

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 08-September-2013

Twenty Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

We hold knowledge in high regard these days. Knowledge is the contemporary synonym for wealth. However, knowledge and wisdom are quite different. If knowledge represents the ways of the world, then, wisdom represents the ways of God. Knowledge may lead to success, but it is wisdom that leads to life. The height of wisdom is to discover and accomplish the will of God. When we do so, we store up for ourselves treasures in heaven.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

New Beginning

Summer 2013 will be remembered for the long fine spell of good weather, thankfully it continues. The sun and warmth tends to bring out the best in everybody.

This summer Ballincollig town looked absolutely stunning with flowers in abundance and the neatness and cleanliness a joy to behold. Well done to everybody involved especially to the Tidy towns committee and their many volunteers. Welcoming the judges of The Entente Florale to the Church of St Mary and St Johns' on July 26th was a special occasion for parishioners and myself. I hope and pray that the judges will reward the effort and community spirit of Ballincollig.

July 11th forty three people (including 39 teens and 4 adults) left Ballincollig on our journey to Taize. This year our first destination was Anneccy; Anneccy is a lovely city in the south of France, has many lovely features including a lake, surrounded by the Alps and the city itself is often described as the Venice of France. We arrived in Taize on Sunday July 14th at approx. 3 pm to be welcomed by Brother Paul and Brother Jean Marie. Soon those who were in Taize for their first time were getting acquainted with the place and it's routine. The sense of community, joining the brothers for their prayer and chants three times a day as well as the workshops ensures that everyone is busy in Taize. This year the adults had a talk each morning on Peter in the Gospels, these talks were well worthwhile. For further details see <https://www.facebook.com/BallincolligParish>

Pupils are back in school, congratulations to leaving cert students and best wishes for the years ahead. Meanwhile preparation for the sacraments of Confirmation and First Confession and Communion is already underway.

The gospel this weekend says the "The tax collectors and sinners were seeking the company of Jesus" may we strive to help one another to find the company of Jesus.

George O'Mahony

Reflection for Parents

Back to school and new school year. Many of the themes of today's readings speak clearly to both children and adults. The people standing on the edge of the Promised Land are not unlike children and adults stepping into the beginning of the school year. Everyone is beginning to realise that there will be choices to be made and that some disciplines will require more work than we might wish. But, we also remember as we settle into all the work that God made us and is with us always. In short, there is lots to work with this Sunday.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us pray that we may become more committed Disciples of Christ.

Reader

For all Church leaders: that they may preach the Gospel by word and example to all the world.

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

For government leaders: that they may promote justice and unity in the world.

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

For all those who suffer because of their belief in Christ.

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

For grace to keep our eyes fixed on Christ and to follow him with unwavering commitment.

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

For those who are sick; that they may be comforted by the healing touch of the Lord.

**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

God our source of life, you know our weakness. May we reach out with joy to grasp your hand, and so walk more readily in your ways. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.

Visit Our Website: www.ballincolligparish.ie

BAPTISMS

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

Ewan Patrick Twomey, Hillsboro Model Farm Road
 Anton Jacques Moore, Coopers Grange, Old Quarter
 Ciaran Harry Craig, Westcourt
 Sophie Grace Feeney, Citi West Mews
 Isabelle Kate O'Callaghan, Old Court, Greenfields
 Emmet Desmond O'Shea, Glincool Crescent
 Jude Christopher Walsh, Daffodil Fields
 Reece Meshach O'Sullivan/Enamaye, The Quadrants.
 Padraig Joseph O'Donoghue, Chestnut Grove, Classes Lake.
 Elizabeth Kathleen Kelleher, The Cloisters.
 Emily Lucia Walsh Barrett, Park Road, Muskerry Estate.
 Jake Joseph Barrett, Leslies Arch, Old Quarter.
 Timothy Thomas O'Mahony, Oaklands.
 Luke Jerry Lloyd Davies, Old Court, Greenfields.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Jim Gahan, Parknamore.
 Prof. John Sheehan, Oriel Court.
 Christina O'Shea, Waterfall.
 Brendan Crowley, Plymouth / Dunmanway
 Ann Mulroy, Castlepark / Farmers Cross.

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

Grace Graham, Church View.
 Terry Yelverton, Innishmore Lawan.
 Margaret O'Connor, Sunningdale.
 Joe Linehan, Inniscarra View.
 Mary, Joe & Dan McGrath, Bantry.
 Andy O'Keeffe, Carrigrohane.
 Michael O'Leary, Ballinlough.
 Dan & Mary McGrath, Bantry.
 Josie & Danny Griffin, Roscrea.
 William & Catherine Murphy, Powdermills.
 Denis Finnegan
 Maura Minihan
 Eadaoin O'Callaghan
 Maura Finnegan
 Paula O' Callaghan
 Dan, Mamie & Sean McCarthy, Dunmanway.
 Josephine Frank Joyce, Galway.
 John McSweeney, Carrigrohane.
 Dave & Maud O'Brien, Spring Lane.
 Catherine Gardiner, Inniscarra View.
 Jerry McCarthy, Raheen.
 Michael & Gertrude Riordan, Glasheen.
 Noreen Linehan, Kanturk / USA.
 Con Kerins, Castleknock.
 Denis & Eileen O'Riordan, Noonan Road.
 Deceased members of Carroll Family, Crookstown.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Twenty Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

08 Sunday Wis 9:13-18. Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17. Phm 9-10, 1217. Lk 14:25-33. Lect I: 903
 09 Monday Col 1:24-2:3. Ps 61:6-7, 9. Lk 6:6-11. Lect II: 300
 10 Tuesday Col2:6-15. Ps. 144. Lk. 6:12-19. Lect II:302
 11 Wednesday Col 3: 1-11. Ps. 144. Lk. 6:20-26. Lect II:304
 12 Thursday Col3:12-17 Ps. 150 Lk 6:27-38. Lect II:306
 13 Friday 1 Tim. 1: 1-2, 12-14. Ps. 15. Lk. 6:39-42. Lect II:308
 14 Saturday Num 21 :4-9. Ps 77:1-2, 34-38. Phil 2:6-11. Jn 3:13-17. Lect I: 996 or II: 1186

Next Sunday's Readings 15-September-2013

Ex. 32:7-11, 13-14. Ps. 50. 1 Tim. 1:12-17. Lk. 15:1-32. Lect I: 906

Ballincollig Parish

Bereavement Support Group

A Bereavement Support Programme will commence in Ballincollig on Tuesday 8th October. It continues each Tuesday night for 8 weeks (7.30 to 9.30 pm). It is held in a small group setting and is open to anyone who is experiencing the grief and loss of a loved one. It also provides the opportunity to share one's own personal grief and experience the support of others in a confidential setting. For further details please contact:

Sr Colette at 086.3557375

"Mothers' Prayers"

Recommence

Wednesday 18th September 10.30 a.m

at Meeting Room at Christ our Light Church

Thursday 19th September 10.00 a.m

At Parish house - 'Sonas' - Station Road

(almost opposite Parish Community Hall)

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

St Dominic's Retreat Centre

Meditation: A Journey to the HEART

Our weekly meditation evenings will begin again on Thursday 19th September at 7.30p.m. – Donation only

All Welcome

CROWLEY

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18
 It is often hard for us, limited human beings, to comprehend the ways of God. Our reasoning is inadequate and our judgement unsteady. If our knowledge is finite even concerning the things of this world, what about the things of heaven? God is the source of true wisdom.

Second Reading: Philemon 9-10.12•17
 Paul's life was dedicated to discerning the ways of God and helping others to do so. In today's second reading, he asks Philemon to receive Onesimus, his former slave, as a brother. Slavery belongs to an age gone by. Among those who are reborn in Christ, there is neither slave nor free man. Everyone belongs to Christ.

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33
 The message of today's Gospel is radical indeed! The followers of Jesus must make the Kingdom of God the highest priority in their lives. Sometimes this could mean even going against one's own family or giving up all of one's possessions. Our loyalty to God must be absolute, whatever may entail!

An International Gathering Conference hosted by the Pioneer Association will take place in All Hallows College, Dublin, on the 28th and 29th September.

The theme is
'The Spirit that sets us free' - Overcoming Addiction.
 For more details contact the Pioneer Association, 27 Upper Sherrard Street, Dublin 1. Tel: 01 8749464.
 Email: pioneer@jesuit.ie Website: www.pioneerassociation.ie

Talks on addiction and spirituality, open forum discussions, a celebratory service for healing and wholeness, lunch, dinner and evening entertainment on the Saturday. The Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated by Dr Diarmuid Martin, Archbishop of Dublin on the Sunday. €70 per person.

Beginning Experience

Beginning Experience is a specially designed Support Programme for people who have suffered the loss of a spouse by death, separation or divorce to work through the grief process, and to discover for themselves that merely "existing" in life can be transformed into "living" a new life, though a different one.

The next weekend is being held in the Ennismore Retreat Centre, Cork from Friday October 4th to Sunday October 6th, 2013.

For Application Forms and further details please contact 087 9886480 or email beginningexpeirence@gmail.com

National Legion of Mary Pilgrimage to Knock

Will take place on Sunday, 29th. September with the coach leaving from St. Patrick's Quay at 7.30 am. sharp. If interested please ring 4364474 or 086 1929263.

Bulletin Board

Mass Diary

Diaries to book Mass intentions for October, November, and December will open in both churches on September 14th at 9 am. Priority will be given to First Anniversary Masses.

Altar Servers

Volunteers are invited to serve as Altar Servers in both Churches. Please contact any priest, together with parents, or contact parish office Phone: 021 4871206.

Coeliac Host

Coeliac Host available at all Masses in both churches. Generally the Priest celebrating the Mass has the Coeliac Host. To help the Celebrant you might please let him know before the Mass.

Car Parking at

Church of St Mary & St John and Christ Our Light

Please keep to left hand side as you approach the car parks. This is important from a health and safety point of view. Please also be careful of pedestrians who walk to Mass or from their cars to the church. Take care also not to obstruct entrance and exit to the car parks and church doors.

Fr. George

Prayer is not a burden, but a gift; it is not a constraint, but a freedom; it is not a millstone round our neck, but a source of joy.
 Pope John Paul II

Croke Park 2013

On the occasion of the All-Ireland Hurling Finals We wish all our local players, the Cork Team and our Clare, Waterford & Galway parishioners a very sporting game.
 "May the best teams win!"

CURA

Need to Talk?

We are there 6 days a week.
 Unplanned pregnancy can be hard to take. Also when baby is born coping can be difficult.
 We are there to listen and support you.
Call CURA at 021 427 7544

Saturday Workshops

Brú Columbanus, Wilton.

10.15 am to 4.30 pm

Mindfulness: 21st September
 Personal Development: 28th September

€50 per Workshop

Details: Mary: 087 4187447

or email corkpd@gmail.com

www.corkpersonaldevelopment.com

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Sep-14 & Sep-15-2013

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Adrian Cotter
Alan Murphy
8:30 am
Eadaoin O'Leary
gerard O'Leary
10:00 am
Tony Hegarty
William Green
12:00 Noon
Sean Hennessy
Shane Lehane

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Pauline Collins
Niall Cronin
11:00 am
Jacob Derham
Paul Donovan
12:30 pm
Bernard Valley
Colm Walsh
5:30 pm
Emily Hardman

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	8:30 am
9:30 am	Wednesday	8:30 am
9:30 am	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

Priest on Duty	087-2479140
Fr. George O'Mahony P.P.	021-4871206
Fr. Dave O'Connell C.C.	087-2479140
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 Holy Land

(A limited number of tickets still available)

For 9 days in October, 2013
4 Nights in Bethlehem, 4 nights in Tiberias
Cork / London / Tel Aviv
€1395 fully inclusive per person sharing
Spiritual Director Fr Joe Nagle OFM Cap
Full Details, Itinerary and Booking form available from
Laurence Cunningham, Ballincollig. Phone (021)4873364

St. Dominic's Retreat Centre

A Day on Centering Prayer

Saturday 21st September

Themes to include:

Prayer as Relationship

The method of Centering Prayer

Use of the Sacred Word

The fruit of Centering Prayer in our lives

Facilitator: Mike Culloty

Cost: €50

Time: 10.30 – 4.30

Bookings to the office 021 4502520



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Sep-14 & Sep-15-2013

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Patsie Murphy
Pat Moore
Mary Walsh
Marie Healy
Margaret Kearney
Nora Barry

8:30 am Theresa Lucey
Rita Murphy / Tom Butler
Mona Holland

10:00 am Margaret Bunyan
Mary Murphy
Joan Tobin
Breda Monaghan
Niamh Nic Gearailt
Ann McCarthy

12 Noon Marie Bowen
Breda Lenihan
Jacinta Jeffers
Rena O'Connor
Sean Farrell
Mary Hennigan

7:30 pm Sheila O'Connor
Martin O'Regan
Brid Healy-Harris
Kit Cahill

11:00 am Carmel Ryan
Eileen Byrne
Bernadett Spillane
Laurence Cunningham
Angela Cunningham

12:30 pm Eileen Garvey
Sally Power
Breda Callanan
Catherine Freehill
Betty Walsh / Liam Buckley

5:30 pm Olan O'Mahony
Ann-Marie Whelan
Noel Kelleher

Ballincollig Tidy Towns



National Tidy Towns results for 2013 will be announced tomorrow at the Helix Centre in Dublin.

We wish the committee and its volunteers all the best in the competition. A huge thanks to all concerned for making our town so splendid this summer.

The committee wish to thank all those who contributed so generously to its recent Church Gate collection and the goodwill shown to all collectors is greatly appreciated

Troubled by someone else's drinking?

Try Al-anon. Local Meetings S V de P Centre Station Road
Thursdays 8.30 pm. Phone: 087 6651707.