly, Rosscarbery & Ballinora.  
 Fr. Sean O’Driscoll, Rathbarry & Farranree.  
 Canon Diarmuid Linehan, Maglin/Clogheen.

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

Con Kerins, Castleknock.  
 Christopher Buckley, Baker’s Road.  
 James O’Sullivan, Kilmichael.  
 Con & Eileen Murphy, Macroom & Muskerry.  
 Nicola Bradley, Classes Lake.  
 Maureen Calanan, West Village.  
 Charlie & Sheila Hegarty, Caheragh.  
 Dermot, Margaret & Frank Rea. Lower Glanmire.  
 Margaret Tarrant, Inniscarra View & Millstreet.  
 Sean Lynch, Kilmurry.  
 Michael & Teresa Morton, Dundalk/Ballincollig.  
 Ann Hartigan, Limerick.  
 Margaret Twomey, The Square.  
 Pat & Sherrie O’Riordan. Boston / Castlepark.  
 Patrick Barry, Rosewood.  
 Michael Barry Murphy, Carriganarra.  
 Rose, Paddy, & Rosemarie Wall, Navan.  
 Audrie Wiseman, Cranford Pines.  
 Sheila Sexton, Farnanes.  
 John & Joan O’Keeffe, Old Blackrock Road.  
 Tom & Joe Heaton, Pearse Place.  
 Dec members of Hallahan family, Greenfields.  
 Mabel Garrett, Castlepark.  
 Peg Collar, Manor Hill.  
 Richard Morrissey, Glasheen Road/Dripsey.  
 Lil Healy, Derry, Berrings.

**Ministry of Parish Catechist**

This new ministry is being introduced to parishes in our diocese with the training programme offered from January 2014. It will be a two year training course – Diploma or Certificate in Catechesis followed by commissioning as a Parish catechist to serve for 4 years in your local parish on a voluntary basis. If you are interested in this ministry your parish clergy have all the details.  
 Information sessions:  
 Wednesday 2nd October 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm  
 or 8:00pm to 9:30pm Ursuline Secondary School, Blackrock, Cork.  
 Details/book place at information sessions contact  
 Sr. Karen 021 4537601.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Twenty Seventh Week In Ordinary Time

06 Sunday Hab. 1 :2-3, 2:2-4. Ps. 94. 2 Tim. 1: 6-8, 13-14. Lk. 17:5-10. Lect I: 917  
 07 Monday Acts 1: 12-14. Ps. Lk. 1. Lk. 1: 26-28. Lect II: 1217  
 08 Tuesday Jon. 3:1-10. Ps. 129. Lk. 10:38-42. Lect II:353  
 09 Wednesday Jon. 4:1-11. Ps. 85. Lk. 11:1-4. Lect II:355  
 10 Thursday Mal. 3: 13-20 Ps. I. Lk. 11 :5-13. Lect II:357  
 11 Friday Joel 1:13-15. 2:1-2. Ps. 9. Lk. 11:15-26. Lect II:359  
 12 Saturday Joel 4:12-21. Ps. 96. Lk. 11:21-28. Lect II:362

**Next Sunday’s Readings 13/October/2013**

2 K. 5:14-17. Ps. 97. 2 Tim. 2:8-13. Lk. 17:11-19. Lect I: 919

**Ballincollig Parish**

**Bereavement Support Group**

The Support Programme *scheduled to begin*  
 on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October

**Is Deferred due to unforeseen Circumstances**

**“Mothers’ Prayers”**

Continue **Every Wednesday @ 10.30 a.m**

**Meeting Room at Christ our Light Church**

**Every Thursday @ 10.00 a.m**

**Parish house - ‘Sonas’ - Station Road**

*(almost opposite Parish Community Hall)*

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

**Garda Message**

Garda Liam Linehan Community Garda at Ballincollig Garda Station has a word of advice for all members of the General Public from Ballincollig and Surrounding areas. It has come to the notice of the Gardai recently that there has been a very apparent rise in acts of thefts from motor cars throughout Cork city and county. It appears that a gang of criminals may be targeting cars which are parked outside areas such as Churches, Grave yards, Schools, amenity areas, sports fields, parks etc. These gangs are then breaking into these unattended vehicles in a smash and grab type scenario where they break the windows and steal handbags wallets, phones, cash or any other items which may have been left in the vehicle. To combat this type of crime we are encouraging everybody to be more vigilant when parking their vehicles and do not leave valuables in the car while you leave it unattended. We advise clubs and other such organisations to:

1. Ensure that all your members are made aware of this information.
2. Appoint where possible one person in your club/organisation to patrol or keep an eye on vehicles where there is a gathering of people for a particular event.
3. Encourage others to lock any unattended vehicles.

**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4  
 In the first reading, Habakkuk cannot understand why God does not intervene to save his chosen people from their enemies. God himself gives the answer: they need faith.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14  
 In the second reading, Timothy, a bishop in the early Church, is told to bear witness to his faith.

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10  
 Parents often live this Gospel well. Better than most people, they know what it means to "serve" without expecting a reward. For many, parenthood is reward enough. Jesus explained to the disciples in this passage that service was a requirement of discipleship. When the disciples asked how they could have more faith, Jesus explained that faith was a gift. Faith is not something we control, but only something we can appreciate as a gift from God. To show our appreciation, however, Jesus demonstrated through a lesson of service how we could show our thankfulness to God for the gift of faith. When we share our faith with others and demonstrate it by showing the love of God to those we meet, we proclaim our gratitude.

**Bulletin Board**

**Special Collection for Diocesan Needs**

The next collection for Diocesan needs will be taken up at all Masses next week end Sat/Sun 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> October.

**Accord**

Pre Marriage Course is being organised by Accord at Oriel Court House Hotel on 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2013. Bookings phone 027 50272 or [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie)

**Confirmation Dates 2014**

Thur.	3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Gaelscoil Ui Riordan
Fri	4 <sup>th</sup> April	Scoil MhuiRe
Fri.	2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Scoil Eoin
Mon.	12 <sup>th</sup> May	Scoil Barra
Mon.	12 <sup>th</sup> May	Our Lady of Good Counsel

Fr. George

**Pro Life Campaign**

National Conference 2013  
 Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2013  
 Alexander Hotel, Dublin 2  
 1.30 – 4.30pm

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
 Annual Flag Day Collection**

Have you an hour or two to spare on the 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> October 2013?  
 The Society is urgently looking for volunteer collectors willing to give an hour or two of their time for this very important source of funds.  
 Should you be willing to help us can you please contact Anne McKernan at 021 4270444  
 Or email [annemk@svpcork.ie](mailto:annemk@svpcork.ie).  
 We would be most grateful for any assistance you could offer us.

**An Invitation to Remember...**

A Service of Remembrance  
 Will be held By Cork University Maternity Hospital  
 On Friday 11th October 2013 at 7pm  
 In the Sacred Heart Church,  
 Western Road, Cork  
 All who have experienced pregnancy or infant loss are welcome to attend

**Barnardos**

Ireland's leading children's charity is recruiting for Volunteer Collectors for their 'Buckets for Barnardos' National Collection Day taking place on Friday, 25th October 2013 in the Tesco Stores throughout Cork – Douglas, Mahon, Mallow, Middleton, Michelstown, Wilton and Cork City. The role of the Volunteer Collector is to collect money at the Tesco Store during an agreed 2½ hour time slot. If interested in assisting us on the day please contact Suzanne on 01-7080431 or email [volunteers@barnardos.ie](mailto:volunteers@barnardos.ie) for more information.

**Special Mass**

There will be a Special Mass to remember all our loved ones who died during the past year on **Monday November 11<sup>th</sup> at 8.00pm in St Mary & St John**. All those who died from the Parish will be remembered at this Mass. Families who wish to have deceased family members (who died during the past twelve months) included in this Mass are invited to hand in their names to the Sacristy or Parish Office during the week and please include a contact name, phone number and an address.  
**Mass in St Oliver's Cemetery Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2pm**  
**Mass in St Mary's & St John Cemetery November 9<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon.**

**DOCUMENTS of VATICAN II.**

Continuing our series on The Documents of Vatican II  
 Our theme this week is,  
**The Family.**  
*The family is so to speak, the domestic church. In it parents should, by their word and example, be the first preachers of the faith to their children; they should encourage them in the vocation which is proper to each of them fostering with special care vocation to a sacred state.*  
 Vatican II, Dogmatic Constitution on the Church  
 Lumen Gentium, 11

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**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Oct/12 & Oct/13/2013

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**  
Sandra Walsh  
Brian Hennessy  
**8:30 am**  
Pat Fennell

**10:00 am**  
Cormac Kelly  
Ashling O'Shea  
**12:00 Noon**  
Oliver O'Donovan  
David Drohan

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**  
Pauline Collins  
Niall Cronin  
**11:00 am**  
Jacob Derham

**12:30 pm**  
Cathy Naughton  
Una Lynch  
**5:30 pm**  
Siobhan Keane-Hopcraft

**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

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**Thursday**

8:30 am

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**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  
Except First Saturday of  
Month

**Saturday**

4:30 pm  
First Saturday of Month

12:45 pm

**Sunday**

**PARISH CLERGY**

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Fr. Dave O'Connell C.C. 021-4876171 or frdaveoconnell@gmail.com  
Fr. James McSweeney 021-4873308

**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.

**The Well Spirituality Centre,  
Convent Ave., Sunday's Well**

Offers a programme of events:  
Retreat Days Thurs 17th Oct 10.30 -4.30  
Movies on last Fridays of month at 7.30p.m.  
For further details contact Sr. Jennifer  
at 087/2548447 or 021/4303216.

**Keeping Alive**

**The Flame of Faith in The Parish**

Is our Diocesan seminar for the Year of Faith when  
Fr. Conall O Cuinn SJ will be our speaker. All parishioners  
are invited to come to this afternoon on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> Oc-  
tober from 1:30pm to 5:30pm at Rochestown Park Hotel.  
Cost €20 per person.

Booking is essential. Tel Sr Karen 021 4537601

Fr. Conall uses multi media, film clips and story to open up  
the topic and will then invite all present into round table  
discussions on the theme.

It promises to be an inspiring and energising presentation  
to assist us all in passing on the faith to others.

**Belief:** Trust yourself, then you will know how to live. *Goethe*



**Ballincollig Tidy Towns**

Well done to Ballincollig Tidy Towns on achieving a silver  
award last week end at the prize giving ceremony at  
Nieuwport in Belgium. The plaque will be on display at the  
Annual Awards Ceremony being held at the Oriel House Hotel on  
Friday October 11th at 7:30 pm.

**Raising Teens**

Two talks on Raising Teens in 21st Century (building communi-  
cations & managing conflict + supporting responsible choices  
on alcohol, sex and drugs), with Dr John Sharry, child mental  
health specialist and author, Silversprings, Sat 12th Oct,  
10.30am & 1.30pm (ends 3.30pm) tickets €20 per talk,  
discounts available on double, group bookings,  
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