

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 10-March-2013



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Fourth Sunday of Lent

The Parable of the Prodigal shows us the power of the Father's forgiving love. The elder brother thinks of himself, and is begrudging. How often do we begrudge God's goodness to others? How many of us 'seek to use our good works as a means of monopolising God's love for ourselves.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

The Prodigal Son

"Your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

I was in dealing with Tax matters one afternoon a few years back and I met a neighbour from home. We exchanged greetings and then out of the blue she says: "And what are you doing in here?" At first I was surprised and taken aback and then I responded "Just sorting my tax affairs and trying to be tax compliant same as everybody else."

I wonder what she might have said later if she saw me in the Dole Office picking up a form for a family member.

Today's Gospel is the incredible yet familiar story of the Prodigal Son.

The story of God's unconditional love expressed once again for our prayer and reflection by Jesus the Teacher, the Good Shepherd, the one searching for that which is within us that gets lost.

Often associated with the parable of the Prodigal Son is the story the woman caught with another committing adultery. Again there was no condemnation, no judgment, but an acknowledgement of the presence of sin in all of us and especially when we are eager to condemn ourselves and others in such a way that it leads to the destruction of every aspect of human life in mind, spirit, and sometimes body.

Just like the incident at the Tax office I am reminded in the parable of the Prodigal Son the call of God to live in Him, be at Home in Him.

We get lost in our bid at times to have it all whatever that is.

We assume there is a better life somewhere away from our loving God.

We have a self that doesn't see sense in being faithful, good, dutiful, Christ-like etc. Yet note the freedom God gives us in His love.

God doesn't stop us in our tracks when we wander. We discover perhaps in our own mind, body, heart and spirit that great truth that another Prodigal St Augustine discovered when he said "Our hearts are restless until the rest in you." In St Augustine's another saying of his is displayed that goes "Love and do what as you will."

As you listen today at Mass or take a missalette home with you take a few minutes to insert yourself in the story. Notice the figures of the Father and the two sons. Like St Patrick the boy feeds the pigs. And then he sees things as they really are. Perhaps it is still the self that he is looking out for. Sorry. Admits mistake. It's better at home. But the incredible thing is the full restoration. Action by a generous loving Father. Yes sympathy for the dutiful one but doing things just out of the duty can lead to the festering of anger, resentment and inability to see the wonder of God's ever-present love.

Dave O'Connell

Reflection for Parents

We try to divide the world into equal pieces for each of our children, but we know how very different each child can be. There are really no "one-size-fits-all" sets of expectations for families with more than one child. Today's Gospel helps us remember that we need to recognise the virtues of obedience and faithfulness, while we still love unconditionally and forgive the child who challenges us. Both brothers in this story considered themselves slaves, a feeling we work hard to prevent in our children.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

The father in Christ's story is God the Father. Therefore, let us turn to him with confidence and place our needs before him.

Reader

For the Church: that through its ministry people may experience the love and mercy of God.

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

For parents: that they may love their children in good times and in bad.

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

For young people who have emigrated in search of work and opportunity.

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

For runaway children: that they may find friends and shelter.

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

For all gathered here: that we may extend to others the compassion we would like to experience ourselves.

**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 God, you reveal your power most of all in your forgiveness and compassion. Fill us with your grace so that we may walk with joy in the way of your commandments. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Visit Our Website: www.ballincolligparish.ie

BAPTISMS

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

Dylan Jack Walsh, Willow Grove, Coolroe Heights.
 Velvin Lamont Atkins, Ashton Court.
 Micheala Nolle O'Driscoll - O'Mahony, Aylsbury.
 Isabel Kate McGuirk, An Caislean View.
 Lucy Robin Smyth, Wyndham Downs.
 James Martin O'Keeffe, New Grange, An Caislean.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Stephen Buckley, Model Farm Road.
 Abina O'Mahony, Main Road.

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

Denis Riordan, Citi West Mews.
 Anne Mary Crowley, Blackpool.
 Peggy O'Leary.
 Michael & Mary McEvoy, Ballincollig.
 Noel Murray.
 Con, Mary & Josephine McAuliffe, Rathmore Place.
 Maurice, Charles & Dan O'Connor, Castlegregory.
 Nan O'Connor.
 Joe Hegarty, Bandon.
 Michael O'Leary, Ballinlough.
 Andrew & Joan O'Keeffe, St. Mary's Terrace.
 Shane Kelly, Allihies.
 Gerald & Teresa Kelly, Allihies.
 Daniel O'Sullivan, Donoghmore.
 John & Mary Lucey, Coolroe.
 John & Denis Lucey, Carriganarra.
 Sylvia McNulty, Castlepark.
 Maureen & Billy Deniffe, Curreheen.
 Tadgh O'Sullivan, Park Road.
 James Hourihan, Limerick.
 Robert Cutbert, Douglas.
 Eileen Walsh, Holly Road.
 Eily & Ned Hogan, Bandon.
 Deceased members of the Reilly & Hanney Families.
 Daniel McSweeney, Cathedral Road.
 Eleanor Casey, Boston.
 Helen Kenneally, Beech Road.
 Deceased members of the Twohig family, Kilcrea Park.
 Tim O'Leary, Sunningdale.
 Carrie Lynch, Castlepark.
 Bill DwaneDouglas.
 Hannah Guerin, Knocknagree.
 Tom, Hanna & Jack Twomey, Raheen.
 Margaret & Patrick Kelly, Tipperary.
 Eugene & Margaret Teahan, Kilcummin.
 Breda Ryan, Highfield.
 John Joe McCarthy, Lissydaniel, Ballydehob.
 Charles McCarthy, Lissydaniel, Ballydehob.
 Michael Sheahan, High Street.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Fourth Week Of Lent

10 Sunday Josh. 5:9-12. Ps. 33.2 Cor. 5:17-21. Lk. 15:1-3, 11-32. Lect I: 284
 11 Monday Is. 65:17-21. Ps. 29. In. 4:43-54. Lect I: 290
 12 Tuesday Ez. 47:1-9,12. Ps. 45. In. 5:1-3.5-16. Lect I: 292
 13 Wednesday Is. 49:8-15. Ps. 144. Jn. 5:17-30. Lect I: 294
 14 Thursday Ex. 32:7 -14 Ps. 105 In. 5:31-47. Lect 1: 297
 15 Friday Wis. 2: 1 , 12-22. Ps. 33. Jn. 7: 1 -2, 10, 25-30. Lect I: 300
 16 Saturday Jer. 11 :18-20. Ps. 7. In. 7:40-53. Lect I: 303

Next Sunday's Readings 17-March-2013

Is. 43:16-21. Ps 125. Phil. 3:8-14. Jn. 8:1-11. Lect I: 313

Trócaire

"Honour your mother, and never abandon her all the days of your life. Do all that she wants, and give her no reason for sorrow." Tobit 4:3. On this fourth Sunday in Lent and Mother's Day, we pray for mothers all over the developing world who struggle every day to provide for their children, often going without themselves. By supporting Trócaire's Lenten campaign, you can help mothers across the world to build a better future for their children. www.trocaire.org/lent

Alpha Course Ballincollig

Colaiste Choilm (Wooden Cabin)
 Wed 3rd April 2013 at 7.15pm – 9.00pm.
(continuing every Wednesday for 10 weeks)
Contact info:-
Gerard Dunne Telephone: 085 1555000 or 087 6293601
Email: AlphaBallincollig@gmail.com
For more info see www.alphacourse.ie.

Vocations Information Day

The Annual Cork and Ross Vocations Information Day will be held at St. Dominic's Retreat Centre, Ennismore, Montenotte, Cork, on Saturday, March 23rd from 10.30am to 4pm.
 Many contemplating the possibility of a vocation to priesthood are nervous about taking the first step. This day allows prospective students to explore the possibility of a vocation and make enquiries in an informal setting. Seminarians for the Diocese will also attend.
 Further information from:
 Fr. Tom Deenihan 021 4301717
 Canon Bertie O'Mahony 021 4371684

CROWLEY

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 Pre-Planning Available

Scoil Eoin Fundraiser

For Book Rental Scheme
 A Night at the Dogs - 15th March 2013
 All tickets will be entered into a raffle to be held on the night
 Tickets available at Reception
 Contact Mary on 021 4871321

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Joshua 5:9-12

The story of God providing manna in the desert, but only there, may tell us something about how God provides for us in our every need.

Second Reading: 2 Cor. 5:17-21

St. Paul gives a strong message today: We, each one of us, are ambassadors for Christ. That is something!

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3. 11-32

Today's Gospel is the well-known story of the prodigal son who begged for his share of the family inheritance. He took his fortune to a far away place and quickly spent all he had on his personal pleasures. He was completely broke when a serious famine struck the area and he was forced to tend pigs, an occupation prohibited to Jewish people. As he tended the pigs, he hungered for their scraps and realised that his father's slaves lived better than he did. It was then that he decided to return home, not as a son, but as a hired hand. So happy was the man's father when he saw his son return that he celebrated with all sorts of signs of honour. The father's older son, however, was very displeased with the way his father treated his brother, claiming that he had always been there working like a slave for his father. Never once had the father celebrated with this son. The father explained that the older son had always been with him and obedient. It was cause to rejoice, however, that his other son had been lost but now was found.

Early Morning Prayer for Lent

The great feast of Easter is coming.

Lent is the preparation time

Come to the MORNING PRAYER of the CHURCH

Taking place during Lent in St. Mark's Centre
(opposite Christ Our Light Church)

Mon. – Fri. at 6 am

Everyone welcome.

Knock

Legion of Mary Annual Pilgrimage will take place on Sunday 26th May 2013. Bus leaving village at 7.00 am sharp. Early booking advised. For details contact; Sally (021) 4870954 or Cathleen (021) 4874730.

Croí na Gaeilge

Is holding a leaving certificate oral Irish (worth 40% of total exam marks) intensive 4-hour preparation course on Sunday March 24th from 2-6 p.m. given by an experienced oral examiner / native speaker and open to all 5th and 6th year students in Ballincollig and surrounding areas. all topics will be covered (including sraith pictiúr, general conversation, poetry reading, gaeltacht phrases and nathanna cainte). Early booking is advisable. (Tel. 085 1541560)

Ballincollig Parish

Bereavement Support Group

A Bereavement Support Programme will commence in Ballincollig on **Tuesday 9th April** and will continue 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**

Bulletin Board

Lenten Masses

For the duration of Lent there will be evening Mass in Church of **Christ Our Light at 6.30pm**

Church of **St Mary & St John at 8pm.**

St. Patrick's Day Sunday March 17th

Mass times as normal in both Churches.

12.30pm Mass in Christ our Light will be in Irish.

Mass Diary

Diaries to book Mass intentions for April, May & June now open in both Churches . First 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.

Accord

Pre marriage courses will be held in the Parish Community Hall, Ballincollig on the following dates –

March 22nd & 23rd

October 19th & 20th

Website: www.accord.ie

Offertory Collection Boxes

Sincere thanks to all who gave their name & number of their Boxes to the Sacristan or one of the priests. There is still time to give your name and number of your offertory box of envelopes (green). Doing this will help the Parish Finances at the end of the year without expense to the contributor.

Retirement of Pope.

The retirement of Pope Benedict has taken everybody by surprise. We wish him well in his retirement. The Cardinals are gathering in the Vatican to prepare for the consistory to elect a New Pope. Theoretically all baptised Catholics are eligible for election. We might keep the Cardinals in our prayers in their decision making .

Fr. George

Experienced Caregivers Required

Home Instead Senior Care is looking for reliable, flexible Caregivers for the elderly in their own homes in the Ballincollig area. Fetac level 5 (or in process of completing) is desirable and own transport is essential.

Please call 021 500 2205 Email CV to cork@hisc.ie

Dyslexia Association - Cork Branch

The Education Sub-Committee have organised "Junior Cert. Math's and English workshops -Making the exam Dyslexia friendly" to be held in Bishopstown Community School on Saturday, 23rd March from 10am -1.30pm. These workshops are for those pupils in 2nd & 3rd year. Cost €20 for D.A.I. members / €30 for non-members.

Places limited so early booking is essential.

Enquiries Liz 086/3858463 after 6pm.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Mar-16 & Mar-17-2013

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Aine Sheehan

8:30 am
Pat Fennell

10:00 am
David O'Brien
Debra Daly

12:00 Noon
Chloe Dalton O'Connor
Katie Tobin

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Rebecca Feely

Josh Nyagaya

11:00 am
Chide Ebili

Kristian Calvert

12:30 pm
Brian O'Donoghue

Laura O'Leary

5:30 pm
Marlyn O'Connor

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 & 8 pm

Monday

8:30 am & 6:30 pm

9:30 am & 8 pm

Tuesday

8:30 am & 6:30 pm

9:30 am & 8 pm

Wednesday

8:30 am & 6:30 pm

9:30 am & 8 pm

Thursday

8:30 am & 6:30 pm

9:30 am & 8 pm

Friday

8:30 am & 6:30 pm

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
Except First Saturday of
Month

Saturday

4:30 pm
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.

"M" is for the million things she gave me,
"O" means only that she's growing old,
"T" is for the tears she shed to save me,
"H" is for her heart of purest gold,
"E" is for her eyes, with love-light shining,
"R" means right, and right she'll always be.

Happy Mother's Day to all moms of the Parish



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Mar-16 & Mar-17-2013

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Steve Wills
Margaret O'Sullivan
Danny Farrell
Jim Walsh
Frances O'Brien

7:30 pm Anne O'Regan
Mairead Murphy
Finbarr Murray
Lettie Kelly
Mary Murphy

8:30 am Mary Buckley
Rita Murphy
Denis Healy / Tom
Butler

11:00 am Seamus O'Connell
Mary O'Connell
Alan O'Riordan
Geraldine Keohane
Gerard Murray

10:00 am Christina Walsh
Peter Reilly
Mary Collins
Christy Roche
Katie O'Shea
Claire Creedon

12:30 pm Lucy O'Callaghan
Jackie Sheehan
Mary Green
Michael O'Leary
J.P.O'Leary

12 Noon Oliver O'Donovan
Miriam Maunsell
Sean Hennessy
Mary McLean
Ellen Seymour
Nora Hennessy

5:30 pm Noelle Buckley
Mary Breen

Naomi Pre-Marriage Courses

For information on: established Pre-Marriage Courses
One full day on Saturday's 10 am – 5 pm
Cost: €90 per couple. (The lowest around)

Pre-Marriage Course 2013 will be held as follows:
Saturday 23rd March and Saturday 27th April.

Also counselling to achieve/postpone a pregnancy

Contact: NAOMI, 119 Patrick Street, Cork

Tel: 021-4272213

Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9.30 am – 1 pm

Youth 2000 Retreat Cork

Youth 2000 will be hosting a youth retreat (for 16-35 year old) in Mount Mercy College, Model Farm Road, Cork city from Friday the 22nd to Sunday the 24th of March. A big attendance is expected at this donation only event, with newcomers very welcome. The weekend will consist of a programme covering masses, talks, music, workshops, testimonies, meet new people etc. Residential – so please bring a sleeping bag if you wish to stay overnight. Under 18s to download booking form from website. For more information contact 086 3301766 or check out www.youth2000.ie

Carmelites Tallow

Monastic weekend 22nd March – 24th March, 2013 for single women aged 22-40 discerning a vocation to religious life.

Apply to St. Joseph's Carmelite Monastery, Tallow,

Co. Waterford. Tel: 058 56205:

email carmeltallow@eircom.net www.carmelitetallow.org

A Creative Writing Workshop

Will take place

on Thursdays, March 7th, March 14th and March 21st
In the SMA Parish Centre, Wilton.

Fee: €30 for full course, or €12 drop-in rate.

Bookings: 087 6831623