

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 08-February-2009

Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

*When we are sick or our lives are disturbed in some way we tend to see the darkness and to turn in on ourselves. The healing that we need is more than a physical one, it involves being freed from self-concern to care for others.*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

## Christian Love

Our Christian calling involves service to others, to each other. This is often worked out in a home or family context, as well as in the wider community. In the face of human suffering and need, we are called to share each other's burdens. In meeting the needs of others in Christian service, our lives are enriched and given deeper meaning. In today's second reading St Paul tells us that he made himself the slave of all. Our service to one another is focussed on the other, not on ourselves. Paul tells us that he became all things to all men, in other words, he met people where they were, empathising with them and showing genuine friendliness and Christian love, seeking a shared perspective. In this he showed respect for those he served, and as we know he was willing to accept help in his own need also.

In Peter's mother-in-law we see the example of serving in terms of hospitality, an honoured and noble task in the ancient world, and still today seen as a sign of openhearted generosity. Jesus, who came to serve, washed the feet of his disciples saying "I have given you an example so that you may copy what I have done to you." We are called to follow Christ who came not to be served, but to serve and give his life as a ransom for many. In a healthy Christian community the various need of people are met by the giftedness, by the talents and abilities of many within that community.

There are many ways in which we can serve, and many different talents and abilities among us. And there is always plenty of scope for service in terms of human needs and suffering. We have in Ballincollig a large number of groups of people who combine to provide service to the Christian community or to individuals, including for example members of the Society of St Vincent de Paul, church music groups and others who help or minister in our churches and the many involved in social, cultural and sporting activities in a voluntary capacity, helping to build up a vibrant parish community.

It is in prayer that we find the strength to persevere in our Christian service, and to keep it fresh and generous. In this we follow the example of Jesus who turned to his Father in prayer to find the strength for his mission. We pray that we in our service may continue be the instruments of the God who heals the broken hearted, as we seek to bring light and peace into the darkness of our world.

Billy O'Sullivan

## Reflection for Parents

The gospel today is especially helpful for parents. Many (maybe most) nights we fall into bed exhausted from a day of responsibilities. Perhaps it was our intention throughout the day to find time to pray, but sometimes we just don't get to it. At the end of the day, we resolve to talk with God, but wake in the morning to find out we fell asleep before we finished the prayer. Jesus gives us the example that we must take the time away from the busyness and demands of our lives to be fortified and strengthened to meet the most important responsibilities we have and that is the spiritual formation of our children and our family.

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

### Priest

Let us present our petitions to our Father in heaven with confidence.

### Reader

For the leaders in the Church; that they may be courageous in their duty to preach the gospel.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the leaders of our society; that the decisions they make may be to the benefit of all.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For all here present; that we may be given the grace to serve Jesus following the example of Simon's mother-in-law.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those who are sick; that they may experience the healing touch of Christ.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those who care for the sick; that they may see Christ in those for whom they care.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith; that they may receive the light of life in heaven.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

### Priest

Heavenly Father, you watch over us and protect us. Grant us what we need. We make these and all our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ your Son, who makes us free.

Amen.

*Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.*

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**BAPTISMS**

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

Cyryl Tomasz Wawrzyniak, Citi West Mews.  
John Leopold O'Reilly, Old Quarry.  
Thomas Finbarr Crotty, Coopers Grange.  
Jayden Anthony Ryan, Tower.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

John Paton, Willowfield.

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

Edward & Joan Murphy, Powdermills.  
Dan O'Connell, West Village.  
Sr. Brendan Prenderville, Gorey.  
Noel Ginty, Hawthorn Avenue.  
Thomas Reck, Innishmore.  
Sean Coakley, Muskerry Estate.  
James & Mary McCarthy, Ballymacoda.  
Mary & Tomas Quealy, Corraclare, Co. Clare.  
Mary & Gilbert Considine, Kilmihil, Co. Clare.  
Margaret & Patrick Kenneally, Curraheen  
Donal Walsh, Fair Street.  
Trevor Philips, England.  
Michael Gilleran, Rosewood.  
Timothy O'Keeffe, Shamrock Drive.  
Mairead Boyce, Milford.  
William & Annie O'Brien.  
Jack & Claire Horgan, Gurrabraher.  
Eileen O'Sullivan, Willowfield.  
Mildred & David McCarthy, Union Hall.  
Saibh McCarthy, Rosewood.  
Tadhg Corcoran, late of Scoil Eoin.  
Hanna Curtin, Westgate Foundation.  
Bill & Lily Noonan, Brian Dillon Park, Montenotte.  
Sean Coakley, Muskerry Estate.  
Paddy Horgan, Inniscarra.  
Denis & Kate Calanan, Youghal.  
Margaret McSweeney, Kilnaglory.  
John Dennehy, Castleview.  
Tom & Willie Holloway, Galbally.  
John & Ellen O'Sullivan, Glanmire.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Fifth Week In Ordinary Time**

08 Sunday Job 7:1-4, 6-7. Ps 146. 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23. Mk 1:29-39. Lect I: 747  
09 Monday Gen. 1:1-19. Ps. 103. Mk. 6:53-56. Lect II: 54  
10 Tuesday Gen. 1 :20-2:4. Ps. 8. Mk. 7: 1-13. Lect II: 56  
11 Wednesday Gen. 2:4-9., 15-17. Ps. 103. Mk. 7: 14-23. Lect II: 59  
12 Thursday Gen. 2: 18-25. Ps. 127. Mk. 7:24-30. Lect II:61  
13 Friday Gen 3:1-8. Ps 31. Mk 7:31-37. Lect II: 63  
14 Saturday Acts 13:-46-49. Ps. 116. Lk.10:1-9 Lect II: 957

**Next Sunday's Readings** 15-February-2009  
Lev 13:1-2, 44-46. Ps 31. 1 Cor 10:31-11:1. Mk 1:40-45. Lect I: 750

**Cork Theology Forum**

**Lent as Grace - Gift & Cost**

The Right Rev'd Michael Burrows  
Bishop of Cashel & Ossory

Harbour Lobby, Silver Springs Hotel, Tivoli, Cork  
9.30 am to 1.00 pm Saturday, 28th February 2009  
Bishop Burrows will talk on grace as gift and grace as cost, with particular reference to our Lenten pilgrimage, disciple and devotion. Do we see Lent as little more than a formality to be observed? How do we use, absorb and assimilate the notion of grace in our liturgy, theology and spirituality as we journey through Lent towards Easter?

**Timetable:**

09.30 Registration  
10.00 Bishop Burrows talk  
10.45 Group discussion  
11.30 Coffee break  
12.00 Michael deals with (his preset) questions  
12.30 Groups  
01.00 Departures  
Registration fee €20, paid-up Members €15.  
Includes Coffee at 11.30  
For further details see our web-site;  
[www.corktheologyforum.org](http://www.corktheologyforum.org)

**Scoil Barra**

**Presents 'MAMMA MIA!**

**A Cinderella & Abba Musical Story'.**

Performed and produced by the pupils, staff, parents and friends of Scoil Barra under the direction of Karen O'Sullivan. Don't miss the opportunity to see this wonderful theatrical treat!  
The show runs from today **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> of February at 8 pm nightly** and tickets are available from Scoil Barra, Innishmore. Tel. 021-4873459.

**Ballincollig Secular Franciscan Order**

The monthly Mass and meeting will be held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 11.00 am in St. Mary & St. John Church  
Rosary will be recited at 10.40 am (Sharp)

**Calling all Family Carers!**

Cork City and County Carers' Forum will take place on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February at The Ambassador Hotel, Military Hill at 8 pm.  
Speaker Kathy Sinnott MEP  
All are welcome. Refreshments served afterwards.  
For more information contact the carers association on 021 4806397

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**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Job 7: 1-4, 6-7  
The Book of Job takes us to the depth of human suffering – even to the depths of despair.

Second Reading: 1 Cor. 9: 16-19, 22-23  
St. Paul tells of his enthusiasm for preaching the gospel.

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39  
We learn several important pieces of information from this gospel passage. First, Simon Peter had a mother-in-law. When we read previously that he left his fishing boat to follow Jesus, we can safely assume that he left much more than that. He had a family at home and we hear in this gospel of Jesus healing Peter's mother-in-law. Also, this gospel helps us recognise the need Jesus had to be away from the crowds and confusion to take time to pray and become revitalised and strengthened for his ministry.

**Ballincollig Parish**

Year of St. Paul  
2008 - 2009

*The Pope has encouraged local church communities and believers to use this year as an opportunity to learn about the life of Paul, to study his writings and thereby to allow our faith to be revitalised in the light of his life and teachings. The letters of St. Paul were the very first books of the New Testament to be written and so offer a unique insight into the beginnings of the Church and how the first believers understood the meaning of the life and death of Jesus in their own lives.*

To celebrate the Year of St Paul in Ballincollig, information leaflets introducing the life and letters of Paul the Apostle prepared by Fr Sean O'Sullivan of the Office of Adult Religious Education of the Diocese of Cork & Ross by will be presented during a series of eight talks from now to November. The meetings will be held in the St Mark Centre, opposite the Church of Christ Our Light in Innishmore. These will include presentation of the material by Fr Billy O'Sullivan followed by tea and group discussion. Copies of the information leaflets will be available for everybody. The schedule of meetings from February to May is as follows.

	Monday, 7.30 pm	Wednesday 10.00 am	Thursday 7.30 pm
Talk 1	16 <sup>th</sup> February	18 <sup>th</sup> February	19 <sup>th</sup> February
Talk 2	16 <sup>th</sup> March	18 <sup>th</sup> March	19 <sup>th</sup> March
Talk 3	30 <sup>th</sup> March	1 <sup>st</sup> April	2 <sup>nd</sup> April
Talk 4	27 <sup>th</sup> April	29 <sup>th</sup> April	30 <sup>th</sup> April
Talk 5	18 <sup>th</sup> May	20 <sup>th</sup> May	21 <sup>st</sup> May

**St Dominic's Retreat Centre**

"Come Apart and Rest for a While"  
Saturday – 21<sup>st</sup> February - 10.30 am – 4:30 pm  
Meditative inputs and guided reflections to help us enter the Lenten Season,  
concluding with celebration of the Eucharist.  
Led by: Martina |Lehane Sheehan  
€30 (includes light lunch soup & roll)  
Booking essential - Phone 021-4502520

**Bulletin Board**

**Baptism Preparation.**

The next Baptism preparation will take place on **Saturday February 14<sup>th</sup> in the Library Room, Community Hall, Station Road at 1 pm.** 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 become involved in the ceremony? We recommend parents book baptisms a few weeks in advance in order to give ample time to take part in the preparation.

**Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund**

Special Envelope Collection this weekend February 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>. This collection subsidises the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes for individuals whose health and / or means would otherwise prevent them from travelling to Lourdes. It also subsidises medical expenses and the travel of essential care personnel.

**Car Parks**

Due to recent vandalism in car parks adjacent to the churches parishioners are reminded not to leave handbags or personal items in their cars. We ask people to be vigilant with a view to protecting other people's belongings.

**Christ Our Light**

There are some chairs with cushions in Christ Our Light. They are located near the Baptismal Font and at the side of the main door. These seats are intended for people who through age, ill health or injury might find them more comfortable to use.

**Citizens Information Service**

**Call-in-Centre – Ballincollig Library**

Free-Confidential – Advice/Information Outreach Officer in Ballincollig Library 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday mornings of the month from 9.30a m – 1.00 pm

**Found**

A sum of money was found in the vicinity of St Mary & St John on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2009. Contact Mary on: 021 4870802.

**Baptism Notice**

There will be **NO** Baptisms on Easter Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2009

**Catholic Paper**

Copies of the Catholic Paper -**The Universe** - are available in both Churches every week.

**St Oliver's Cemetery**

The new extension to St Oliver's Cemetery is now open. The Co. Council are now selling plots, anybody interested please contact Mr Lane the caretaker at St Oliver's phone 021 4873709.

**Fr. George**

**Concert**

Army Masses Bands in concert  
City Hall Cork  
on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2009 at 8 pm

**Coffee Mornings**

Church of Christ our Light, parishioners are invited to join us for a cuppa & chat in the crying room after the 12:30 pm Masses on: Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February  
St, Patrick's Day, Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March  
**Communications Group Ballincollig Parish Council.**

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Feb-14 & Feb-15-2009

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**

Michael Fitton  
Paul Kearns

**8:30 am**

Niamh Gallagher

**10:00 am**

Ciaran Noonan  
Shannon O'Brien

**12:00 Noon**

Declan Chalmers

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**

Rebecca Feely  
Jessica Lingard

**11:00 am**

Chide Ebili  
Karen Flavin

**12:30 pm**

Brian O'Donoghue  
Chidera Ebili

**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

**Monday**

8:30 am

9:30 am

**Tuesday**

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**Thursday**

8:30 am

9:30 am

**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

**Saturday**

4:30 pm

Except First Saturday of  
Month

First Saturday of Month

12:45 pm

**Sunday**

**PARISH CLERGY**

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**Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C.**

**021-4877161**

**Fr. Billy O'Sullivan C.C.**

**021-4876171**

**Fr. James McSweeney**

**021-4873308**



**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Feb-14 & Feb-15-2009

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6.00 pm**

Eileen Murphy  
Ted Nelligan  
Angela Murphy  
Ann O'Connell  
Sheila Walshe  
Rita Hodge

**7:30 pm**

John O'Donoghue  
Mary Dineen  
Kathleen Daly  
Mairead Keenan

**11:00 am**

Mary O'Mahony  
Mona Bowen  
Billy Barry  
Mary Aylward  
Pauline Baston

**8:30 am**

Helen Kelly  
Breeda Feehily  
Mary O'Connor

**10:00 am**

Miriam Maunsell  
Mary Buckley  
Breda Ring  
Mary O'Regan  
John Henchy  
Martin O'Leary

**12:30 pm**

Mary Twomey  
Maura O'Driscoll  
Mary Lehane  
Dympna Byrne  
Suzanne Leetch

**12 Noon**

Joy Daly  
Pat Kelleher  
Helen Plunkett  
Ellen O'Sullivan  
Ursula McAuliffe  
Sally Crowley

**5:30 pm**

Shelia Curran  
Elizabeth O'Sullivan



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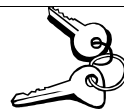
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