

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 07-September-2003



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road



TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Illness and deformity can make us afraid for ourselves, fearful about the meaning of life. With the coming of Christ on earth there came the presence and power of God to begin the work of healing the world. This new creation is still being built up today in the lives of those who believe.



**Christ Our Light
Innishmore**

Getting to Know You!

Welcome to all our readers for hopefully another year of some news items from the parish; some reflections on the Word of God as well as updates on parish events. Welcome back to the school pupils, teachers and all the staff of schools. I hope that everybody had a refreshing summer break and that you were able to enjoy the lovely weather.

During the summer months I had an opportunity to empty some boxes and begin the process of making the presbytery my home. I also availed of the time to familiarise myself with the geography of Ballincollig, Many parishioners have introduced themselves and welcomed me to Ballincollig. I am delighted to pick up a sense that people like to live in Ballincollig; that people are experiencing a friendly and neighbourly atmosphere here. Many people have expressed an interest and a willingness to become involved in their parish, I am delighted to hear this and I am confident that many parishioners have suggestions and ideas for their parish that I would hear and hopefully will present opportunities to people to have ongoing involvement in their parish.

The school children are returning to their classrooms this week and especially for the pupils of sixth and second class a very busy year lies ahead preparing for the Sacraments of Confirmation, reconciliation and First Holy Communion. The next six months is an opportunity and challenge to the Pupils and Parents to deepen their Faith; revisit and repaint our image of God and have some worthwhile experiences of Prayer and Liturgy. We are living in a rapidly changing world but for many there continues to be many questions and plenty of searching going on to try and make some sense of the Lives we live and the world we live in.

George O'Mahony

Thought for Today Be opened (Gospel)

In healing the deaf man, Jesus looks up (to his Father) and sighs (the Spirit is God's Breath) and says 'Be opened'. The Blessed Trinity is present in the opening of eyes and ears. It is a sign of the New Creation. In the First Reading, not only are people healed but creation is restored – the deserts are made new (First Reading).

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

The Lord raises up those who are bowed down, so we bring forward our prayers with confidence:

Reader

For the Church, that all may feel welcome here, without distinction.

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

For Christians, that they may work to end unfair discrimination.

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

For people with difficulties in speech or hearing, that they may experience understanding and friendship.

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

For the athletes who visited Ireland for the Special Olympics and all people with disabilities, that in their courage they may teach others to persevere in the struggles of life.

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

For carers and all who look after the sick and suffering, that God's healing love may always be visible in caring human hands.

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

For our friends who have died especially those in our thoughts today, that the Lord may raise up all the faithful departed.

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

Priest

Healing God, you pour out your love on those who cry to you for help, raise us up by your grace and support us in our needs, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

My soul, give praise to the Lord

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BAPTISMS

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

Jemma Louise Hogan, Powdermills
 Matthew Paul Caplice, 26 Limeworth, Carriganarra
 Caoimhe Marie Murphy, 50 The Meadows, Classis Lake
 Cillian Donnchada Murphy, 50 The Meadows Classis Lake
 Aoibhinn Goulding, 45 Woodberry, Greenfield
 Aidan Denis Keane, 49 Daffodil Fields
 Tara Sinead Finn, 10 Ashton Court
 Billy Patrick Carberry, 28 Daffodil Fields
 Sean Gerard Mullan, 37 Willow Grove Coolroe Heights
 Joshue James Moran, 15 Greystones
 Shane Declan McGee, 14 Mill Range
 Dean Thomas Kearney, 108 Castle Park
 Ugne Benoinskite, 49 Leeview
 Kate Eibhlin Farrell, Kilnaglory
 Michael Neil O'Leary, Longford
 Louis Daniel Herdman, 7 Aylsbury
 Jamie Michael Ward, 120 Rosewood
 Shane Burke, 58 Daffodil Fields
 Callum John Robert Sheehan, 50 Beech Road
 Adele Joanne Murphy, 17 Oldcourt Greenfields
 Mark William O' Keeffe, 172 The Willows
 Jacob Lewis Kelleher, Vicarstown Donoughmore
 Emma Claire Hickey, The Mews Bride Valley Aherla
 Melissa White, Upper Ballygroman Killumney Ovens
 Saoirse Ellen Philpott, 29 The Brambles, Classis Lake Ovens
 Jonah Donal Smyth, 41 The Close Coolroe Meadows
 Aisling Ni Cheallachain, 23 The Green Coolroe Meadows
 Rachel Bridget Murphy, 7 Westgrove Coolroe
 Sarah Ellen Clancy, 30 Westcourt Heights.

MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Peter O'Farrell, Glanmire & Karen Buckley, 60 Beech Park Ballincollig.
 Diarmuid Higgins, Model Farm Road & Deirdre Walsh, Model Farm road.
 Paul Anthony Murray, Bandon & Caroline Mary Hayes, Bandon.
 Conor Joseph Mc Grath, Limerick & Shirly Mary Finnan, Limerick.
 Michael F Meleady, Dungarvan & Eileen M. Carroll, Ballincollig & Dungarvan.
 Kenneth Elwood, 3 The Avenue Coolroe Heights & Paula Barrett, 88 Rosewood Est.
 Darragh Murphy, 29 Willow Grove & Linda Kelly, 105 Shamrock Drive.
 Warren Graham Fleury, Hanover Street & Rosarie Crowley, Greenfields.
 Anthony J Cassidy, Farnanes & Virginia Desmond, 3 Leo Murphy Terrace.
 Timothy Cotter, 25 Aisling Close & Caroline Margaret Rowley, Mayfield.
 Mark Turner, Farranree & Gemma Ray, Hollyhill.
 Alastair Knowles & Samantha Casey, 14 Cherry Tree Guilford Surrey.
 Gerard Allen, 155 Beech Park & Brenda Green, Nadrid Coachford.
 Keith Hutchinson & Kate Crowley, 5 The Lawn Coolroe Meadows

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

07 Sunday Is. 35:4-7. Ps. 145. Jas. 2:1-5. Mk. 7:31-37. Lect I:796
 08 Monday Mic. 5: 1-4 or Rom. 8:28-30. Ps. 12. Mt. 1: 1-6, 18- 23. Lect II: 7 780
 09 Tuesday Col2:6-15. Ps. 144. Lk. 6:12-19. Lect II:302
 10 Wednesday Col 3: 1-11. Ps. 144. Lk. 6:20-26. Lect II:304
 11 Thursday Col3:12-17 Ps. 150 Lk 6:27-38. Lect II:306
 12 Friday 1 Tim. 1: 1-2, 12-14. Ps. 15. Lk. 6:39-42. Lect II:308
 13 Saturday 1 Tim. 1: 15-17 .Ps. 112. Lk. 6:43-49. Lect II:370

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Jerry Cotter.
 Ronan Porter, 8 Sunningdale.
 Michael "Bobby" Linehan, Inniscarra.
 Margaret Dempsey, Beech Park.
 Joan Sheehan, Crookstown.
 Denis Joseph Barrett, 31 Whitethorn Drive, Inniscarra View Estate.
 Joan Horgan, Parknamore Heights.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNI-VERSARY OCCURS:

John O' Sullivan, Carriganarra.
 Mary Scannell, Inchigeela.
 Sean O'Donovan, Church Road Carrigrohane.
 Peg Barry-Murphy, Carriganarra.
 Mary O'Regan, Carriganarra.
 Leslie Hayden, London.
 Nicky Sweeney, Ballincollig.
 Catherine Mc Kechnie, Tower.
 Marie Daly, Maple Lawn.
 Eileen Murphy, Macroom & Muskerry Estate.
 John & Ellen Curran, Ballyphehane.
 Jerry Mc Carthy, Raheen.

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7

If you knew that the world was coming to an end, you would be grateful for some advance notice. The first Scripture reading today gives you that notice: you must read the signs of the times.

Second Reading: James 2:1-5

God commands us to treat all people fairly, the poor as well as the rich. In your Church, there must be no favouritism.

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

" I was dumbfounded" not too long ago this expression was used to describe a sense of shock on experiencing a tragedy or a human disaster i.e. tragic death; horrific car accident or living hell an individual // family is forced to endure daily. This weekend Mark's Gospel is an account of Jesus meeting a deaf man with a speech impediment; Jesus touched his tongue and said ' Ephpatha' that is ' be opened' Isaiah reads ' Courage! Do not be afraid. Look your God is coming, -- for water gushes in the desert. '

We remember today children and adults who live in a world with deafness; blindness or speech impairment. May the Lord bless the work of families and the skill of language specialists and carers who work tirelessly to open our world to so many?

How many people live in their homes as a married couple or with a partner and I or a family who do not understand each other or care for each other; where people no longer speak to one another. Today's readings urges us to become more aware of the others precious qualities, their uniqueness and accept one another's weaknesses.

O God you have hidden yourself in every blade of grass, every towering mountain and in each of us - give us eyes to see you, ears to hear you and tongues to speak to you each day.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

The Holy Name of Mary 12-September-2003

We venerate the name of Mary because it belongs to her who is the Mother of God, the holiest of creatures, the Queen of heaven and earth, the Mother of Mercy. The object of the feast is the Holy Virgin bearing the name of Mirjam (Mary); the feast commemorates all the privileges given to Mary by God and all the graces we have received through her intercession and mediation.

Annette's Salon

3A Sunningdale, Ballincollig. Tel: 4874229

Congratulations on your first successful year in business

John, Mary McLean & Family

Ballincollig Adult Learners Group

Would you like to spend 1 hour helping someone improve his or her reading/writing skills?

One quarter of Irish adults have inadequate reading and writing skills

A Training Course (ten 2 hour sessions) for people interested in becoming Volunteer Tutors will be held in Ballincollig starting in September.

Further information contact:

Alan: 021- 7334539 or Phil: 021-4295144.

Ballincollig Adult Learners Group is funded by Cork County VEC and the National Development Plan. The Group is affiliated to the National Adult Literacy Agency.

NAOMI

National Association of the Ovulation Method of Ireland Ltd.

FOR INFORMATION ON Pre-marriage Courses, Natural Family Planning, Achieving a Pregnancy Menopause Counselling Contact N.A.O.M.I., 36 Washington Street, Cork. Tel: 021-4272213 Tuesday to Friday, Office Hours

Cork Simon Community Needs Your Old Money

Have you still got old Irish coins and notes? If so, the Cork Simon Community wants them. This money is probably useless to you but will help the Cork Simon Community continue to provide vital services to homeless people. Please drop your old coins into our shop in North Main Street or contact Mairéad on 021 4321166 or email fundraising@corksmoncommunity.ie

Mass Book Opens

The Book for reserving Masses for October, November and December Will be opened on Saturday morning, September 13th

Ballincollig Secular Franciscan Order

The monthly Mass and meeting will be held on Thursday 11th September at 11.00 am in St. Mary & St. John Church. Rosary will be recited at 10.40 am (Sharp) Please remember to return your nomination Papers – completed if possible

Beauty is God's Handwriting

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Sep-13 & Sep-14-2003

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Sandra Walsh
8:30 am
Annette Collins
10:00 am
Margot Twomey
12:00 Noon
Tony Lynch

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Jacinta Jeffers
11:00 am
Jack Dorgan
12:30 pm
Con O'Connell
5:30 pm
Tom Reck

MASS TIMES

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

8:30am, 10am & 12 noon

Sunday

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

9:30 am

Monday

8:30 am

9:30 am

Tuesday

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Wednesday

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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

Sep-13 & Sep-14-2003

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Mary O'Donoghue
Steve Wills
Margaret O'Sullivan
Rita Aherne
Rose Doyle
Jim Walsh

8:00 pm Anne O'Regan
Marion O'Sullivan
Finbarr Murray

8:30 am Mary Buckley
Rita Murphy

11:00 am Seamus O'Connell
Mary O'Connell
Pat Manning
Alan O'Riordan
Geraldine Keohane

10:00 am Maureen Roche
Christina Walsh
Peter Reilly
Mary Collins
Christy Roche

12:30 pm Maura Lombard
Jackie Sheehan
Mary Green
Michael O'Leary
Lelia O'Brien

12 Noon Oliver O'Donovan
Barbara Kelly
John Jeffers
Mary McLean
Ellen Seymour
Ita Walsh

5:30 pm Catherine Green
Mary Breen
Siobhan Burke

PARISH CLERGY

Priest on Duty

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Fr. John O'Donovan C.C.

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SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MONTHLY COLLECTION

This Weekend 6th & 7th September 2003

PLEASE SUPPORT

"MISSION OF HOPE TEAM"

Denis, Veronica and Roseline will attend the home of the Wrenne Family, 37 Parknamore Heights, Ballincollig on Tuesday 16th September '03. Holy Rosary will begin at 7pm sharp, followed by Mass celebrated by Rev. Denis O'Sullivan, and a concluding talk.



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Extended Opening Hours

For our members convenience we will extend our opening hours from Monday 1st September.

Our New Hours are:-

Monday 9:45am to 5:00pm

Tuesday 9:45am to 5:00pm

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Thursday 9:45am to 5:00pm

Friday 9:45am to 7:00pm

Saturday 9:45am to 12:00noon



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