

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



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

Sunday 11-September-2005

Twenty Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

There are times when we may be angry with another and resentful. An important antidote to this is a proper appreciation of our own experience of forgiveness. Once we have received the healing forgiveness of God there should be no place for unforgiving or vengeful behaviour in our lives - that would be to destroy the very forgiveness we have received.



**Christ Our Light
Innishmore**

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The first reading is part of a book of the Old Testament named "Ecclesiasticus", which probably means a book sanctioned or appropriate for an assembly of God's people. It was written by a Jewish wise man about two hundred years before Christ. The intention of this wise man was to show to his Jewish readers that Judaism was superior to the pervasive pagan Greek culture which the conquests of Alexander the Great had brought to the Holy Land. The Christian Church adopted the book because the message of its author is applicable to Christians as well as Jews: one must constantly be aware that the principles of action of the surrounding culture must be adopted for one's own only if they do not conflict with God's principles. In this first reading the author of Ecclesiasticus warns against the evils of vengeance and bearing grudges. The believer should always be alert to the possibility of simply giving in to another, even when the other is acting unjustly. "Getting even" is an instinct deeply imbedded in our nature, and hence deliberately not to give in takes at times considerable courage and self-restraint. (One must, of course, apply the virtue of prudence to the advice of the author of Ecclesiasticus. When one is faced with a serious abuse of God's moral law, especially when it involves a third party, opposition is at times not only permitted but required.)

The responsorial psalm implicitly gives the reason for the restraint advised in the first reading: not to bear grudges is to be merciful, and we are called to be merciful because God is merciful. If vengeance is called for (as opposed, say, to self-defence), God is the one to take it.

In the brief second reading Paul reminds us that all that we do, even our death, has its influence on those around us. Christ's life and death follows this basic truth, but, of course, with much more profound effects than ours. But this does not mean that our life and death is not without its importance, no matter how insignificant it may seem. Living as God wishes us to live is not a solo performance.

The gospel from Matthew contains one of the clearest and most forceful of Our Lord's parables. It illustrates the tendency of us humans to be hard on others and easy on ourselves, which is the exact opposite of what true charity demands. The parable is self-explanatory, but to grasp its implications we must reflect on it in terms of our everyday existence. Forgiveness is a basic condition of Christian existence.

Welcome back to one and all, here is hoping that you had an enjoyable summer and managed to get some break from the routine of work and more labouring in the home. Pupils and teachers are settling into school. New books, new rooms not to mention new schools takes some time to become accustomed to. Well done to the many young people from Ballincollig who completed second level and sat the various exams; I wish them well in their careers or further education.

The Parishioner

Reflection for Parents

This is an easy gospel for parents to understand. We are called to love one another and forgive one another just as God loves and forgives us. Just as God loves us unconditionally, we freely love our children. They return this love, not out of fear or obligation. They love us because we love them.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Our God is a God of compassion and love. We bring our petitions with confidence.

Reader

For new understanding and a spirit of forgiveness wherever there is division, we pray.

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

For the gift of wisdom for world leaders and for all who seek to find ways of resolving conflict by peaceful means, we pray.

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

For peace in our homes, and for an end to violence everywhere, we pray.

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

For our brothers and sisters who live in the troubled areas of our world, that they may not lose heart as they wait for an era of peace, we pray.

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

For this community and for the needs of all here present, we pray.

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

For those who have died, especially those mentioned in our Mass today that they may live forever in the company of the saints, we pray.

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

Priest

God of mercy and compassion, we confidently bring our prayers before you this day. We make these and all our prayers in the name of Jesus, your Son.

Amen.

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

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BAPTISMS

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

Seamus Murphy Green, Shamrock Place, Ringaskiddy
 Shay Barry Crowley, "Cuilleann", Greenfield
 Eoghan Paul Cassidy, Ballinaspittle
 Dara Hannah Cassidy, Woodberry, Greenfields,
 Noah Jack Galvin-Lynch, Fernway, Classis Lake
 Ruby Halligan, Parknamore Rise
 Lauren Catherine McCarthy, New York & Rosewood
 Clara Kate Kenny, The Meadows, Classis Lake
 Christian David Warren, Glenwood, Banteer
 Irene Ehiemwenma Iduozel, Parknamore Rise
 Gabriel Babatunde Otegbayo, Westcourt Heights
 Olumide Michael Olupono, An Caislean Grove
 Caterina Rosie O'Mahony, The Brambles, Classis Lake
 Browndy Bridget Nwoye, the Lawn, Coolroe Meadows
 Cian James McGrath, Hill Farm Ave, Model Farm Road
 Rebecca Margaret Scott, The Glenties, Macroom
 Alex Kavanagh, Chestnut Lawn Classis Lake
 Dylan William Murphy-McNamara, Oaklands
 Kate Lian Lee, Parknamore Rise
 Molly Anne O'Neill, Hawthorn Mews, Dublin Hill
 Hien Luong Nguyer Horan, Elm Lawn, Muskerry Est.
 Ciara Ann Kirby, Rosewood
 Colm Patrick Gillespie, Caislean
 Caoimhe Mairead O'Donoghue, The Green, Coolroe Meadows
 Emily Sinead O'Donoghue, The Green, Coolroe Meadows
 Aoife Casy, Steeple Closewood, Rathoath
 Emily Catherine Woodcock, Fern Walk, Greenfields
 Morgan Owen Denis Foley, The Avenue, Bridewood
 Dylan Rupert Joseph Costolloe, Oldcourt, Greenfields
 Shannon Taylor Lane, Mossgrove, Classis Lake
 Abbie Jennifer Ross-Ryan, Tudor Grove
 Adam Patrick O'Driscoll-Ladwith, Castle Park
 Jai-Arla Flood-Gibbons, Beech Park
 Louie Michael Roche, Avoncourt
 Rebecca Rose Bradfield, Maglin Circle
 Michael Denis Moloney, Upper Leemount, Kerry Pike
 Alice Sarah Meagher, The Brambles, Classis Lake
 Jack Michael Ford-Lehane, Farran
 Daniel John Nolan, Regency Walk, Croydon
 Samuel Denis Elwood, The Avenue, Coolroe Heights
 Arran Monty Brian Smyth, The Close, Coolroe Meadows
 Shane Dean Mulroy, Innishmore Grove
 Emily Ceadaoin Shanahan, Innishmore Grove
 Thomas Pdraig Shanahan, Innishmore Grove
 Anna Mary O'Connor, Wyndham
 Brian Peadar Done, The Meadows, Classis Lake
 John Timothy O'Leary, Alysburry
 Jade Louise O'Mahony, Park Road, Muskerry Estate
 Caoimhe Elizabeth Collins, Laural Hurst, Carriganarra
 Theresa Syllice Mullins, Shamrock Drive
 Eoin Michael Francis Carew, Westcourt
 Callum Daniel O'Callaghan, Coolyduff, Inniscarra
 Katie Mairead Patton, O'Donovan Crescent.

MARRIAGES

Full list of Summer weddings in next weeks publication

Ballincollig Parish Pastoral Council

The next meeting of the council will be held in the Annex Room, Community Centre on Monday September 19th at 7.45 pm

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Twenty Fourth Week In Ordinary Time

- 11 Sunday Eccles. (Sir) 27:30-28:7. Ps. 102. Rom. 14:7-9. Mt. 18:21-35. Lect I: 699
- 12 Monday 1 Tim. 2:1-8. Ps. 27. Lk. 7:1-10. Lect II: 312
- 13 Tuesday 1 Tim. 3:1-13. Ps. 100. Lk. 7:11-17. Lect II: 314
- 14 Wednesday Num. 21:4-9 or Phil. 2:6-11. Ps. 77. In. 3: 13-17. Lect I: 996 or Lect II: 1186
- 15 Thursday Heb. 5:7-9. Ps. 30. Jn. 19:25-27 or Lk. 2:33-35. Lect II: 1189
- 16 Friday 1 Tim. 6:2-12. Ps. 48. Lk. 8:1-3. Lect II: 320
- 17 Saturday 1 Tim. 6:13-16. Ps. 99. Lk. 8:4-15. Lect II:322

Next Sunday's Readings 18-September-2005

Is. 55:6-9. Ps. 144. Phil. 1 :20-24, 27. Mt. 20: 1-16. Lect I: 702

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Betty Sweeney, Greystones.
 Dan Keohane, Model Farm Rd.
 Pat O'Dwyer, 31, Whitethorn Ave.
 Eileen Nangle, Model Farm Rd.
 Joe Delaney, Inniscarra View Estate.
 Josephine O'Brien, Model Farm Rd.
 Anasthasia Radley, St Mary's Place.
 Mary McSweeney, Parknamore.
 Nora Murphy, Westgrove.
 Bernadette Noonan, Parknamore.
 David O'Keeffe, Ballinlough.
 Bride Curtin, Victoria Village.
 Baby Aimee Corkery, Castle Park.
 John Doab, 12, The Crescent.

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

Denis & Ellen O'Leary, Noonan Road.
 Joe Linehan, Inniscarra View.
 Kathleen Shannon, Glincool.
 Ellen & John Curran, Ballyphehane.
 James & Evelyn McSweeney, Cloghroe.
 Mary & Daniel O'Leary, Gillabbey St.
 Sean O'Donovan, Church Hill, Carrigrohane.
 Thomas & Catherine O'Malley, Mayo.
 Noreen & Harry Lane, Poulavone Road.
 Gerry McCarthy, Raheen.
 Michael Barry, Carrigroe, Clonakilty.
 Sr. Margaret Crowley, Carrigarriga.
 Joan Coakley, Muskerry Est.
 Sean McGeough, Holly Road.
 Chris & John Joe Walsh, Bakers Road.
 Charlie McGrath, Summerstown, Wilton.
 Thomas Ronayne, Co. Mayo.
 Daniel & Mary O'Leary, Gillabby Street.
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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Sirach 27:30 - 28:9

We are called to be merciful as God is merciful to us.

Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9

St Paul reminds us that the life of each one of us is very influential.

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

This great story illustrates God's tremendous love for us. In the story a servant (someone like us) owed an incomprehensible sum of money (our sinfulness) to a king (God). The servant begged for time to repay the debt. The king, out of love and compassion, forgave the entire debt. But the sad ending of the story described the servant's inability to forgive another person's much smaller debt.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Cornelius 16-September-2005

There was no pope for 14 months after the martyrdom of St. Fabian because of the intensity of the persecution of the Church. During the interval, the Church was governed by a college of priests. St. Cyprian, a friend of Cornelius, writes that Cornelius was elected pope "by the judgment of God and of Christ, by the testimony of most of the clergy, by the vote of the people, with the consent of aged priests and of good men." The greatest problem of Cornelius's two-year term as pope had to do with the Sacrament of Penance and centred on the readmission of Christians who had apostatised during the time of persecution. Two extremes were finally both condemned. Cyprian, primate of Africa, appealed to the pope to confirm his stand that the relapsed could be reconciled only by the decision of the bishop (against the very indulgent practice of Novatus). In Rome, however, Cornelius met with the opposite view. After his election, a priest named Novatian (one of those who had governed the Church) had himself consecrated a rival Bishop of Rome—the first antipope. He denied that the Church had any power to reconcile not only the apostates, but also those guilty of murder, adultery, fornication or second marriage! Cornelius had the support of most of the Church (especially of Cyprian of Africa) in condemning Novatianism, though the sect persisted for several centuries. Cornelius held a synod at Rome in 251 and ordered the "relapsed" to be restored to the Church with the usual "medicines of repentance."

The friendship of Cornelius and Cyprian was strained for a time when one of Cyprian's rivals made accusations about him. But the problem was cleared up.

A document from Cornelius shows the extent of organisation in the Church of Rome in the mid-third century: 46 priests, seven deacons, seven sub deacons. It is estimated that the number of Christians totalled about 50,000.

Cornelius died as a result of the hardships of his exile in what is now Civitavecchia (near Rome).

Mass Book

The Mass diary in both churches is now open to book Mass intentions for the Months of October, November and December 2005

Male and Female volunteers wanted!!

- ISPCC are currently recruiting volunteers for our activity based mentoring programme.
- Activities include anything from guitar lessons to soccer training.
- This is a fun, flexible opportunity to support young people in Cork and share your interests.
- Training provided
- For further information please contact 021 4962949

Mini Marathon in aid of Cork Simon Community

Take part in the Evening Echo Women's Mini-Marathon on the 18th September 2005 and raise vital funds for the Cork Simon Community.

The life expectancy of a homeless person living on the streets is 42 years and on average one homeless person dies each month in Cork. Cork Simon Community is working to cure the "killer disease" that is homelessness, but we can't do it alone - we need your help. With your sponsorship money we will continue to provide accommodation for 103 people every night of the year, make contact with around 200 people each year through street outreach work and support people to return to Independent Living.

If you would like to raise funds to help Cork Simon Community continue to provide these vital services and make a real difference to the life of homeless men and women in Cork, please contact Mairead on 021 4321166 or email fundraising@corksimoncommunity.ie A fun day is guaranteed for all participants with a post marathon reception for all members of the Cork Simon Community team, kindly sponsored by Scott's Bar on Oliver Plunkett Street.

Be ALERT

Beware of Bogus Collectors

No one is authorised to collect on behalf of the Parish or Priests. – Report any incident to Gardai.

Childrens' Mass:

Resumes this Sunday at 11 am in the Church of Christ Our Light

Mass Missalettes

To assist in the tidying up after 12 noon Mass in St. Mary & St. John and 5.30 pm Mass in Christ our Light, please place them at the end of your seat, if you do not wish to take them home.

Best of Luck

Cork Hurlers may the best team win - safe travel to all parishioners attending final

Ballincollig Tidy Towns committee who will be attending the Tidy Towns National Awards Ceremony in Dublin on Monday 12th September.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Sep-17 & Sep-18-2005

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Karen Sheehan
8:30 am
Elizabeth Daly
10:00 am
Susan Fennell
12:00 Noon
Keevesa McGrath

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Fiona Feely
11:00 am
Marie Groarke
12:30 pm
Cliona Ryan
5:30 pm
Christine O'Brien

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	9:00 am & 8 pm (Vigil)

CONFESSIONS

After 10:00 am Mass & before 6:00 pm Mass **Saturday** After 9:00 am Mass

BAPTISMS

5:00 pm **Saturday** 7:15 pm
12:45 pm **Sunday**

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Sep-17 & Sep-18-2005



St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Vera Allen
Ber Bell
Oliver Delaney
Betty Casey
Frank Riordan
Siobhan Riordan
8:30 am Mary Buckley
Theresa Lucey
10:00 am Anne Cahill
Pat Lee
May Delaney
Seamus O'Shea
John O'Donovan
12 Noon Joan Barrett
Sheila Carroll
Marsie Curling
Will Casey
Geraldine Graham

8:00 pm Geraldine Lynch
Charlie Vaughan
Joan Stephenson
11:00 am Marie Ui Chrualaof
Neil Jeffers
Eileen O'Donoghue
Bridie O'Donnell
Bridie Hanrahan
12:30 pm Con O'Connell
Denis O' Mahony
Christine O'Mahony
Tom Murray
John O'Regan
5:30 pm Patsy Galvin
Bernard Curran
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