

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 09-June-2013



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Tenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Life is God's gift. The theme that is common to the first reading and the gospel today is clear: to give and to restore life belongs to God. In neither story today is it intended to be a proof of the divinity of the person performing the action. Rather both writers want to say that Elijah or Jesus is concrete expressions of God's presence to those in need, the dead as well as the bereaved. In the person of Jesus of Nazareth, God was already walking among God's people.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Recent Tragedies

Just want to take you back to a couple of events that happened in recent months that were part of the world media. In April there was fire in a factory in Bangladesh that claimed the lives of more than 1,000 people. This led to questions regarding the ethics of business, employment exploitation and so on. Amidst the search and rescue families waited in hope that their loved one would be found alive or at least that they would be found and so able to bury their dead. Then there was the amazing story of the finding of a lady who survived for 17 days eating biscuits and drinking water from a draining pipe.

In Ohio there was the escape and release of two women and a child who were captive for years. Their families years earlier going through the trauma of a loved one missing; perhaps abducted and the search leads to nothing and then joyous scenes as their loved ones have survived and return to their families.

The meaning of the preciousness of life came into sharp focus more locally when Donal Walsh, a young person from Tralee appeared on the Saturday Night show talking about the issues of life and death. We are naturally often afraid to address the deep questions of life, death, suicide, the end of life.

The stories above came to mind as I pondered on the pieces of scripture revelation for this weekend. All the mixed emotions that surround the trauma of suffering, loss, death, bereavement and the joyous moment of realization of the promise of new life and resurrection that Jesus brings to humankind.

Our faith impacts our understanding of life and death, suffering and loss. What the prophet Elijah and Jesus Himself points to is a God involved at the very core of all aspects of life. When we take ourselves to the core of suffering, tragedy, loss, death, pain, we are called in faith as Christians to insert that faith into these situations. The anguish, tears, the cries, the promises of resurrection are evident in the compassionate Christ. When we look at the face of death and the language of the Cross let's find the support of our faith; talk about our understandings around the meaning of life and death with family, friends, others. In such a sharing perhaps we will be reminded of our mortal nature and see the sacred within touched by Christ. No harm in looking at today's scripture events with realism through the eyes of faith so that we might move from the fears, denials, illusions, that try to pretend otherwise.

Dave O'Connell

Taizé Prayer

at Christ our Light Church
on Friday 28th June at 7.30 p.m.

You are all very welcome to join our Taizé group
for some quiet reflective prayer with the Songs of Taizé.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Jesus comforted the widow who had lost her only son. Let us pray to him who is Lord of life and death.

Reader

For the Church: that through its deeds the compassion of Christ may be seen and felt in the world.

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

For those who work for the sick and dying: that Christ may give them warm hearts and gentle hands.

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

For parents who mourn the death of a child: that God may visit them with comfort.

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

For this community: that God may visit us with his grace, and keep us rooted in hope and love.

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

For our departed relatives and friends: that God may awaken them to eternal life.

**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 of mercy and compassion, grant that in this Celebration we may experience your loving presence among us, and know that life is stronger than death. We ask this through the name Christ our Lord. Amen.

I Will Praise You, Lord, You Have Rescued Me.

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BAPTISMS

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

Emily Rose O'Brien, Fern Walk, Greenfields.
 Tara Kate Jordan, Shamrock Drive, Muskerry Estate.
 Davin Anthony McCarthy, Distillery Court, The Maltings.
 Jenna Eabha Quinn, The Green, Coolroe Meadows.
 Kye Arthur Carter, Lower Farran.
 Sarah Marie Murphy, The Brambles, Classes Lake.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Gillian Kiely/Smith, Classes Lake.
 Pat John O'Callaghan, Kilcorney.

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

Thomas O'Sullivan, Kanturk.
 Fred & Kate Nash, Powdermills.
 Bridget Madden, Blarney Street.
 John Corcoran, Manor Hill.
 Mary Barry, Inniscarra.
 Nancy Riordan, Old Blackrock Road.
 Martina McCarthy, Castle Avenue.
 Hugh Courtney (Snr), Bishopstown.
 Christy O'Mahony, Carriganarra.
 John Barry, Bishopstown
 Mr. Donovan, Cobh.
 Hannah Mary O'Sullivan, Ballyvourney.
 Finbarr O'Brien, Friars Walk.
 Maureen & John Burke, Well Road.
 Dan Lucey, The Crescent.
 Nancy Manning, Farranree.
 Christy Cotter.

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

Reflection

Christ invites his followers to share in the ministry of compassion and healing. The Church continues this ministry in many ways. Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion visit and pray with the sick. The Sacraments of the Anointing of the Sick, Penance and Reconciliation, and the Eucharist offer healing of body, mind, and spirit. Catholic Social Teaching and the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy remind us that we are to care for creation and respect life in all its stages.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Tenth Week In Ordinary Time

09 Sunday 1 Kg 17:17-24. Ps 29:2, 4-6, 11-13. Gal 1:11-19. Lk 7:11-17. Lect I: 863

10 Monday 2 Cor 1:1-7. Ps 33. Mt 5:1-12. Lect II: 124

11 Tuesday Acts 11:21-26, 13:1-3. Ps 97. Mt 10:7-13. Lect II:1058

12 Wednesday 2 Cor 3:4-11. Ps 98. Mt 5:17-19. Lect II: 128

13 Thursday 2 Cor 3: 15-4: 1, 3-6. Ps. 84. Mt. 5:20-26. Lect II:130

14 Friday 2 Cor 4:7-15. Ps 115. Mt 5:27-32. Lect II: 132

15 Saturday 2 Cor 5:14-21. Ps 102. Mt 5:33-37. Lect II: 134

Next Sunday's Readings 16-June-2013

2 Sam 12:7-10, 13. Ps 31. Gal 2:16, 19-21. Lk 7:36-8:3. Lect I: 866

Student's Prayer Card (Ballincollig)

As I begin to study for the exams I face I ask you Lord for the courage and grace to meet this challenge and do my best to stay calm and focused during the test.

This prayer I make to you today, help me Lord and with me stay.

Prayer For Students Sitting Examinations 2013 - To be offered during Mass in Ballincollig Wednesday June to 5th to Saturday 22nd

Lord, pour out your spirit of wisdom on these students; help them to remain calm, to attend carefully to the questions asked, to think clearly, to remember accurately, and to express themselves well.

We commend their studies to your powerful protection. We implore you to grant them a quick understanding, a safe judgement and a faithful memory.

Grant that they may reflect the best of the work they have done

and the best of the teaching they have received.

Accept their best efforts in these examinations

and in the great test of life on earth.

May your love be upon them O Lord,

as they place all their trust in you.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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First Reading 1 Kings 17:17-24

In this very moving and dramatic passage from 1 Kings we hear of how a young boy in the house where the prophet Elijah is staying becomes seriously ill. Understandably, the child's mother wonders if her guest, this 'man of God', is in fact the cause of her son's condition. Elijah takes the child, pleads with God to revive him and returns him safe and well to his mother.

Second Reading Galatians 1:11-19

Paul is eager to demonstrate that he is not a spokesperson for any of the apostles, and that he was not influenced by anyone, other than Jesus himself, prior to, during or after his powerful encounter with the lord on the road to Damascus. Therefore, when he dispenses from traditional legal observances, he does so based on his conviction that this is an integral part of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel Reading Luke 7:11-17

In the era of dedicated news channels, the sight of funeral processions with the bodies of young people killed as a result of war or famine is not unusual. All too frequent, too, are the reports of young people killed in motoring accidents on our roads. No matter what the circumstances, there is always a grieving mother or father, relative or friend. The one response capable of helping in each situation is the one adopted by Jesus in the Gospel today: compassion.

Documents of Vatican II.

As the year of faith moves on (ends on 24th November 2013- Feast of Christ the King) we may be asking ourselves if we have made some effort to deepen our faith. The door of Faith is opened at one's Baptism but during the year Catholics are asked to open it again, walk through it and rediscover and renew their relationship with Christ and his Church. This year was chosen because it is the 50th Anniversary of the Vatican Council (Vatican II) and among the methods of deepening one's faith, Pope Benedict Recommended the reading of The Documents of Vatican II of which there are sixteen. All these can be read on the Internet or in Public Libraries. To encourage people to read at least some of the Documents, snippets from them will be given in the " Parishioner" from now until the end of November.

Public Opinion &The Media.

Since public opinion exercises the greatest power and authority today in every sphere of life ,both private and public ,every member of society must fulfil the demands of justice and charity in this area. As a result all must strive through the media of social communication as well, to form and spread sound public opinion.

Vatican II, Decree on the Media of Social Communications Inter Mirifica, 8..

The Holy Land

For 9 days in October, 2013

4 Nights in Bethlehem, 4 nights in Tiberias
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€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

Bulletin Board

Eucharistic Procession

Thanks to all those who took part in the Eucharistic Procession last Saturday, the Committee and volunteers who helped to arrange and make it a successful occasion, the Altar Servers, Choir, First Holy Communion Children, Sacristan, Scouts, Ballinora Red Cross, those who led us in the Rosary, thanks also to the Gardai.

Taize Cake Sale

The Taize cake was a great success. Many thanks to the young people who helped with the baking, serving etc. Thanks also to the many parishioners who bought the cakes; your generosity was greatly appreciated. A total of €1042.69 was raised; the money will go toward expenses for the trip to Taize in July.

Examination Time

We ask for your continuing support and prayers for our students as they prepare for their Leaving and Junior Certificate Examinations. May they be successful in their efforts.

Mass Diary

Diaries to book intentions July, August, and September are now open in both churches.

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.

Fr. George

Special Collection

Ballincollig Parishioner & Mass Missalette
An **EXIT COLLECTION** will be taken up
after all Masses next weekend 15th & 16th June.
Your Contribution will help towards the purchasing of
the Mass Missalette
and the printing costs of The Parishioner.

Hope Foundation

Claire O'Sullivan, a fifth year student in Ballincollig Community School will be selling Butlers chocolate bars after all masses on the weekend of the 22nd and 23rd of June. The bars are €2 each and all proceeds go to the Hope Foundation. She would greatly appreciate your support.

Night at the dogs in aid of Hope Foundation.

A Fundraising Event in aid of the Hope Foundation will be held Friday 21st June in Curraheen Park Dog Track. Tickets are available from Ballincollig Community School students Claire O'Sullivan and Ronan Collins who will be travelling to Calcutta with the Hope Foundation next February. Tickets are €10 and must be purchased in advance from 085 1263601 or 0879559871 or 085 1435653.

Prayer to your Guardian Angel

O Angel of God, my guardian dear,
to whom God's love commits me here,
ever this day be at my side,
to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Jun-15 & Jun-16-2013

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Karen Sheehan
Padraig Graham
8:30 am
Triona Downey

10:00 am
David O'Brien
Debra Daly
12:00 Noon
Tony Lynch
Shane Tully / Evan Keating

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Rebecca Feely
Josh Nyagaya
11:00 am
Tomas Buckley
Alison Henchion
12:30 pm
Bernard Valley
Colm Walsh
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	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.

Care to Drive

The Irish Cancer Society's Care to Drive service is currently seeking volunteers to drive local patients to and from their chemotherapy treatments in Cork University Hospital & the Mercy University Hospital. We are looking for volunteers from all over Co. Cork – from Youghal, to Kenmare, to Mitchelstown - to pick patients up at their homes, drive them to the door of the hospital, pick them up again when they are finished their treatment and bring them home. The service is free to the patient and drivers expenses are paid. Telephone Gail on 01 2310 566 or email transport@irishcancer.ie

Walk the Camino for Third Age

There are still some places left on Third Age's trip on the Camino de Santiago which takes place on the first week of September. All proceeds will go to our Senior Help Line, a peer to peer listening service for older people. If you know anyone who would be interested in this opportunity, please contact Neil on nbruton@thirdageireland.ie or 0834260081 to receive more information or book a place.

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.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Jun-15 & Jun-16-2013

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Michael Maher
Bernadette Bell
Betty Casey
Frank Riordan
Siobhan Riordan
Pauline Quane

7:30 pm Geraldine Lynch
Charlie Vaughan
Joan Stephenson
Bernie Bowen

8:30 am Mary Buckley
Theresa Lucey / Triona Collins
Mary B. Murphy

11:00 am Neil Jeffers
Eileen O'Donoghue
Bridie Hanrahan
Catherine / Hugh Moran
Padraig Fleming

10:00 am Anne Cahill
Cathy Horgan
Claudine Tiendioh
Betty Flavin
Anne Spillane
Betty Sheehan

12:30 pm Denis O' Mahony
Christine O'Mahony
Tom Murray
John O'Regan
Gerard Dunne

12 Noon Helen Plunkett
Seamus O'Donovan
Eleanor Knowles
Catherine Greene
Joan Barrett
Frances Hogan

5:30 pm Bernard Curran
John Canty



Ballincollig Tidy Towns



June & July are months of vital importance to our **Town — Community — Parish**

Judging in The National Tidy Towns began on June 1st and is followed by the Entente Florale in July.

The committee / Volunteers are working non stop to enhance our town. **We do need help**, you can help by painting, power washing of walls, removing kerbside weeds, safe disposal of litter / dog fouling, refrain from dumping cigarette butts, chewing gum on our streets, footpaths etc.

In July judges from eleven countries will spend a day in our town looking at all aspects of life in our community.

This is a huge honour for our town to be Ireland's representative for the 2013 competition.

Let us reward our selection by being extra vigilant and helping to make our town a place for Europeans to admire & visit.