

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



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

Sunday 07-October-2007

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**

Called to Serve

The request posed by the apostles in the gospel for this weekend the twenty seventh Sunday "Increase my Faith" is a request that many of us make several times during our lives. Just as parish is about people and building a community of faith, every activity undertaken by a parish community is about living our faith in Christ. The central calling for each of us is to be a sign of Christ present in our world and a bearer of the good news of the Gospel for the people of the 21st century in Ballincollig. We are called to be a people of faith and courage; Christ re-assures us "Know that I am with you always."

For many of us being involved in Parish is like being in a valley, looking ahead trying to climb a mountain of unanswered questions. The church was seen by some for many years as having all the answers and is more accustomed to dealing with the answers than with the questions. A core task of a parish council is to provide a place and a space to explore the questions that confront the parish. To have the energy to begin this climb we need to have a sense of hope. How do we see 21st century people? Jesus is our model, "he saw a large crowd and his heart went out to them And he set himself to teach them." Our hearts need to go out to our contemporaries and recognise that modern culture has a space for the gospel vision. The experience of the Baptism preparation in the parish is very encouraging. Parents planning to have their baby baptised are invited to join in Baptism preparation and the experience is very positive and encouraging, The RCIA (Right of Christian Initiation for Adults) is also proving very popular with a constant demand from adults for preparation for baptism. The children Mass each Sunday in Christ Our light at 11:00 am through the dedication and preparation of parents and adults is having a very positive influence on the children who come to this Mass.

These are some of the question the parish council has engaged with during the past three years. To continue this valuable work more and more people are needed to become involved. When we give of our time in this work of Christ, our own faith is also deepened. There is a welcome for everybody so please do put your talents to the service of others so that we can all grow stronger.

George O'Mahony

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

The Lord is eager to help and bless us, and so we bring our prayers before him.

Reader

For all who follow Christ, that they may be joyful in their following and enthusiastic in speaking of their faith.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For our leaders in Church and State, that they may lead with wisdom and integrity.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For families everywhere, that they may be happy and blessed.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the nurturing of human life in all possible ways, for an end to war and violence, and for a just distribution of the world's resources.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For a blessing on all who serve in medical and health-care professions, and on all who care for the sick and suffering.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For our own needs, which we remember now in silence.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Priest

Loving God, you bless those who trust in you. Hear the prayers we make in faith, through Jesus 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 :

Kieran Conor Keating, Oaklee.
 Darragh John O'Mahony, 139A Leesdale.
 Jaydn Ray Kenny, 31 Distillery Court, The Maltings.
 Brendan James Ryan, 39 Whitethorn Drive, Inniscarra.
 Diarmuid Patrick Buttimer, 4 Chestnut Crescent, Classes Lake.
 Abigail Aisling Krauss-Allen, 9 Maglin Circle.
 Oisín Joseph John Casey, 10 The Cloisters.
 Donncha Ciaran Ruane, 22 Cherry Walk.
 Aisling Delaney, 52 Westbury Est., Sarsfield Road.

MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Eileen Cooper, Hampshire.
 Margaret Murphy, Glanmire.
 Nora Cronin, London.
 Margaret Galvin, Farran.

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

Christy Buckley, Bakers Road.
 James Dillon, Sunday's Well.
 David & Margaret Rea, Lower Glanmire Road.
 Donal O'Callaghan, Parknamore.
 Bernie Creed, Ballyhooly.
 Donie Murphy, Bandon.
 Mary O'Mahony, Clash Road.
 Michael O'Sullivan, Carriganarra.
 Michael Barry Murphy, Carriganarra.
 Jerry O'Sullivan, Bakers Road.
 Tomas Doyle, Dublin.
 Michael Gilleran, Rosewood.
 Con Nagle, Coachford.
 Mathew Murphy, Ovens.
 Deceased members of the Linehan Family, London & Kanturk.
 Nellie O'Leary, Kilmichael.
 John Kiely, Ovens.
 Michael Ring, Castle Park & Dungorney.
 Tony McMahan, Dublin Hill.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Twenty Seventh Week In Ordinary Time

07 Sunday Hab. 1 :2-3, 2:2-4. Ps. 94. 2 Tim. 1: 6-8, 13-14. Lk. 17:5-10. Lect I: 917
 08 Monday Jon. 1: 1-2: 1, 11. Ps. Jon. 2:3-8. Lk. 10:25-37. Lect II:350
 09 Tuesday Jon. 3:1-10. Ps. 129. Lk. 10:38-42. Lect II:353
 10 Wednesday Jon. 4:1-11. Ps. 85. Lk. 11:1-4. Lect II:355
 11 Thursday Mal. 3: 13-20 Ps. I. Lk. 11 :5-13. Lect II:357
 12 Friday Joel 1:13-15. 2:1-2. Ps. 9. Lk. 11:15-26. Lect II:359
 13 Saturday Joel 4:12-21. Ps. 96. Lk. 11:21-28. Lect II:362

Next Sunday's Readings 14-October-2007
 2 Kg 5:14-17. Ps 97. 2 Tim 2:8-13 Lk 17:11-19 Lect I: 919

Society of St. Vincent De Paul
Monthly collection

This Weekend 6th & 7th October 2007

Please Support

Would you like to speak, in complete confidence, to a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society?

Please Phone: SVP Ballincollig 086 3202182
 or SVP Tuckey St., Cork: 021 4270444

Parenting Group.

We are planning to run a parenting Group in the Church of the Resurrection, Blarney, starting on Monday 8th October at 8 pm. There would be three sessions before half term and three after, ending on November 19th. We are gearing the group towards parents with children in the 5 to 15 age group. Each evening would include video clips, discussion and other activities. Usually these groups are relaxed, informal and a lot of fun, and feedback from previous participants has been very encouraging. There would be a small charge towards heat, light and refreshments and you might like to purchase a course manual too. If you would like to find out more, please contact Ruth Hockey on 7434934 or 0872941281 or phone Carrigrohane parish office on 4877260, weekday mornings.

Foroige

Volunteer to become a Big Brother or Big Sister! This is a fantastic new volunteering opportunity for people who want to make a difference in a young person's life. The programme is about laughter, learning, friendship and most importantly, fun! The programme is open to adults who have 1-2 hours a week to share with a young person. Initial training and ongoing support is provided for volunteers. For more information, contact your local project officers:

Brenda Keating (086) 8513347 brenda.keating@foroige.ie
 Susan Delaney (086) 0412946 susan.delaney@foroige.ie

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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

Baptism Preparation.

The next Baptism preparation will take place on Saturday October 20th at 1.00 pm, and will be held in the Community Hall, Station Rd. 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 be 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.

Autumn Dues

Envelopes are currently being distributed to homes throughout the parish of Ballincollig, contribution of the dues is for the support of the priests of the parish. Please return it by placing it in the Basket at Mass. Should your home be missed spare envelopes are available from the back of the Church.

Fr. George

Rosary Rally

For the Renewal of Catholic Education and the Faith in Ireland.

At the Papal Cross, Phoenix Park, Dublin. Sunday, October 7th at 4 pm.

FREE Bus leaving from

The Old Credit Union, Ballincollig at 9.30 a.m.

& The Cork Opera House at 10.15 a.m.

Bus will return to Cork at 6 pm.

Come Rest In Me!

Come and listen to a Catechesis for adults and youth.

Where? Church of Christ Our Light, Ballincollig.

When? Sundays and Wednesdays at 8 pm

No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me.

(Jn. 6.44)

The Pyke Theatre Group

Ballincollig

Monthly Social

Tuesday 9th October 2007

The Rugby Club, Tanner Park.

Music by

Kevin McSweeney

Tea sandwiches and cake served during the interval

Admission €5

Time 8.30 to 11:15

A Great Night Assured.

Day for Life

Day for Life was initiated by the late Pope John Paul II, to encourage the Catholic Church worldwide to celebrate the sanctity of life.

The Catholic Church in the UK and Ireland have joined to develop shared resources and common themes for the day which, in Ireland, this year is today Sunday Oct 7th.

Day for Life 2007 will mark the 30th anniversary of Cura in Ireland. For 2007, the chosen theme is 'Blessed is the fruit of your womb'.

Member of newly formed music group in the "Church of Christ Our Light" going to South Africa.

Brendan O'Halloran, a member of the newly formed music group in the "Church of Christ Our Light" under the direction of Karen O'Sullivan, would like to invite you all to a special mass at 12.30 pm on Sunday 14th October 2007 where the group promises to provide you with some very authentic South African music. This is part of the fund raising efforts to enable Brendan to participate in this years "Niall Mellon Township Challenge" which will take place in Cape Town, South Africa, in November 2007. This year, 1350 Irish volunteers will descend on Cape Town where Brendan will be part of the team to complete the building of 150 houses.

This trip gives us the opportunity to give something back to society and especially to those less fortunate than ourselves, so your support would be greatly appreciated.

The location this year is "Freedom Park" which is situated 40Km from Cape Town. This township was set up during the Apartheid regime and the pledge for this township is

Cork Mended Hearts

(Surgical Heart Patients Association)

The 23rd Annual Thanksgiving & Remembrance Mass

will take place on

Wednesday, 10th October, 2007

in

The Cork University Hospital Chapel at 7:30 pm.

Celebrant: Fr. Charlie Kiely

Homily: Fr. James Good

Soloist: Stephen O'Connor

Church of St. Ronan & St. Finbarr, Ballingearry

Restoration Fund

Flower Festival Committee presents

'All Kinds Of Everything'

Friday 12th October at 6 pm

Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th 1 pm to 6pm.

Admission €10.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Oct-13 & Oct-14-2007

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)

Michael Fitton
Paul Kearns

8:30 am

Niamh Gallagher

10:00 am

Grace Buttimer
Orla Horgan

12:00 Noon

Declan Chalmers

8:00 pm (Vigil)

Rosarie Cotter
Louise McGrath

11:00 am

Alex Hatsigrigoriou
Alison Henchion

12:30 pm

Brian O'Donoghue

5:30 pm

Brian O'Donoghue

MASS TIMES

St. Mary & St. John

8:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon

9:30 am

9:30 am

9:30 am

9:30 am

9:30 am

10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)

Christ Our Light

11 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm

8:30 am

8:30 am

8:30 am

8:30 am

8:30 am

8 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

Priest on Duty 087-2479140

Fr. George O'Mahony P.P. 021-4871206

Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C. 021-4877161

Fr. Sean O'Driscoll C.C. 021-4870434

Fr. Ted Sheehan 021-4876171

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Oct-13 & Oct-14-2007

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

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

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 Noon Joan Barrett
Sheila Carroll
Seamus O'Donovan
Joe Coghlan
Geraldine Graham
Catherine Greene

8:00 pm Geraldine Lynch
Charlie Vaughan
Joan Stephenson
Brid Healy-Harris

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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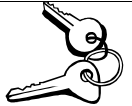
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