

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 11-September-2011

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

A New Season of Communication

Welcome back after your well deserved break to all involved in producing the parishioner in the parish. The parishioner is a big effort to keep the people of Ballincollig parish in touch with one another. Throughout July and August Baptisms and Marriages were celebrated; for some families there was sadness at the death of a family member.

The Cloyne report published early July 2011 detailed the abuse of children and young people by priests from the diocese. The pain, hurt and suffering inflicted on many individuals and their families by clergy is horrendous. The Cloyne report highlighted the failure of Church authorities to follow their own guidelines in dealing with accusations of child abuse; this inflicts further suffering on people. We need to take the crime of child abuse seriously and deal with all allegations properly. The Cloyne report has forcibly reminded us that as an institution the Catholic Church has much to learn about respecting people and recognising the dignity of each person. Meanwhile each of us has a responsibility to pray for all who suffered abuse and as members of the Christian community to try to ensure that all especially the weak and little ones are respected.

This July 53 people (48 teens) from the parish headed to Taize; Taize is home to approximately ninety brothers living in community. Each year during the summer months young people come to Taize from all over Europe and sometimes further afield. We arrived on Sunday 17th July and were welcomed by Br. Jean-Marie and volunteers. During the next days we experienced the simple living of Taize and joined the brothers in prayer. Some of the comments "Amazing experience" "helped me grow in faith and friendship" "incredible experience". Plans are already afoot to keep the Taize theme alive in Ballincollig.

This weekend changes in some of the responses at Mass are being introduced. These changes are the Mass missalette and cards available in both churches. Change is always difficult; we might try to use the changes to make us more aware of meaning and significance of the words we use at Mass.

The gospel this weekend speaks of the unlimited forgiveness of God, may this blessing help us to come closer to Christ.

George O'Mahony

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

We turn in prayer to the God who forgives all our guilt and crowns us with love and compassion.

Reader

For Christians: that they may give an example to the world of the art of forgiveness.

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

For all those in authority: that they may forgive with humility and understanding those who fail them.

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

For those who have been badly sinned against and who are unable to forgive.

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

For all of us gathered here: that we may be able to forgive those who have sinned against us and so be healed of resentment and bitterness.

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

For each other: that we may have the humility and courage to seek forgiveness of those we have offended.

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

For our own special needs.

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

Priest

All-powerful God, grant that we who stand always in need of your mercy, and who love to receive it, may be ready to show mercy to others. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Visit Our Website: www.ballincolligparish.ie

BAPTISMS

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

Avah Gisil Kathleen O'Connor, Waltham Abbey, Old Quarter.
 Eoin Denis Sexton, Clash Road.
 Halle Taylor Morrissey, Cranford Pines.
 Dylan Christopher Roche, Old Fort Gate.
 Alycia Faith Hyde, Leesdale Grove.
 Fionn Coady Barker, Willgrove Coolroe.
 Sophie Molly O'Mahony/O'Connor, Castlepark.
 Sophia Antoinette Kelleher Devoy, Whitethorn Lodge, Donoughmore.
 Lauryn Marie Singleton, The Green, Coolroe Meadows.
 Isabel Lily Abi Carter, Coolroe.
 Saoirse Ellen Pinkett, Basildon, Essex.
 Jamie George Lynch, Innishmore Court.
 Ronan Timothy Joseph O'Gorman, The Close, Coolroe Meadows.
 Ronan Martin Moloney/Burke, An Caislean View.
 Ella Marie Michelle Keane/Hennigan, Station Road.
 Kyren Max Bowin, Distillery Court, The Maltings.
 Amanda Tass, The Brambles, Classes Lake.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Abbie Keelan, Drogheda.
 Desmond Finch, Fife, Perth.
 Patrick Murphy, Ballyphehane.
 Imelda Roche, Wicklow.
 Nora Donegan, Dublin & Sligo.
 Henry Russell; Bandon & Drimoleague.

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

Joe Linehan, Inniscarra View.
 Brian Calnan, Coolroe Meadows.
 Jack O'Sullivan, Carriganarra.
 Robbie Byrne, Aylsbury & Carrigaline.
 Peg Barry Murphy, Carriganarra.
 Eileen Murphy, Macroom & Muskerry Estate.
 Jerry McCarthy, Raheen.
 Daniel & Ita Murphy, Turners Cross.
 Michael & Kathleen Healy, Eyerries.
 Denis & Eileen O'Leary, Noonan Road.
 Gerry & Bridget Kelly, Eyerries.
 Frank O'Brien, Wyndham Downs.
 Dec members of the Henchy Family, Carrigrohane.
 Joan Coakley, "Hillview" Muskerry Estate.
 Paddy Drohan, Collins Barracks.
 Pat Mannix, Mallow.
 Tom McGrath, Ballincollig & Cloyne.

HOPE U CANPAINT!

The Hope Foundation are looking for Volunteers to help them paint their children's crèches and homes in Calcutta from 29 Oct – 06 Nov. For more information please log on to www.hopefoundation.ie or contact Susan on Tel: 021 429 2990, it will change a child's future..

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-2011

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

**Ballincollig Parish
 Bereavement Support Group**

A Bereavement Support Programme will commence in Ballincollig on **Tuesday 11th 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 provides a safe place where all who are grieving the loss of a loved one will have the opportunity to share their own personal grief and experience the support of others. For further details please contact: **Sr Colette at 086 3557375**

"Mothers' Prayers"

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

**Wednesdays 10.30 a.m at Meeting Room
 at Christ our Light Church**

or

**Thursdays 10.00 a.m at Library Room,
 Parish Community Hall**

Run / Walk for SVP in Mini Marathon

If you are interested in running/walking for St Vincent De Paul, in the Evening Echo Women's Mini Marathon on Sunday, 25th September, 2011: contact 021 4270444 or email info@svpcock.ie

Prayer in Ordinary Time

Jesus, we know you are with us.
 We will call on your name always.
 Jesus, you know all our needs.
 You are always ready to help us.
 Give us the courage to be your faithful followers each and every day. Amen.

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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.

Take the Stairs or Lift?

Top ten reasons you should take the stairs!

1. It's a **free workout**: makes a significant contribution to 30 minutes of daily physical activity.
2. Improves your **heart health**: lowers total cholesterol and raises "good" cholesterol.
3. It can be **faster than taking the lift**.
4. You **burn five times more calories than taking the elevator**.
5. It's **good for your legs**: increases leg power and reduces the risk of injury.
6. Helps you to **breathe better**: good for your lungs.
7. **Relieves stress and tension**: helps relieve negative feelings in the same way running does – by releasing endorphins.
8. Climbing the stairs helps you to **live longer**: Studies show that people who climbed 55 flights per week had **lower risk of heart problems**.
9. Increases your level of **confidence**: Because stair climbing is an activity with which we are all familiar, people have a high level of confidence in their ability to participate.
10. Helps you to build and maintain **healthy bones and muscles** And **lose weight too** Even 2 flights of stairs climbed per day can lead to a **6 lb (2.7 kg) weight loss over one year**.

Safety note: Hold onto the handrail when ascending / descending the stairs

The Hope Foundation

Annual Cork Lunch

Maryborough Hotel & Spa, Cork
 Friday September 23rd 2011 at 12 noon.
 Cocktail Reception, Retail Zone, 3-Course Meal
 Special Appearance By Laura Yanez
 "Three years touring America and Canada
 as the lead singer with Riverdance"
 &
 Exclusive preview of Cork Fashion Week
 With lockdown models
Tickets €50 each
Details contact Orla Cahalane 021 4292990
or www.hopefoundation.ie

Bulletin Board

Mass Book

Diaries to book Mass Intentions for October, November & December are now open in both churches.

New Roman Missal

Today marks a significant step in the journey towards full use of the Third Edition of the Roman Missal on the First Sunday of Advent.

The Mass missalette includes the new translations of the following texts: the people's response to the greeting by the priest, "I confess," the Gloria, the Apostles' Creed and the acclamations for the Eucharistic Prayer as well as the text for the invitation to communion.

Children's Mass

The Children's Mass will resume shortly in **Christ Our Light**. The Children of 2nd class retire to the crying room at the beginning of Mass where they celebrate The Liturgy of the Word in 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 Communion children to please try and bring Children to this Mass. Bringing your Child to the Sunday Mass is an important preparation for your Child's First Holy Communion. Looking forward to seeing you.

Fr. George

Eucharistic Congress Prayer.

Lord Jesus,
 you were sent by the Father,
 To gather together those who are scattered.
 you came among us, doing good and bringing healing,
 announcing the Word of salvation
 and giving the Bread which lasts forever.
 Be our companion on life's pilgrim way.

May your Holy Spirit inflame our hearts,
 enliven our hope and open our minds,
 so that together with our sisters and brothers in faith,
 we may recognise you in the Scriptures
 and in the breaking of bread.
 May the Holy Spirit transform us into one body and lead us
 to walk humbly on the earth, in justice and love, as witnesses of your resurrection.

In communion with Mary,
 whom you gave to us as our Mother
 at the foot of the cross,
 Through you may all praise,
 honour and blessing be to the Father,
 in the Holy Spirit and in the Church,
 now and forever,

Ennismore Retreat Centre

8 Fridays commencing 23rd Sept 10.30 am - 12.30 pm
 "The Artist's Way and the Spiritual Journey"
 Interweaving spiritual awareness with concepts from Julia
 Cameron's book 'The Artist's Way'
 Martina Lehane Sheehan.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Sep-17 & Sep-18-2011

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Brendan Collins
Michael Collins
8:30 am
John Healy

10:00 am
Louise McCarthy
Robert Noonan
12:00 Noon
Tony Lynch
Evan Keating / Shane Tully

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Michael Greene

11:00 am
Chidera Ebili
Karen Flavin
12:30 pm
Joseph Manning
Kieran Nugent
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

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

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National Tidy Town's

The results of the 2011 competition were announced last Monday. Ballincollig retained its silver medal. Thanks to the committee and its volunteers who have done Trojan work over the summer months in keeping our town litter free, also well done for achieving the 8th position nationally in the IBAL league.

**Parish Office, The Presbytery, Ballincollig is open Mon - Wed from 9 am - 1 pm & 2 pm - 3 pm.
Sat 10:30 am - 12 Noon. Phone No. (021) 4871206, Office Secretary Catherine Crowley.**

Come, Gather and Celebrate: Praying the New Missal with Children'

The introduction of the New Roman Missal will soon begin and we will all be invited to learn again some of the prayers of the Mass. As with anything new, there is always some concern about the challenges that it will bring, but this change in the Mass texts also offers us the possibility of seeing with new eyes the prayers we use at Mass, and of taking the opportunity to explore again what it is we do when we gather to celebrate the Eucharist. The workshop will use the new resource *'Come, Gather and Celebrate: Praying the New Missal with Children'*, written by Maeve Mahon and Elaine Mahon, to help teachers and priests understand more fully the rationale for the changes that have been made to the Mass texts. It will introduce them to the new texts and suggest ways that they can communicate and teach the changes to children so that they will be enabled and encouraged to become full, active and conscious participants at Mass.

One of the authors, Maeve Mahon, will give two presentations on the above programme:

Monday, September 26th in Oriel House Hotel, Ballincollig at 7.30 pm.

The programme is of particular interest to teachers and parents of children preparing for the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation.



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Sep-17 & Sep-18-2011

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Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Patsie Murphy
Pat Moore
Mary Walsh
Marie Healy
Margaret Kearney
Nora Barry

7:30 pm Sheila O'Connor
Martin O'Regan
Brid Healy-Harris
Kit Cahill

8:30 am Theresa Lucey
Rita Murphy
Mona Holland

11:00 am Bernadette Spillane
Angela Cunningham
Laurence Cunningham
Eileen Byrne
Carmel Ryan

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

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

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

5:30 pm Olan O'Mahony
Ann-Marie Whelan