

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



**St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road**

**Sunday 10-February-2013**

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*The vocation to serve God does not follow a standard pattern; it is as unique as the person who is called. It came for Isaiah while he was at prayer; it came for Peter in the middle of his work. For both men it meant a sense of unworthiness before the presence of God, but both learnt that the service of God does not spring from innate human goodness as much as from the forgiving power of God's love.*



**Christ Our Light  
Innishmore**

## ***Responding to God's Call***

In today's Readings, we see where Isaiah, Paul and Peter were most grateful to God for having chosen them and they made a great effort to answer their calling as best they could. This is not to say that they were perfect! Isaiah saw himself as a sinner not worthy of being in the presence of Yahweh. St. Paul started on the wrong track by persecuting the Christians. St Peter expresses his awareness of Christ's greatness and his own inadequacy: "Depart from me Lord, for I am a sinful man." All of them were weak. All of them made mistakes. But each of them placed their complete trust in God who filled them with his grace and gave them a mission to fulfil.

Like Isaiah, Paul and Peter, we are not perfect! There are times in our own lives when we realize our own human frailty, especially when faced with our shortcomings and failures. If Jesus could use the apostles with their obvious weaknesses, he can also use each one of us! Having received the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, God has also given us a mission to fulfil. He calls us to make a difference in our world of today. God who created us for some special purpose here on earth, knows our potential and what we can do to reach out to others in his name. He gives us the grace we need to respond to the challenges and the opportunities that come our way. We are not alone - the Lord is with us and he reassures us as he reassured Peter: 'Do not be afraid'.

On Monday, Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, we celebrate 'World Day of Prayer for the Sick'. On this day we pray for all who are suffering, especially those in our Parish community: 'Compassionate and loving God we entrust our sick brothers and sisters to Your loving care. We pray your blessing on all those in hospitals, nursing homes, hospice care, palliative care, and the sick and elderly in their own homes. May You be their source of comfort when they are experiencing pain. May You be their source of hope, in moments of despair. May You be their solace and inspiration when they are unable to lift their hearts, minds and voices to You in prayer. May they experience Your healing touch and Your healing love as they put their faith and trust in You. Amen.

*Sr. Colette*

## ***Reflection for Parents***

Jesus wants us to be active in spreading his Kingdom, but he will help us and guide us. We can start by considering with our children the good things in our lives, and thanking God for them. Just as Jesus called Peter and his friends through their fishing, so he calls us through the wonders of our daily lives. In today's Mass we hear the call of Jesus to 'put out into the deep'. We pray for the grace to recognise what the Lord is calling us to do and to answer, 'Here I am, send me'.

## **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

**Priest**

Let us pray to the Lord who strengthens us in our weakness, and who does not abandon us when we fail.

**Reader**

For all the disciples of Jesus: that they may follow him with humility and generosity

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

For those who hold public office: that they may bring all their talents and energies to their work.

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

For those who suffer from an inferiority complex.

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

For those whose life is dogged by failure.

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

For grace to acknowledge our sinfulness, and not be satisfied until we have tried to overcome it.

**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, grant us in all our tasks your help, in all our doubts your guidance, in all our weakness your strength, in all our dangers your protection, and in all our sorrow your consolation. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

## ***Taizé Prayer***

You are most welcome to join with our Youth **At Christ Our Light Church on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February At 7.30 P.M.**  
For some quiet reflective prayer with the Songs of Taizé

***Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.***

**Visit Our Website: [www.ballincolligparish.ie](http://www.ballincolligparish.ie)**

**BAPTISMS**

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

- Hannah Lauren Vercuiel, Highfield Park.
- Ciara Nicola Vercuiel, Highfield Park.
- Killian Coleman, Innishmore Grove.
- Laura Josephine O'Connell, The View, An Caislean.
- Saorla Jenny Lynch The Heathers, Classes Lake.

**† IN SYMPATHY †**

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

- Mary O'Mahony, Ballyshoneen, Waterfall.
- Mary Hourihan, Skibbereen.
- Margaret Barry, Blackrock.
- Con Kerins, Castleknock.
- Billy Ahern, Aghada.
- Tess Dineen, Dunmanway.
- Frank Dillon, Douglas.

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

- Con O'Mahony, Ballyvolane.
- Dan O'Connell, West Village.
- Sr. Brendan Prenderville, Gorey.
- Fergus Murphy, Capwell Road.
- Jack McCarthy, Ballintemple.
- Lisa McKane, Leo Murphy Terrace.
- Liam (Billy) Carroll, Woodbine Lawn.
- Joey O'Driscoll, Rosewood.
- William Neenan, Millstreet.
- Michael Gilleran, Rosewood.
- Margaret & Francis O'Farrell, Station Road.
- Mary O'Sullivan, Carriganarra.
- Thomas, Hannah & Jack Twomey, Raheen.
- Neill & Nellie Langan, Donegal.
- Daniel Cronin, Rathmore.
- Eileen O'Sullivan, Willowfield.
- Kathleen & Sonny Murray, Carrigrohane.
- Catherine Herbert, Inniscarra View.
- Helen Lynch, Gurrans.
- James O'Mahony, Ballinora.
- James & Mary McCarthy, Ballymacoda.
- Shay Graham, Glincool.
- Ellen Lucey, Station Cross.
- Paddy Lucey, Carrigrohane.

**Marriage Encounter Weekend**

A Marriage Encounter Weekend will take place in Cork on 8<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> March, 2013. This is a weekend to enrich your marriage. IS YOUR MARRIAGE WORTH THAT?

**For more information phone: - 021 4381511**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**First Week In Ordinary Time**

- 10 Sunday Is. 6:1-2, 3-8. Ps. 137. 1 Cor. 15:1-11. Lk. 5:1-11. Lect I: 849
- 11 Monday Gen. 1: 1-19. Ps. 103. Mk. 6:53-56. Lect II: 54
- 12 Tuesday Gen. 1:20-2-4. Ps. 8. Mk. 7:1-13. Lect II: 56
- 13 Wednesday Joel 2: 12-18. Ps. 50. 2 Cor. 5:20-6:2. Mt. 6: 1-6, 16-18. Lect I: 191
- 14 Thursday Acts 13:-46-49. Ps. 116. Lk.10:1-9 Lect II: 957
- 15 Friday Is. 58: 1-9. Ps. 50. Mt. 9: 14-15. Lect I: 196
- 16 Saturday Is. 58:9-14. Ps. 85. Lk. 5:27-32. Lect I: 198

**Next Sunday's Readings 17-February-2013**

Deut. 26:4-10. Ps. 90. Ram. 10:8-13. Lk. 4:1-13. Lect I: 207

**Do Something Special this Lent!**

Many people choose to abstain from alcohol for the duration of Lent. Take this opportunity to help someone you love with an alcohol or drug problem by offering up your sacrifice as a prayer for their freedom and well-being.

Take the Short-Term pledge

and make a difference to someone's life!

For more information visit [www.pioneerassociation.ie](http://www.pioneerassociation.ie) or contact Raymond O'Connor (01) 874 9464



**Blood Donor Clinics**

**Ballincollig GAA Pavilion**

Monday 11 Feb 4.30 – 8.00

Tuesday 12 Feb 4.30 – 8.00

**Ovens Éire Óg GAA Hall**

Wednesday 13 Feb 5.00 – 8.30

Thursday 14 Feb 5.00 – 8.30

**Lourdes**

Cork & Ross Pilgrimage to Lourdes  
11-16 June 5 nights – Full Board Accommodation  
Bookings Forms available from the pilgrim section  
Joe Walsh Tours, 117 Patrick St. Tel: 021 4277959  
Enquiries for Special Sick –Assisted Section to:  
Very Rev. Canon James O'Donovan,  
Parochial House, Ballinlough, Cork Tel: 021 4292296

**An Garda Siochana - Baile an Easpaig.**

On Tuesday Feb 12th The Community Gardai in Bishopstown are having a pancake morning at the S.M.A Wilton. This will involve the sale of Pancakes with tea and coffee. It will be between 9am and 2pm. All proceeds will go towards the Cork City Hospital's Club

**CROWLEY**

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**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-2,3-8  
The Lord comes to Isaiah and purifies him. Isaiah then begs the Lord to send him out to do the work of God.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
Some people began to deny the resurrection. Paul tells them the story of this miraculous happening to remind them of what they once believed in.

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11  
Luke connected the great fishing catch with the calling of the disciples. While it is an important miracle about the mission of the disciples, it appears here with the calling of Peter, James, and John. Apparently business partners, Peter called James and John to help him with the big catch Jesus provided. The invitation to these three was to "net in" people for the Kingdom as abundantly as they had netted in the fish.

**Come and See Event at Sacred Heart Convent**

- Come dine with us,
- Come pray with us,
- Come listen to God's call with us.
- Come share with us,
- Come look with us
- Come find what we have found, with us.
- Come and see with us,
- Come and walk with us
- Come sit at Jesus' feet with us
- Come discern with us
- Come talk with us
- Come answer your heart's desire with us.

**Una Mulvey sshjm**

The Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary invite single women to join us at Sacred Heart Convent for a very relaxing and interesting day to help you discern God's call in your life.

Saturdays and Sundays  
Last three weekends in May 2013 9am – 5pm

Contact: Sr Una  
Email: [unashjm@aol.com](mailto:unashjm@aol.com)  
[www.sacredheartssim.org](http://www.sacredheartssim.org)

**Survivors of Institutional Abuse**  
"Munster Survivors Support Services Ltd"

Cork, Outreach Centre.  
Hold a Weekly Clinic in the meeting rooms of "Holy Cross Church" Mahon, Every Thursday From 2 pm - 4.30 pm.  
All are Welcome to join us for form filling etc. or for any other advice. Needed. (Tea and Coffee Available).

For more information please contact:  
Ollie at 087 0516070 or email [ollieb@eircom.net](mailto:ollieb@eircom.net)  
or Pat at 086 3473583 or email [debut15@gmail.com](mailto:debut15@gmail.com)

**Bulletin Board**

**Ash Wednesday**

Lent begins on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February, Ashes will be blessed and distributed at all Masses on that day.  
For the duration of Lent there will be evening Mass in Church of **Christ Our Light at 6.30pm** and Church of **St Mary & St John at 8pm.**

**Lenten Retreat 2013**

Lenten Retreat in Church of Christ our Light, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> February 2013. The Retreat will be conducted by the Redemptorist Fathers

**Baptism Preparation**

The next Baptism preparation will take place on **Saturday March 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**World Day of Prayer for the Sick**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2013 is a special day to remember and pray for the sick. The Sacrament of the anointing of the sick will be celebrated during 8.30am Mass in Christ Our Light and the 9.30am Mass in St. Mary & John.  
On this special occasion the Church bears witness with special concern to the tender mercy and love of God towards all who suffer. It is a time to pause and be prayerfully in solidarity with the sick and with all who care for the sick

**Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund**

Special Envelope Collection this weekend February 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2013. This collection subsidises the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage for individuals whose health/or means would otherwise prevent them from travelling to Lourdes. It also subsidises medical expenses, travel and care personnel.

**Mass Diary**

Diaries to book Mass intentions for April, May & June will open in both Churches on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 9.00am. 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversaries Masses will be given priority

**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.

**Ballincollig Pastoral Council**

A.G.M of the Ballincollig Pastoral Council will take place on **Monday February 18<sup>th</sup> at 7.45pm in the Community Hall.** **All are welcome.**

The Pastoral Council will host a function to mark and show appreciation for the work of Fr. Michael and Fr. Billy in the Parish of Ballincollig. **This function will be held in the Oriol House Hotel on Friday February 15<sup>th</sup> at 8pm.** **All are welcome.**

Fr. George

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Feb-16 & Feb-17-2013

**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**  
Lauree Hegarty  
Mary O'Driscoll  
**12:00 Noon**  
Miriam Maunsell  
Seamus Monahan

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**  
Rosarie Cotter  
Louise McGrath  
**11:00 am**  
Jacob Derham  
Paul Donovan  
**12:30 pm**  
Margaret Buckley  
James Nyagaya  
**5:30 pm**  
Brian O'Donoghue

**MASS TIMES**

<b>St. Mary &amp; St. John</b>		<b>Christ Our Light</b>
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 & 8 pm	<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	<b>Thursday</b>	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	<b>Friday</b>	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
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 **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.

**Novena**

The Matt Talbot Novena continues in Togher Church at 7.30 each Friday throughout Lent. Our preacher on Friday 15th February is an tAth Cormac Breathnach and on Friday 22nd February we will welcome Fr. Brian Lawless from Dublin to speak to us. he will bring the relics of Matt Talbot with him so that will be a night of special interest.

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Feb-16 & Feb-17-2013



**St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light**

<b>6.00 pm</b>	Steve Wills Margaret O'Sullivan Danny Farrell Jim Walsh Frances O'Brien	<b>7:30 pm</b>	Anne O'Regan Mairead Murphy Finbarr Murray Lettie Kelly Mary Murphy
<b>8:30 am</b>	Mary Buckley Rita Murphy Denis Healy / Tom Butler	<b>11:00 am</b>	Seamus O'Connell Mary O'Connell Alan O'Riordan Geraldine Keohane Gerard Murray
<b>10:00 am</b>	Christina Walsh Peter Reilly Mary Collins Christy Roche Katie O'Shea Claire Creedon	<b>12:30 pm</b>	Lucy O'Callaghan Jackie Sheehan Mary Green Michael O'Leary J.P.O'Leary
<b>12 Noon</b>	Oliver O'Donovan Miriam Maunsell Sean Hennessy Mary McLean Ellen Seymour Nora Hennessy	<b>5:30 pm</b>	Noelle Buckley Mary Breen



**Care & Repair**

**Free Odd-Job/DIY Service for Older People**

Do you have a small repair job that you would like to have done? Age Action's Care & Repair service uses a pool of trustworthy volunteer handypersons to carry out minor repairs and odd jobs for older people who find it difficult to do these jobs themselves.

Some of the jobs that our volunteers can do include changing light bulbs, minor decorating, hanging curtains, minor gardening, minor carpentry and installing smoke alarms. The service is free; you only pay for the materials used. For bigger jobs that are beyond the scope of our volunteers, we maintain a register of reliable and honest tradespersons whose contact details we can provide. We can also arrange regular social visits to older people.

**No job is too small, so call us today!!**

All volunteers are Garda vetted and carry official Age Action identification cards. To arrange to have a job done for you, simply call 021-4536554 and we will arrange to have local volunteers contact you.

Age Action is Ireland's leading charity for older people. We believe that Ireland should be the best place in which to grow older. We work to fight discrimination, promote positive ageing and improve policies and services for all older people.

**The Care & Repair programme is kindly sponsored by Irish Life Phone: 021-4536554**