

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 09-October-2011

Twenty Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

*God promised his people a future of great blessings where death and mourning would be no more. Christ came to issue God's final invitation to this future. Some rejected it, others accepted it but then made light of it. What have we done with our invitation?*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

## Invitation to God's Banquet

The prophecy of Isaiah in our first reading is about God preparing a banquet for all people. There is one feast to which we are all invited, the greatest feast of all, the banquet in the Kingdom of God. In today's parable, the king sends his servants out to call all those who had been invited to the wedding feast, but some just refused, and others who were invited, had excuses proving they were not worthy to come. Eventually the servants went out to the crossroads of the town and invited anyone they met to come and the guests filled the banquet hall. But amongst them was a guest who had not put on a wedding garment. The parable shows that there is a preparation to be made by all invited to the feast. All peoples are chosen and invited to God's banquet, but not all who profess to be Christians are true disciples. Those Jesus refers to as "chosen" are all people invited to the feast in the kingdom of heaven who have been preparing by living out their Christian calling.

The person not clothed in the 'wedding garment' had refused to make the preparation required by the king. There may be times in our lives when we too may not be clothed in the 'wedding garment'; times we reject Jesus' invitation to live good Christian lives. Yet He continues to invite us, giving us the opportunity for a change of heart. What do we need to do to be clothed in the wedding garment? St Paul tells us in his letter to the Colossians: 'clothe yourselves as is fitting for God's chosen people, - put on compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, patience; bear with one another and forgive one another. Above all, clothe yourselves with love. And may the peace of Christ overflow in your hearts'.

In today's second reading, Saint Paul invites us to put all our trust in God, as he himself did: "I can do all things in him who strengthens me". As we know, Paul persecuted the first followers of Jesus, but he was open to God's grace, was converted and became the great apostle of the early Church. The Lord uses us too, with all our humanity, with all our weakness, to continue his mission on earth.

May the Good Shepherd continue to guide us along the right path as we journey towards his heavenly kingdom where one day we will dwell in the Lord's own house for ever and ever.

*Sr. Colette*

## Reflection for Parents

Sometimes our children drag their feet and say they don't want to go someplace where they've been invited. Many times we whisper to ourselves, "If only she would get there, she would have a great time." And sometimes she does get there and, sure enough, she does have a great time. If we're honest with ourselves, we may find that the same is true when we have gone reluctantly to an event that turned out to be quite a pleasure. Wouldn't those who received the original invitation to the wedding feast have enjoyed a splendid party! The words of today's gospel caution us not to miss out on a great celebration. We need to say "yes" to God's invitation.

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

### Priest

As we meet in God's house, we trust that God's goodness shall follow all those for whom we pray.

### Reader

For the Christian community: that it may strive to provide a feast of faith, hope and love for all of God's Children, but especially the poor.

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

For all government leaders: that they may be untiring in their efforts to provide all their people with a feast of freedom, justice and peace.

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

For all those who through poverty, illness, or oppression are locked out of life's banquet.

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

For this congregation: that we experience a hunger and thirst for goodness of life.

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

For opportunities to bring our own special needs into the presence of God.

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

We remember our beloved dead, may they join the company of the saints at the heavenly banquet.

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

### Priest

Lord, may we love you in all things and above all things, and reach the joy you have prepared for us, which is beyond all our imagining. We ask you this through Christ Our Lord. Amen

*In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.*

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**BAPTISMS**

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

Ciara Denise Kelleher, Prospect Lawn.  
Saoire Mary Smith, Prospect Lawn.  
Thomas Liam Fitzgerald, The Green, Coolroe Meadows.  
Alice Joanne Verling, Willowgrove Coolroe Meadows.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Margaret Tarrant, Inniscarra View & Millstreet.  
Esther Walsh, Bishopstown.  
Sheila Dooley, Ballinora.  
Ann Hartigan, Adare.  
Johnny Riordan, Cloghduv.  
Bridget Costello, Richmond Hill.

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

Con Murphy, Inniscarra.  
James Dillon, Sunday's Well.  
Bernadette Creed, Ballyhooley.  
Kathleen O'Sullivan, Ballyvolane.  
Declan Lynch, Ballymacthomas.  
Con Murphy, Macroom.  
James & Nora Creagh, Cathedral Road.  
William O'Dwyer, Kilmichael.  
Henry & Nellie Thornhill, Skibbereen.  
Tom McKenna, Pine Walk.  
Dec members of the O'Leary Family, Doneraile.  
Charlie & Shelia Hegarty, Caheragh.  
Jack Foley, Waterfall.  
Charlie Kinnane, Douglas.  
John Forde, Curraheen.  
Thomas McNamara, Powdermills.  
Mary O'Sullivan, Glenleigh.

***Can You Stop At Just One?  
How About One Dozen?***

Overeaters Anonymous® may have a solution for you. We are a fellowship of individuals who, through shared experience, strength and hope, are recovering from compulsive overeating, weight obsession, bulimia and anorexia. There are no dues or fees; anyone who wants to stop eating compulsively is welcome. Everyone is welcome to attend our Open Public Meeting on Fri 21st Oct 2011, 8 pm, Gresham Metropole Hotel, MacCurtain St., Cork  
Phone 086 3526467 (6-8 pm daily)  
Email [corkoa@yahoo.ie](mailto:corkoa@yahoo.ie) or visit our Website [www.corkoa.ie](http://www.corkoa.ie)

***Flower Festival  
St Patrick's Church Bandon***

14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2011  
Opening Ceremony Fri 14<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Twenty Eighth Week In Ordinary Time**

09 Sunday Is. 25:6-10. Phil. 4: 12-14, 19-20. Mt. 22: 1.14. Lect I: 711  
10 Monday Rom. 1:1-7. Ps. 97. Lk. 11:29-32. Lect II: 364  
11 Tuesday Rom. 1:16-25. Ps. 18. Lk. 11:37-41. Lect II: 366  
12 Wednesday Rom. 2:1-11. Ps. 61. Lk. 11:42-46. Lect II: 368  
13 Thursday Rom. 3:21-30. Ps. 129. Lk. 11 :47-54. Lect II: 370  
14 Friday Rom. 4: 1.8. Ps. 31. Lk. 12: 1.7. Lect II: 372  
15 Saturday Rom. 4:13,16-18. Ps. 104. Lk. 12:8-12. Lect II: 374

**Next Sunday's Readings 16-October-2011**

Is. 45: 1,4-6. Ps. 95. 1 Thess. 1: 1-5. Mt. 22: 15-21. Lect I: 714

***Ballincollig Parish  
Bereavement Support Group***

A Bereavement Support Programme will commence in Ballincollig on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October** and will continue each Tuesday night for 8 weeks (7.30 to 9.30 pm). This programme is held in a small group setting. It provides a safe place where all who are grieving the loss of a loved one will have the opportunity to share their own personal grief and experience the support of others. For further details please contact: **Sr Colette at 086 3557375**

***"Mothers' Prayers"***

We welcome Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers to join us in prayer for our children and the youth of our parish on one of the following mornings:

***Wednesdays 10.30 a.m at Meeting Room  
at Christ our Light Church***

or

***Thursdays 10.00 a.m at Library Room,  
Parish Community Hall***



**The Irish Blood Transfusion Service**

Will Hold Blood Donor Clinics as follows;

**The GAA Pavilion, Ballincollig**  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup>, 4.30 pm to 8.00 pm  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>, 4.30 pm to 8.00 pm

**Éire Óg GAA Hall, Ovens**  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>, 5.00 pm to 8.30 pm  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>, 5.00 pm to 8.30 pm

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**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10  
The prophet Isaiah presents a vision of a feast prepared for us by the Lord.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20  
St Paul tells us confidently that anything is possible for him because his strength comes from God.

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14  
Matthew dealt harshly with the wedding guests who made excuses for not attending the king's son's wedding. Not only did they refuse the invitation, but they beat the servant who went in search of them. The king knew that there would be those who appreciated the banquet and sent more servants out to the crossroads to find anyone willing to come. Matthew ended his Gospel with what was probably a separate parable. Someone dressed inappropriately was removed from the banquet. Most likely, Matthew intended his listeners to respond appropriately to God's invitation.

**Let the Healing Begin**

An Evening of Healing for all who have been wounded by the reality of abuse

**When?** Sunday, 16 October 2011 at 3.00 pm.  
**Where?** SMA Hall, Wilton, Cork.

Those who have been affected by sexual or other abuse, in all its manifestations, within the family, in institutions, in the church or in any other setting as well as their families, their carers and supporters are welcome to attend.

The evening is carefully designed and focused so as to respond to the need for healing and renewal. It includes appropriate chant, singing, music, dance, readings, ceremonial and symbolism. It is structured so that those who participate will leave with a sense of hope in their own worth as individuals and as valued members of the community.

**The Organising Committee includes the following:**

- Dave Dineen** Founder of Lámh Healing Foundation (www.lamhhealingfoundation.com) and initiator of this Healing Event.
- Fr. Liam O' Driscoll** Director of Safeguarding, Diocese of Cork and Ross.
- Michael Joyce** Psychotherapist.
- Josephine Fitzgibbon** Psychotherapist.
- Redempta Furney** A parish Safeguarding Representative.
- Jim Connolly** A former parish Safeguarding Representative.

**Muskerry Local History Society**

Wish to announce the launch of their 2011 - 2012 lecture season on Tuesday October 18<sup>th</sup> at 8.00 in Ballincollig Rugby Club, with a presentation on Ballincollig Military Happenings by Noel McCarthy. The presentation will cover military history and happenings in the Ballincollig area in the 19th and 20th century.

**Ceili Mor**

Fundraiser in Aid of Inniscarra Blues Bocce Club  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2011 in Ballincollig GAA Club.

**Troubled by someone else's drinking?**

Try Al-anon. Local Meetings S V de P Centre Station Road  
Thursdays 8.30 pm. Phone: 021 4311899.

**Bulletin Board**

**Special Second Collection for Diocesan Needs**

Bishop Buckley has directed that a collection for Diocesan Financial requirements be taken up in all parishes of the Diocese. *This collection will be taken up this weekend at all Masses.*

**Baptism Preparation**

The next Baptism preparation will recommence on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2011 at 12.00 noon** in the **Library Room, Community Hall, Station Road**. 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? Parents might book the baptism a few weeks in advance to give ample time to take part in the preparation.

**Envelope Collection**

**Mission Sunday**, collection for the Propagation of the faith will be taken up at all Masses next week end 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2011

**Children's Mass**

The Children's Mass continues each Sunday *in the Church of Christ Our Light*. The children of 2<sup>nd</sup> class go to the crying room at the beginning of Mass there they celebrate Liturgy of the Word in a child friendly fashion –word searches, colouring and maze search are some of the methods used. Volunteers are welcome and needed to help. Training and practice will be given. Parents are welcome to join their Children for the celebration of the Word of God. I am inviting Parents of First Holy Communion Children to please try and bring your Child to this Mass. Bringing your Children to the Sunday Mass is an important preparation for your Child's First Holy Communion.

**Ballincollig Parish Choir**

New adult members welcome to join the Parish Choir, Church of St Mary & St John. Please come along and join existing choir members. **Practice Thursday evenings in Church of St Mary & St John at 7 pm - 8 pm.**

**Accord**

Pre Marriage Course is being organised by Accord at Oriel Court House Hotel Friday (7 pm – 9 pm) 18<sup>th</sup> November and Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November, Booking 027 50272 or www.accord.ie

**Fr. George**

**An Invitation to Remember**

A Service of Remembrance will be held by **Cork University Maternity Hospital on Friday, 14th October 2011 in St. Joseph's Church, S.M.A. Wilton.**

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All who have experienced pregnancy or infant loss are welcome to attend.

**Ballincollig Drama Festival 2011**

The Pyke Theatre Group will be running the Festival from October 26<sup>th</sup> to October 29<sup>th</sup>.

Entries are now being taken from groups wishing to compete and arrangements can be made by contacting Charlie or Benny Conway at any of the following numbers 021 4646223 / 087 656 7965 or 087 9609433

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Oct-15 & Oct-16-2011

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**  
Sandra Walsh  
Brian Hennessy  
**8:30 am**  
Eadaoin O'Leary  
Gerard O'Leary  
**10:00 am**  
Tony Hegarty  
William Greene  
**12:00 Noon**  
Miriam Maunsell  
Christine Coakley

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**  
Pauline Collins  
Niall Cronin  
**11:00 am**  
Sorcha Nic Mheanmain  
Maire Buckley  
**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	<b>Sunday</b>	11 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm
9:30 am	<b>Monday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Tuesday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Thursday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Friday</b>	8:30 am
10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)	<b>Saturday</b>	7:30 pm (Vigil)

**CONFESSIONS**

After 10:00 am Mass & before 6:00 pm Mass **Saturday**

**BAPTISMS**

4:30 pm	<b>Saturday</b>	4:30 pm
Except First Saturday of Month		First Saturday of Month
12:45 pm	<b>Sunday</b>	

**PARISH CLERGY**

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<b>Fr. Billy O'Sullivan C.C.</b>	<b>021-4876171</b>
<b>Fr. James McSweeney</b>	<b>021-4873308</b>

***Have you Time to Spare?***

Cork Simon is marking the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of working with men and women who are homeless; 40 years of believing in people, believing that people can and do leave homelessness behind them. We are holding our annual Flag Day in the city centre and suburbs on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> November 2011. If you have an hour to spare and would like to help us to collect please ring Mary at 021 4929410 or email [mary@corksion.ie](mailto:mary@corksion.ie).

**Parish Office, The Presbytery, Ballincollig is open Mon - Wed from 9 am - 1 pm & 2 pm - 3 pm.  
Sat 10:30 am - 12 Noon. Phone No. (021) 4871206, Office Secretary Catherine Crowley.**



**A new Ballincollig Parish Alpha course begins in October. This is an opportunity to explore the meaning of life in an informal, fun and friendly environment. The course starts on Wednesday October 12<sup>th</sup>, and continues in Coláiste Choilm on Wednesday evenings from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm for ten weeks, ending before Christmas.**

*What is the point of life?*

*What happens when we die?*

*What relevance does Jesus have for our lives today?*

*How do we deal with guilt?*

**Alpha**

**If you would like to explore any of these questions, then Alpha is for you. Alpha considers some basic aspects of the Christian faith, including - Who is Jesus? Why Did Jesus Die? How does God guide us? and What about the Church?**

Contact: Sr. Colette, at 086- 3557375

Fr Billy, at 086-8235291