

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road



Sunday 07-November-2004

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time.

*Christian hope overcomes the fear of death.
God is faithful: not only does he strengthen us
against evil in this life, but will give eternal
life to all who try to imitate his faithfulness.*



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

November challenges us to be Happy and Holy

Throughout our lives we all experience times of darkness and times of light. Though the joyful times are a pleasure to go through, we may wish away all sadness and depression. November is a tough, challenging month. It heralds the onset of winter with its short days and long nights. And of course it is the time of the Holy Souls as we remember and pray for our departed loved ones. However, without our sorrowful moments, we would not be fully human. Our sad times teach us about ourselves, revealing our inner reserves of resilience and strength.

God created us to be happy. The beauty of nature, loving relationships and spiritual fulfillment are all part of the magnificent plan for all of us, God's children. But despite the many wonders of our world, all human beings sometimes experience sadness and some, depression too. When our joy and peace are locked up within our hearts, we find it difficult or even impossible to find the good and the kind in our lives and in our world.

Sometimes our great sadness has an identifiable trigger. Chronic illness, financial problems, failed relationships, the loss of a loved one or in this November time remembering and reflecting on departed loved ones, our Holy Souls, can make it difficult to find the beauty and joy in our world.

Whether our sadness is caused by external events and by internal imbalance prayer heals us and returns joy to our lives. By nurturing our spiritual nature we replace our sadness and despair with God's love and peace. So as we follow our personal journey of faith, prayer works wonders in handling stress.

At times it's impossible to verbalize the reasons for our sadness. Vague, melancholy feelings may cast our hearts into the darkness of confusion. Without our saying a word, God understands and accepts the changing landscape of human moods and emotions. God listens to every silent soul prayer with empathy and love.

In the words of Gandhi,
"Prayer is not asking,
It is a longing of the soul."

Let us remind ourselves, by the grace of God we will feel better again. Hope will be restored. Joy will return to our hearts. We will laugh, smile and love again ...
November passes.

John O'Donovan

Reflection for Parents

How many countless sentences from our children begin, "What if?" Indeed, the Sadducees were trying to trick Jesus, but in the case of our children, they are eager to learn. Their minds and imaginations work rapidly and it often requires the wisdom and patience of Jesus to keep pace with these inquisitive and curious gifts.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Remembering the goodness of God, our Father, we turn to him in prayer

Reader

For the courage to profess our faith openly.

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

For a spirit of hope in our daily living.

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

For all families, that they may be filled with the peace of Christ.

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

For all who serve in public life, that they may be blessed with wisdom, courage, and compassion.

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

For those who lack the basic necessities of life, that they may be assisted by generous friends.

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

For those who have gone before us, that they may have eternal life.

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

Priest

Gracious God, source of all goodness, we trust in your great care for us and we make our prayer to you in Jesus' name.

Amen.

I shall be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory, O Lord.

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BAPTISMS

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

Sean Patrick Cussen, 191 The Willows.
Liam Darcy Brown, 557 Malabar Road.
Luke Mark Crowley, 52 Manor Hill.
Eddie Cunningham – Cummins, 32 Parknamore Heights.

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

Miah Murphy, Bishopstown & Ballincollig.

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

Jim Butler, Inniscarra.
Jeremiah Callanan, Poulavone.
Dan McSweeney, Inniscarra.
Jeremiah & Mary O’Sullivan, Eyerics.
Edward Fitton, Beech Park.
Mary Dillane, Ivy Circle.
John, Susan & Eddie Harte, Newry.
Thomas Finnegan, Bishopstown.
Richard Hourigan, Limerick.
Con Murphy, New Street, Macroom.
Paul Falvey, Waterfall.
Nora & Jimmy O’Callaghan, Poulavone.
Hazel O’Callaghan, Rochestown.
Maureen Callanan, West Village.
Nora Burns, Leemount.
Denis Bowen, Glasheen Road.
Fr. Gerard Kelleher.
John & Hannah O’Connor, Dingle.

Cork Simon Community Church Gate Collection

Cork Simon Community held their annual Ballincollig Church Gate Collection on Saturday the 16 October 2004 and Sunday the 17th October 2004. We would like to thank Fr George O’Mahony, PP for allowing us to hold the collection, those who gave up their time to organise the collection and everyone who contributed. A massive £1,652.00 was raised and will be used to help provide services for homeless people in Cork.

Bookshop – Christ Our Light

Now in stock Christmas cards, candles, cribs, rosary beads, crucifixes, CD’s, tapes, children’s bibles, books and a variety of religious objects.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Thirty Second Week in Ordinary Time

07 Sunday 2 Macc. 7:1-2, 9-14. Ps. 16. 2 Thess. 2:16-3:5. Lk. 20:27-38. Lect I: 930
08 Monday Tit 1:1-9. Ps. 23. Lk. 17:1-6. Lect II: 862
09 Tuesday Ezek. 47:1-2, 8-9, 12. Ps. 45. 1 Cor. 3:9-11, 16-17. Jn. 2:13-22. Lect I: 1006 or Lect II: 1250
10 Wednesday Tit. 3:1-7. Ps. 22. Lk. 17:11-19. Lect II: 866
11 Thursday Philem. 7-20. Ps. 145. Lk. 17:20-25. Lect II: 869
12 Friday 2 Jn. 4-9. Ps. 118. Lk. 17:26-37. Lect II: 871
13 Saturday 3 Jn. 5-8. Ps. 111. Lk. 18:1-8. Lect II: 873

Next Sunday’s Readings 14-November-2004
Mal. 3:19-20. Ps. 97. 2 Thess. 3:7-12. Lk. 21:5-19. Lect I: 934

A Word of Thanks

Well done to the Tidy Town’s committee who during 2004 worked extremely diligently to organise and encourage the various estates and their residents to become involved in the upkeep and maintenance of their estates? Congratulations to all to who took part and well done to all award winners. This year The Community Hall achieved a highly commended award in it’s category. St Mary @ St John’s church was the overall winner in the public building section.

Confirmation 2005

Monday November 8th a meeting for parents of confirmation pupils in Scoil Mhuire will be held in Scoil Mhuire at 7.30 p.m. This meeting will focus on preparation of candidates and families for the sacrament of confirmation. I look forward to a good meeting where parents, parish and school can continue to support one another in the great vocation of handing on the faith.
Fr. George

Special November Mass for Dead

Thursday November 11th Mass will be celebrated at 8.00 pm in St Mary and St John’s church for the repose of those parishioners who died during the past year. The families recently bereaved are especially welcome as well as fellow parishioners.

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14
 The Maccabees were Jewish young men who died for their faith. They knew there would be a resurrection, and they were not afraid to die.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:16 - 3:5
 In the second reading, we remember that Christ's return is near. God will give strength, and so for us the future holds no fear.

Gospel: Luke 20-27-38
 At the time Jesus lived, not everyone believed in resurrection. The Sadducees especially resisted the idea and tried to make Jesus look foolish when they asked who would be the man's wife in heaven. They posed a situation where a woman's husband died. As was the custom of the time, the brother of a deceased man married the widow in order to insure heirs. They predicted that hypothetically if enough husbands died, she could meet seven husbands at her own resurrection. Which one would be her husband in heaven, they wondered? Neither we nor the Sadducees can fully understand life after death, but Jesus asks us to trust that something much greater than our understanding awaits us at the resurrection



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Martin of Tours 11-November-2004

He was born in what is now Hungary in 316 son of an officer in the Roman army. He soon felt called to the life of Christ and served a term of imprisonment as a conscientious objector who felt that military service and Christianity were incompatible. After his release there occurred the famous incident, which took place near Amiens, when he gave half his cloak to a beggar in whom he saw Christ and then dreamed a dream in which Christ appeared wearing it. He became a disciple of St Hilary at Poitiers and was baptised. From 360 onwards, Martin devoted himself to the monastic life; indeed, he is regarded as the virtual founder of Western monasticism. His houses were firstly at Ligugé near Poitiers and after 372, when he was chosen Bishop of Tours by popular acclaim at Marmoutier, which became a thriving monastery. In an age when Christianity was largely confined to towns, Martin saw monasteries as a way of promoting rural evangelisation based on spiritual centres.

He himself was a most assiduous Bishop, carrying out frequent visitations and defending doctrine. Martin's followers panicked when he told them he knew he was near death, but the saint entrusted himself to the Lord's will in the words: "Lord if your people still need me I do not refuse the work; let your will be done". He died on November 8th 397. His great popularity as a saint was promoted largely by the biography of him, written by his friend Sulpicius Severus. In England, 'Martinmas' was a key time of the year; it was the time for hiring new servants and for beginning to salt meat to last the winter through.

Emmaus Men's Fellowship

Annual conference, Fr Thaddus Doyle (Curates Diary) will speak on the theme - Who do You say I Am - on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th November at the Sacred Heart Community Centre between 10:30 am and 5:30 pm on both days. There will be Mass on Sunday afternoon. All are welcome. Further details please contact 021-4872828.

Hymns This Sunday

12 noon Mass St. Mary & St. John
 Please join in with the Cantor.
 Entrance Christ be beside me (Hymn 2)
 Irish Alleluia
 Offertory I am the bread of life (Hymn 7)
 Communion How lovely on the mountain (Hymn 16)
 Holy God we praise thy name (Hymn 14)
 Final Hymn Morning has broken

Annual Cemetery Masses

St. Mary & St. John's (adjoining cemetery)
 Will take place on Saturday 13th November 2004 at 2 pm

Holy Souls Novena

Continues until November 10th
 Christ Our Light, **8 30 am and 6.30 pm.**
 St. Mary and St John's, **9.30 am and 8 00 pm.**

**St. Joseph's (SMA) Parish
 Wilton**

Prayer service for the Deceased will be held at St. Finbarr's Cemetery on Sunday November 14th at 3 pm.

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
 MONTHLY COLLECTION**

This Weekend
 6th & 7th November 2004
 PLEASE SUPPORT

Ballincollig Secular Franciscan Order

The monthly Mass and meeting will be held on Thursday 11th November at 11.00 am in St. Mary & St. John Church
 Rosary will be recited at 10.40 am (Sharp)

**Cork Institute of Technology
 Parents Evening at CIT,
 Tuesday 9th November 2004**

Sending a son or daughter off to college can be a stressful and worrying time for many parents. Recognising this, Cork Institute of Technology is hosting a Parents Evening on Tuesday 9th November 2004 from 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm in the Information Technology Centre at the CIT in Bishopstown. The evening will include:

An Information Session:

Covering issues relevant to parents of senior cycle students including CAD Application Procedures, Course Structure at CIT, CIT Supports, Services and Facilities for students.

Exhibition:

An opportunity for Parents to discuss course queries directly with Staff of the various Departments.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Nov-13 & Nov-14-2004

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Muireann Nelligan
8:30 am
Triona Collins
10:00 am
Grace Buttimer
12:00 Noon
Sean Hennessy

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Pauline Collins
11:00 am
Maura McNamara
12:30 pm
Dick Beamish
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 & 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	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

Nov-13 & Nov-14-2004

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
Lelia O'Brien
12:30 pm Con O'Connell
Denis O' Mahony
Christine O'Mahony
Tom Murray
5:30 pm Patsy Galvin
Bernard Curran
Clare Curran

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Friday	9:45 - 7:00 pm
Saturday	9:45 - 12:00 pm

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