

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 11-October-2009

Twenty Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Day of Prayer for Emigrants

He who seeks wisdom and eternal life, is reminded, that no earthly value can be compared to them. We may agree that all gold is but a little sand before the realities of God, but are we able to follow through this image with the reality of our living? Are we really ready, to sell what ever we have and give it to the poor, so as to follow Christ?



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

What Good Must I Do?

The wealthy man in today's Gospel story was more attached to his riches than he realised. In recent times we have been reminded of the impermanence of worldly wealth, how illusory its security and how addictive it can be. The reading from the Book of Wisdom reminds us that there are things of more value than money or property; the wisdom that comes from God, available if we ask for it. The Psalmist says "Lord make us know the shortness of our lives, give us wisdom of heart." The man in the gospel passage asked "what good must I do?" According to Pope John Paul II this is an essential and unavoidable question for every thinking person.

Jesus says simply: "keep the commandments," and being pressed further summarises those which concern our dealings with other people. The love of neighbour implied in keeping the commandments listed by Jesus is an appropriate response to God's goodness, and validates ritual observance of more religious commandments. This is of more importance than external ritual observance of the Law. The rich man had observed all the specific commandments, he felt drawn to the good, drawn to God. What should he do to honour God who is so good? The key was to go beyond the Law, to freely give a generous gift. But the only gift he could give God was himself, all he had. The reward would be that wisdom which is more valuable than riches, and eternal life. Sadly, he found the price too high, and went away.

We may ask ourselves if we are able to live a truly Christian life, or are we so tied to possessions, position and ambitions as not to be free. Inner peace is the reward in this life for a "leave all" attitude of God's priority, a priority of service of others and of love. We may pray for that sense of priority, knowing that whatever we give up, we will receive in return riches that will last. Such a road to salvation is beyond human effort but "all things are possible to God." In our own situations it is simply a matter of being generous rather than self-centred. So let's have the courage to ask the Lord, "what good must I do?" and ask for the grace to respond generously.

Billy O'Sullivan

Ballincollig Parish Council

Nominations are invited from Parishioners for membership to the Ballincollig Parish Council. The Council meets 5/6 times a year. The Council Members deal with a wide range of activities in the parish. They discuss the needs of the parish faith communities as well as dealing with ongoing parish liturgies and various programmes. Volunteers are also welcome.

Nomination forms are available in both churches; please note closing date is 31st October 2009.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us stand with courage and present our needs before the Lord who cares for the needy.

Reader

We pray for the Church, that its leaders may lead the faithful in the proclamation of the gospel, allowing the word of God which is alive and active to permeate the lives of people everywhere.

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

We pray for all those who have left this land.

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

We pray for the families in our parish who have loved ones far from home.

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

We pray for peace, especially for people in those countries who have lived under the shadow of violence for a long time.

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

We pray for the lonely and those who feel cut off from society.

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

We pray for the dead, that they may be brought to eternal life through the power of Christ.

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

Priest

God of infinite mercy, you sent your Son into the world to bring us to the fullness of life. Look kindly on the petitions we place before you this day. We make these, and all our prayers, through Christ, your beloved son.

Amen.

Fill us with your love that we may rejoice.

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BAPTISMS

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

Mia Bridget Butler, Beech Road, Muskerry Estate.
 Tara Mary Fitzgerald, The Green, Coolroe Meadows.
 Sophie May Mischle, Aylsbury Cour.
 Darragh Donal Murphy, An Caislean.
 Teagan Marie Murphy, Westcliffe.
 Charlotte Rose Herlihy, Ballinaboy, Ballinhassig.
 Caoimhe Kinack, Castle Ave, Muskerry Estate.
 Wisdom Iwinosa Iduozee, Citi West Mews.
 Callum James O'Sullivan, Garravagh, Inniscarra.
 Niall Joseph O'Driscoll, Fernwalk.
 Gavin Adrian Sheehan, Westgrove.
 Sarah Louise O'Callaghan, Fernway, Bridewood, Ovens.
 Rian Daniel Jordan, Shamrock Drive, Muskerry Estate.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Breda O'Callaghan, Ballineadig, Farran.
 Michael Morton, Rosewood.
 Patrick Joyce, New York.
 Helena Long, Dunbar Street.
 Stephen McAuliffe, Kanturk.

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

Neil O'Leary, Muskerry Estate.
 Gerard Murphy, Westcliffe.
 Tom & Rose Scanlan, Bishopstown.
 Cornelius O'Donovan, Ballinspittal.
 Kathleen Foley, Waterfall.
 Richard & Joan Murphy, Clash.
 Venjamin Vivanco, Equador.
 Paddy & Nellie Harte, Kilmichael.
 Maud O'Hanlon, Glincoll Villas.
 Mary O'Mahony, Clash Road.
 Paddy Fitton, Ballyshoneen.
 John O'Callaghan, Fr Sexton Park.
 May Fortune, Cathedral Road.
 Michael & John Ring, Dungourney.
 Henry & Nellie Thornhill, Skibbereen.
 Eily Riordan, Old Blackrock Road.
 Nellie O'Leary, Kilmichael.
 John Forde, Curraheen.
 Phyle Doyle, Togher.
 Jerhmiah & Mary Buttimer, Kilmichael.
 Susan O'Driscoll, Carrigdena.
 Jerhmiah O'Mahony, Bandon.
 John Sexton, Bweeng.
 Tom McNamara, Powdermills.
 Mary O'Sullivan, Glenleigh.

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The Pike Theatre Group Ballincollig

Are holding their monthly evening of music, dancing & story telling on Tuesday 13th October @ 8.30 pm in "Tanner Park" Ballincollig. The music for the evening is provided by the one and only "Kevin Mc Sweeney"
 Everyone welcome!!! Refreshments served

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Twenty Eighth Week In Ordinary Time

11 Sunday Wis 7:7-11. Ps 89. Heb 4:12-13. Mk 10:17-30. Lect I: 810
 12 Monday Rom. 1:1-7. Ps. 97. Lk. 11:29-32. Lect II: 364
 13 Tuesday Rom. 1:16-25. Ps. 18. Lk. 11:37-41. Lect II: 366
 14 Wednesday Rom. 2:1-11. Ps. 61. Lk. 11:42-46. Lect II: 368
 15 Thursday Rom. 3:21-30. Ps. 129. Lk. 11 :47-54. Lect II: 370
 16 Friday Rom. 4: 1.8. Ps. 31. Lk. 12: 1.7. Lect II: 372
 17 Saturday Rom. 4:13,16-18. Ps. 104. Lk. 12:8-12. Lect II: 374

Next Sunday's Readings 18-October-2009

History Society

The Muskerry Local History Society in Ballincollig will be represented at a major exhibition celebrating Cork's past at the City Hall on Tuesday October 20th. The Society, together with the Ballincollig Heritage Association, is among close on 40 heritage groups and societies that will have stands at the event. Details of the exhibition will be announced at a press launch by Lord Mayor Councillor Dara Murphy at Cork City Hall next Tuesday.

An Invitation to Remember

A Service of Remembrance will be held by Cork University Maternity Hospital On Thursday October 15th at 7:30 pm In St. Josephs Church (SMA), Wilton.
All who have experienced pregnancy & infant loss are welcome to attend.

The Ballincollig Annual Drama Festival

Takes place this year on the 21st, 22nd and 23rd of October in the Ballincollig Community Hall, Station Road @ 8 pm.
 There is a Cheese and wine reception on the 21st at 7 pm. All are welcome.
 Ballincollig is represented by the Pike Theatre Group who are putting on 2 plays this year for judging, "The Ferret" and "Panic at Nutgrove Place", both of which were a great success at the Briery Gap in Macroom recently.
 Judging for the Drama festival will take place on the Friday night 23rd after the shows.
 Tickets available on the night!! "

MRSA and families Network

Are holding a memorial day/ecumenical service in the Church of the Resurrection, Farranree, Cork, on Friday 16th October, 2009 at 8 pm.

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Wisdom 7:7-11
 Each of us needs prudence, maturity, sound judgment -- such things are more valuable than gold or silver -- such things are wisdom, a gift from God.

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13
 A two-edged sword cuts both ways; it is doubly sharp. In the same way, the Bible has the power of God. A good Catholic studies the Word of God, cherishes the Word of God, and lives by the Word of God.

Gospel: Mark 10:17-30
 What must I do to inherit eternal life? Man of desires, he expresses the deep-rooted desire for life. Man without a name he could be any one of us. His seeking for life inevitably brings him to the question about God. "No one is good but God alone." To recall this truth is, for Jesus, a way of getting to the heart of the matter.

Calling all Tenors and Basses!

Cantairi Mhuscraí, Ballincollig's local choir, is looking for bass and tenor singers to join them for their coming season. One highlight of their programme for 2009-2010 is a visit to the Royal Albert Hall next May to take part in a massed choral performance of Vivaldi's *Gloria*, a wonderfully uplifting work. The choir's musical director, Mary O'Brien will be teaching a varied repertoire of music to appeal to all tastes. The choir meets every Wednesday at Ballincollig Community School from 7.30-9.30pm. For further information, please contact the Chair, Marjorie Boyd on 4875847.

 **Irish Blood Transfusion Service**
 Seirbhís Fuilaidriúcháin Eireann

Éire Óg GAA Hall Ovens.

Tuesday, Oct 13, 5.00 pm – 8.00 pm
Wednesday, Oct 14, 3 pm – 5 pm & 7 pm – 9 pm
Thursday, Oct 15, 3 pm – 5 pm & 7 pm – 9 pm
 Blood is urgently required
 Please make a special effort to attend

Bulletin Board

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place **Saturday 31st October, 2009 at 1.00 pm** 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.

Ballincollig Tidy Towns

Both our churches received awards at the recent annual awards ceremony. In the public buildings category Christ our Light was the overall winner and St. Mary & St. John was highly commended. Our thanks for this reward.

Children's Mass

The Children's Mass continues each Sunday at 11 am in Christ Our Light. The children of 2nd 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. We invite 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.

Fr. George

Cardiac Support Group (South Lee)

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 12th October, 2009**
 Venue: Bishopstown Library, Wilton Shopping Centre,
 Time: 11 am – 1 pm. All are welcome

Samaritans

Collectors for Flag Day
 Have you an hour to give to a worthy cause? The Samaritans need volunteers to help with their flag day in Cork city and suburbs on Oct 12th. If you would like to help, please contact their centre at (021) 4278071.

Writings of St Paul

The remaining talks in our series on the writings of St Paul will be held between now and Christmas. Each talk will be given on a Monday and a Thursday evening at 7.30 pm and on the corresponding Wednesday morning at 10.00 am. To celebrate the Year of St Paul information leaflets introducing the life and letters of Paul the Apostle were prepared by Fr Sean O'Sullivan of the Office of Adult Religious Education of the Diocese of Cork & Ross. These will be presented by Fr Billy O'Sullivan followed by tea and group discussion. The meetings are held in the St Mark Centre, opposite the Church of Christ Our Light in Innishmore. The schedule of remaining meetings is as follows.

	Monday 7.30 pm	Wednesday 10.00 am	Thursday 7.30 pm
Talk 6	19th October	21st October	22nd October
Talk 7	2nd November	4th November	5th November
Talk 8	23rd November	25th November	26th November
Talk 9	7th December	9th December	10th December

Pope Benedict has encouraged local church communities and believers to take the opportunity to learn about the life of Paul, to study his writings and thereby to allow our faith to be revitalised in the light of his life and teachings. The letters of St. Paul were the very first books of the New Testament to be written and so offer a unique insight into the beginnings of the Church and how the first believers understood the meaning of the life and death of Jesus in their own lives

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Oct-17 & Oct-18-2009

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)

Michael Fitton
Paul Kearns

8:30 am

Jim Healy

10:00 am

Eileen O'Connell
Diandra Buckley

12:00 Noon

Declan Chalmers

7:30 pm (Vigil)

Pauline Collins
Niall Cronin

11:00 am

Jacob Derham

Paul Donovan

12:30 pm

Brian O'Donoghue
Chide Ebili

5:30 pm

Brian O'Donoghue

MASS TIMES

St. Mary & St. John

8:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon

9:30 am

9:30 am

9:30 am

9:30 am

9:30 am

10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)

Christ Our Light

11 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm

8:30 am

8:30 am

8:30 am

8:30 am

8:30 am

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

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MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Oct-17 & Oct-18-2009

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Patsie Murphy
Joan Barrett
Mary Walsh
Marie Healy
Margaret Kearney
Nora Barry

7:30 pm Sheila O'Connor
John Cauty
Brid Healy-Harris
Kit Cahill

11:00 am Bernadett Spillane
Angela Cunningham
Laurence Cunningham
Eileen Byrne

8:30 am Theresa Lucey
Rita Murphy
Mona Holland

10:00 am Tadgh Murphy
Mary Murphy
Joan Tobin
Eileen O'Connell
Niamh Nic Gerailt
Seamus O'Shea

12:30 pm Eileen Garvey
Sally Power
Breda Callanan
Catherine Freehill
Attracta McKiernan

12 Noon Marie Bowen
Breda Lenihan
Noel Hennessey
Jacinta Jeffers
Rena O'Connor
Sean Farrell

5:30 pm Phil O'Connell
Maire McCullagh
Olan O'Mahony

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