

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 09-September-2012

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

A New Season

September is the month in our calendar when we return to routine, like most things in life routine has its pluses and minuses. Good to be alive and well and hopefully ready to do our best this year. Welcome back especially to the group of people that type, print and prepare the parishioner throughout the year. I wish the pupils returning to school well, may the work of their teachers inspire and encourage them.

This summer Bishop Buckley in his wisdom decided to have a major reshuffle of the priests of the diocese; and in July he decided to appoint Fr Michael O'Mahony to be parish priest of The Courcey's parish: the Bishop also appointed Fr Billy O'Sullivan to the parish of Turners Cross. The transfer of both from Ballincollig is a shock to many people; I join with the people of the parish in thanking them for their dedication, commitment and care of the people of this parish. I wish them well in their new appointments and may the good Lord bless them in their work.

Meanwhile I welcome Fr David O'Connell and Bishop Padraic O'Donoghue (wishes to be known as Fr Padraic) to the parish of Ballincollig. Both men bring a wealth of experience to their ministry, I am confident that their faith and dedication will be an inspiration. I look forward to working with them and serving the people of the parish.

Wed 11th July, 51 young people and five adults left Ballincollig on our journey to Taize in southern France. This year we spent a week in Taize among four thousand other pilgrims. There were many highlights during the week especially prayer around the cross on Friday 20th and Mass on Sunday morning with approx 3 thousand people. Thanks to the young people who travelled; to their parents who encouraged them and supported their sons and daughters; to the adults who came to ensure everybody's safety and thanks to all who provided the expertise in organising the trip. Sincere thanks to all parishioners who contribute by direct debit or by cheque to the fund in the parish that promotes faith formation for young people. There will be Taize prayer on Sept 28th in Christ Our light at 7 30 pm. all are welcome.

This weeks Gospel "Their admiration was unbounded. He does all things well," they said "He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak"

George O'Mahony

Thought for Today

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

All of us are poor in the things that matter in the sight of God. With faith in God's goodness, let us now turn to him in our many needs.

Reader

For Christians: that they may strive to break down divisions between people, and so help to build a just and peaceful society.

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

For people of ethnic, or social, or religious backgrounds: that they may listen with good will, and speak words of peace to one another.

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

For those who are heard of hearing, and those who find it hard to express themselves.

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

For this gathering: that we may listen patiently, speak kindly, see truly, and act rightly.

**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 a moment, we remember in silence our own particular needs.

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

Priest

Lord Jesus, you made the deaf hear, and the dumb speak. Touch our ears to receive your word, and touch our mouth to proclaim our faith, to the praise and glory of God the Father. Amen.

My soul, give praise to the Lord

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BAPTISMS

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

Lara Ellen Dwyer, The Elms, Bridewood.
 Decelan Josiah Kelliher, The Crescent, Old Quarter.
 Milo John Carey, Greenfields.
 Ronan Thomas Michael Fouhy, Rivers Edge Fionn Laoi.
 Rory John Lynch, Ballyshoneen, Waterfall.
 Amaya Rose Costello, The Cloisters.
 Saoirse Lisa Jordan O'Connor, Castlepark.
 Ahmwed Nathan Kevin Ahmadi, An Caislean.
 Callum James Crowley Pike, The Quadrant.
 Daniel John Murphy, Knockburen Ovens.
 Charlie Andrew Fleury, Greenfields.
 Noah Jean-Luc Kelleher, Mossgrove, Classes Lake.
 Noah Denis O'Mahony, Aylsbury Avenue.
 Cillian Niall Mason, Manor Hill.
 Eva Callanan Lyousienova, Innishmore Court.
 Ciara Friel McCormack, Pairc Chuimin, Kilcummin.
 Orla Jean Casey, Beech Park.
 Colin Anthony O'Donovan, The Crescent, Old Fort Road.
 Isla Mary McMahan, Distillery Court, The Maltings.
 Lily Jane Creagh, Highfield Avenue.
 Emily Caroline Conlon, River Valley Mallow

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Margaret Holmes, England & Ballincollig.
 Frances Cashman, Glounthane.
 Colm Johnston, Bandon.

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

Denis & Eileen Murray, Ballingeary.
 Margaret Shaw, Inniscarra.
 Joe Linehan, Inniscarra View.
 Eilis Cooper, New Hampshire, USA.
 Seamus Hanniffy, Australia.
 Bridget Cotter, Wyndham Downs.
 Ann Donegan, Mifford.
 Bernard Gardiner, Fair Hill.
 Brian Calnan, Coolroe Meadows.
 Grace Graham, Church View.
 Sean O'Donovan, Carrigrohane.
 Margaret O'Connor, Sunningdale.
 Terry McCarthy, Raheen.
 Nuala Delaney, Inniscarra View.
 Michael & Gertrude Riordan, Glasheen Road.
 Eileen Murphy, Macroom & Muskerry Estate.
 Peggy Herlihy; Inchigeela.
 Hannah O'Sullivan, Donoghmore.
 Dave & Maud O'Brien, Spring Lane.
 Peg Barry-Murphy, Carriganarra.
 John O'Sullivan, Carriganarra.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Twenty Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

09 Sunday Is 35:4-7. Ps. 145. Jas 2:1-5. Mk 7:31-37. Lect I: 796

10 Monday 1 Cor 5:1-8. Ps 5. Lk6:6-11. Lect II: 751

11 Tuesday 1 Cor 6:1-11. Ps 149. Lk 6:12-19. Lect II: 753

12 Wednesday 1 Cor 7:25-31. Ps 44. Lk 6:20-26. Lect II: 755

13 Thursday 1 Cor 8:1-7, 11-13. Ps 138:1-3, 13-14, 23-24, R/ v 24. Lk 6:27-38. Lect II: 757

14 Friday Num 21:4-9. Ps 77. Phil 2:6-11. Jn 3:13-17. Lect I :996 or II:1186

15 Saturday Heb. 5:7-9. Ps. 30. Jn. 19:25-27 or Lk. 2:33-35. Lect II: 1189

Next Sunday's Readings 16-September-2012

Is 50:5-9. Ps 114. Jas 2:14-18. Mk 8:27-35. Lect I: 799

SHEP

(The Social and Health Education Project) is offering various short (8 week, one 2.5 hour session per week) courses in Cork and Ballincollig starting in the last week of September, including *Staying Power* (for unemployed men), *Men's Health and Well-being; Effective Communication, Coping with Stress, Family Communication and an Introduction to Personal Development*. SHEP provides courses at affordable fees, offers concessionary rates to those on low incomes and, in some cases, places are free.

For further information see www.socialandhealth.com or phone 021 466 6180

"Mothers' Prayers"

Recommence

Wednesday 12th September 10.30 am at Meeting

Room at Christ our Light Church

Thursday 13th September 10.00 am

AT NEW PARISH CENTRE (SONAS) STATION ROAD

(almost opposite Parish Community Hall)

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

(Please note change of venue for Thursday mornings!)

National Legion of Mary

Pilgrimage to Knock

will take place on Sunday, 23rd. September.
 For information and to make a booking please phone Barry at 021 4364474.

CROWLEY

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Review of Safeguarding Practice in The Diocese of Cork and Ross

The purpose of the Review was to confirm that the Diocese manages all complaints in accordance with the guidelines issued by the National Board.

Following the recent publication of the findings of a Review conducted in the Diocese of Cork and Ross by the National Board for Safeguarding Children, I again offer my apologies to all who have suffered as the result of abuse by Church personnel. No apology, no gesture of repentance or sorrow can ever make up for the suffering caused to children and their families. I pray that the Lord's healing power will give them peace. Every single victim has been offered access to counselling support and therapy offered by the Diocese. They were let down by people who professed the Gospel of Jesus Christ. There is no place in the Church for those who would harm the young.

The purpose of the Review was to confirm that the Diocese manages all complaints in accordance with the guidelines issued by the National Board. The Board confirms that there was full cooperation and information-sharing with the Gardai and HSE and that they have been notified "of all concerns, complaints and allegations against priests that are known to the Diocese of Cork and Ross". Garda vetting applications have also been processed for all priests of the Diocese as well as many lay people who are involved in Church activities. I welcome the positive outcome to this report and its recommendations which will further enhance our safeguarding service. The review will be a source of assurance to the people of the Diocese and a confirmation that the Diocese is taking its obligations in relation to child protection very seriously.

Guaranteeing the safety of children is relentless and ongoing. To do this, we need a strong system of inspection and oversight and demonstrative evidence that the guidelines are being implemented correctly. I commend the National Board for its determination to fulfil the mandate given to it of devising and overseeing the implementation of best practice in safeguarding children throughout the Church. These structures of review and accountability have been proven to work very effectively.

Structures have been put in place to reach out to every corner of the Diocese so that people will have full and adequate information on the safeguarding of children and on what actions to take if concerns arise in relation to child abuse by priests or church personnel. Indeed, our concern for the safety of children is underpinned by the presence in every parish of child safeguarding representatives. All have undergone training in order to fulfil their safeguarding roles in the church. I thank the many people involved in our safeguarding service whose work ensures that all children in the Diocese are respected and safeguarded. Admittedly, safeguarding and child protection is everybody's business. We must all do what we can to make the church and society safe for children.

The priest is in a very special position of trust and the people expect the highest standards of behaviour from those in whom such trust is reposed. It is our hope that these crimes of a small number of priests will not invalidate the good work of so many hard working priests in Ireland. The vast majority of priests are good men who continue to do their job to the best of their ability and, needless to say, are demoralised by the revelations. The task of repairing the damage and restoring trust and building hope lies with each one of us priests working hard through our priestly ministry.

For the Christian community, prayer is an essential part of the journey to healing and renewal. People who suffered have told me at prayer services how much they value the prayers that are offered for them by individuals and parish communities. I am asking you to continue the prayers.

My hope is that all our efforts will result in making the Church a safer place for children. We look forward with hope, trying to ensure that this will never happen again.

Finally, if there are any people who have suffered in this way, I again invite them to contact me (021-4301717) so that everything possible can be done to help them. Alternatively, I invite them to contact "Towards Healing", a counselling service which assists those who are victims of child abuse. Their telephone number is Freephone 1-800-30-34-16.

Praying God's blessing on you at this time,
Bishop John Buckley,

Bulletin Board

Mass Diaries

Mass Diaries to book intentions for October, November and December will open in both churches on Saturday 8th September at 9.00 am.

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place on **Saturday September 15th 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.

Fr. George.

Ballincollig Parish

Bereavement Support Group

A Bereavement Support Programme will commence in Ballincollig on Tuesday 9th 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 is open to anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. It 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

Pieta House

The Centre for the Prevention of Self-Harm or Suicide

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Pieta House opened its doors in Lucan in January 2006. It provides one-to-one counseling for people who have tried to take their life, those who are thinking about it, and those who self-harm, This solution focused approach takes the person in crisis, out of crisis.

Suicide: We work to move the suicidal person away from ideas of suicide as quickly as possible.

Self-Harm: Self-harm is seen as a way of expressing an incredibly strong pent-up emotion; it is an act of survival.

Our ground-breaking approach can involve daily therapy sessions if needed.

Our service is completely free of charge.



The Irish Blood Transfusion Service
Will Hold A Blood Donor Clinics In

Ballincollig GAA Pavilion

Monday 10th September 4.30 pm – 8.00 pm
Tuesday 11th September 4.30 pm – 8.00 pm

Ovens Éire ÓG GAA Hall

Wednesday 12th September 5.00 pm – 8.30 pm
Thursday 13th September 5.00 pm – 8.30 pm

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Sep-15 & Sep-16-2012

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Muireann Nelligan
Padraig McAuliffe
8:30 am
Tom McDonagh

10:00 am
David O'Brien
Debra Daly
12:00 Noon
Oliver O'Donovan
David Drohan

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Rosarie Cotter
Louise McGrath
11:00 am
Maebh Nic Mheanmain

12:30 pm
Adaugu Ebili
Caterina Nugent
5:30 pm
Siobhan Keane-Hopcraft



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Sep-15 & Sep-16-2012

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
Mona Holland

10:00 am Margaret Bunyan
Mary Murphy
Joan Tobin
Eileen O'Connell
Niamh Nic Gerailt
Breda Monaghan

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

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

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

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

5:30 pm Bernard Curran
John Canty

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
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Fr. Dave O'Connell C.C.	087-2479140
Fr. Padraic Donoghue C.C.	021-4876171
Fr. James McSweeney	021-4873308

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

Best of Luck

We wish Ballincollig Tidy Towns committee and volunteers the best of luck tomorrow in Dublin for the announcement of the 2012 National Tidy Towns results.

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 or 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?.