

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 12-October-2014

Twenty Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

God promised his people a future of great blessings where death and mourning would be no more. Christ came to issue God's final invitation to this future. Some rejected it, others accepted it but then made light of it. What have we done with our invitation?



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Invitation to God's Banquet

The prophecy of Isaiah in our first reading speaks of God preparing a banquet for all people. There is one feast to which we are all invited - the banquet in the Kingdom of God. The Banquet theme continues in the Gospel where we hear the parable of an invitation to a Wedding Feast. The king sends his servants to call those who had been invited to the Feast, but some rejected the invitation, while others made excuses. The Good News of today's gospel is that everyone is invited to belong to God's kingdom. No one is excluded. We are challenged to accept God's invitation or to reject it; the choice is ours.

When we were baptised we were wore a white garment, symbolising being 'clothed in Christ' - Christ's life was now present within us. We continue to be 'clothed in Christ' each time we choose to live out our calling as Christians. The temptation is to become distracted by all the cares and activities of this world, and lose sight of our true destination. Just like the person in today's Gospel who was not accepted at the feast as he was not wearing a wedding garment, there may be times in our lives when we too may not be clothed in the 'wedding garment'; times we reject Jesus' invitation to live good Christian lives. Yet He continually invites us, giving us the opportunity for a change of heart in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and he nourishes us for eternal Life by giving us his Body at each Eucharistic celebration.

In today's second reading we see where St. Paul finds God in good times as well as in difficult times. Speaking to the Philippians he tells them he is grateful to them for sharing in his hardships. He knows what it is to live in poverty and also how to enjoy abundance, but he also knows he is not alone. He invites us to put all our trust in God, as he himself did: "I can do all things in him who strengthens me". The Lord uses us too, with all our humanity, with all our weakness, to continue his mission on earth. Let us have confidence in God and trust that he is with us at all times.

Sr. Colette

Reflection for Parents

Sometimes our children drag their feet and say they don't want to go someplace where they've been invited. Many times we whisper to ourselves, "If only she would get there, she would have a great time." And sometimes she does get there and, sure enough, she does have a great time. If we're honest with ourselves, we may find that the same is true when we have gone reluctantly to an event that turned out to be quite a pleasure. Wouldn't those who received the original invitation to the wedding feast have enjoyed a splendid party! The words of today's gospel caution us not to miss out on a great celebration. We need to say "yes" to God's invitation.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

As we meet in God's house, we trust that God's goodness shall follow all those for whom we pray.

Reader

For the Christian Community: that it may strive to provide a feast of faith, hope and love for all of God's children, but especially the poor.

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

For government leaders: that they may be untiring in their efforts to provide all their people with a feast of freedom, justice and peace.

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

For all those who through poverty, illness, or oppression are locked out of life's banquet.

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

For this congregation: that we experience a hunger and thirst for goodness of life.

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

Let us pray for all of those gathered at the Synod in Rome: may their deliberations help us to appreciate the variety of family life.

**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, may we love you in all things and above all things, and reach the joy you have prepared for us, which is beyond all our imagining. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

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BAPTISMS

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

Finn James O'Donovan, Leslies Arch, Old Quarter.
Caoimhe Sheila Somers, The Brambles, Classes Lake.
Zoe Leah Burke, Millers Court, Old Quarter.
Killian Zach Murphy Cambridge, Innishmore Court.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Ciara Maber Cotter, Muskerry Est/Tipperary.

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

Tom & Rose Scanlon, Bishopstown.
Kay O'Keeffe, Cherry Walk.
Deceased Members of the O'Mahony & Greene Families.
John O'Connor, Powdermills.
Mary Harrington, Douglas Street.
Oliver & Phil Doyle, Greenwood Estate, Togher.
Mary O'Sullivan, Glenleigh.
Mable Garrett, Castlepark.
Sam Cooke, Blarney Street.
Joe Guerin, Knocknagree.
Joe Shanahan, Fr. Sexton Park/Bandon.
Eileen & Jim Riordan, Old Blackrock Road.
Timothy & Mary Buckley, Beech Park & Carrigrohane.
Dec members of Hallahan family.
John Forde, Curraheen.
Jack & Kathleen Foley, Waterfall.
Catherine O'Connell, Turner's Cross.
Kevin O'Regan, Passage.
Tom McNamara, Powdermills.

A Week of Directed Prayer

The week of directed prayer is very well supported in Ballincollig. Thirty parishioners have committed to the week of prayer. Six guides are giving their time to help during week. The opening of week will be in St Mary and St Johns' at 7.30 p m on Sunday October 29th. The prayer that evening will be evening prayer of the church (praying the psalms). The guides will be introduced and each participant will be allocated a guide. Meanwhile pray that the week will be enriching for all involved.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Twenty Eighth Week In Ordinary Time

12 Sunday Is. 25:6-10. Phil. 4: 12-14, 19-20. Mt. 22: 1.14. Lect I: 711
13 Monday Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1. Ps 112. Lk 11:29-32. Lect II: 814
14 Tuesday Gal 5:1-6. Ps 118. Lk 11:37-41. Lect II: 816
15 Wednesday Gal. 5:18-25. Ps. 1. Lk. 11 :42-46. Lect II: 817
16 Thursday Eph 1:1-10. Ps 97. Lk 11:47-54. Lect II: 819
17 Friday Eph 1:11-14. Ps 32. Lk 12:1-7. Lect II: 822
18 Saturday 2 Tim 4:10-17. Ps 144. Lk 10:1-9. Lect II: 1233

Next Sunday's Readings 19-October-2014

Is. 45: 1,4-6. Ps. 95. 1 Thess. 1: 1-5. Mt. 282: 16-20. Lect I: 551

Ballincollig Parish

Bereavement Support Group

A Bereavement Support Programme will commence in Ballincollig Tuesday 14th October. It will continue each Tuesday night for 8 weeks (7.30 to 9.30 pm). It is open to anyone who is experiencing the grief and loss of a loved one and is held in a small group setting.

For further details please contact:

Sr Colette at 086-3557375

Legion of Mary

Meeting at Sonas House Station Road

Every Saturday from 3 to 4 pm.

All welcome

Phone Sally 021 4870954

Cork Simon Community

An Evening of Memories of Life in Cork with the author Alice Taylor will take place on Thursday 16th October at 7.30pm at Rochestown Park Hotel. Eleanor Kiely of Cork Simon Community will also speak at the event.

Tea and coffee will be provided.

Blood Donor Clinic

Eire Og, Ovens

5pm – 8.30pm

Wednesday & Thursday 15th & 16th October, 2014

Please Support.

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10

The prophet Isaiah presents a vision of a feast prepared for us by the Lord.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

St Paul tells us confidently that anything is possible for him because his strength comes from God.

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Matthew dealt harshly with the wedding guests who made excuses for not attending the king's son's wedding. Not only did they refuse the invitation, but they beat the servant who went in search of them. The king knew that there would be those who appreciated the banquet and sent more servants out to the crossroads to find anyone willing to come. Matthew ended his Gospel with what was probably a separate parable. Someone dressed inappropriately was removed from the banquet. Most likely, Matthew intended his listeners to respond appropriately to God's invitation.

Keep your Marriage Healthy

Would you like to have more joy, fun and laughter in your marriage?

If your answer is 'YES', then a Marriage Encounter Weekend is the answer.

Next weekend takes place in "The Lake Hotel" Killarney November 14th - 16th 2014.

Book your weekend by phoning 064-6644319 / 086-8334382
For more information visit: www.marriageencounter.ie

World Missions

The theme for this year's Mission Month of October is **"That they may have life"**.

Pope Francis urges us to immerse ourselves in the joy of the Gospel. Sharing this message of Faith and hope to our modern world is our Christian duty, as is assisting financially the growth of our young churches in the South. Please help us at World Missions Ireland to share that gift of faith through your prayers and financial support of our missions.

For further information and or to make a donation please visit www.wmi.ie

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE

Sunday 19th October 2014

St Senan's Inniscarra 3.30pm

For the ultimate sensory experience you cannot beat a traditional Harvest Festival Service. With the smell of the fruit, vegetables and flowers, the delightful displays to see and touch (carefully!), wonderful hymns to join in and listen to, it is all wrapped up by tasting the delicious baking at the tea afterwards. St Senan's Inniscarra, the Church of Ireland Parish at Canon's Cross on the Coachford Road, are hosting their Harvest Festival at 3.30pm on Sunday 19th October and all are welcome to come and see, hear, smell, touch and taste!

For more information please contact the Rector:

Canon Ian Jonas 021 4871106
Carrigrohane Union of Parishes

Parish Office: The Parish Centre, Church Hill, Carrigrohane, Co. Cork. Tel: 4877260 Email: office@cupcork.ie or www.cupcork.ie

Bulletin Board

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place on Saturday 18th October 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.

Diocesan Collection

Special collection for Diocesan needs will be taken up at all Masses this week end

The Central fund of the Diocese that is, the fund which supports the administration and centralised activities of the Diocese, has been running at a deficit for a number of years. In order to alleviate this problem it was decided, have consulted with representatives of Parish Finance Committee in July 2011 and with the Diocesan Finance Committee, that a second collection would be taken in each parish of the Diocese on a Quarterly basis. To date, the Quarterly Collections have proved to be very successful.

Confirmation Dates 2015

Wednesday 15th April	Scoil Barra
Wednesday 15th April	Our Lady of Good Counsel
Monday 20th April	Scoil Mhuire
Thursday 30th April	Gael Scoil
Friday 8th May	Scoil Eoin

First Holy Communion Dates 2015

Saturday 25th April	Scoil Eoin
Saturday 9th May	Scoil Barra
Saturday 9th May	Our Lady of Good Counsel
Saturday 16th May	Scoil Mhuire
Saturday 23rd May	Gael Scoil

Mission Sunday

Envelope collection for the Propagation of the faith will be taken up at all Masses next week end.

Special Mass

There will be a Special Mass to remember all our loved ones who died during the past year on Tuesday November 11th at 8.00pm in St Mary & St John. All those who died from the Parish will be remembered at this Mass. Families who wish to have deceased family members (who died during the past twelve months) included in this Mass are invited to hand in their names to the Sacristy or Parish Office during the week and please include a contact name, phone number and an address.

Mass in St Oliver's Cemetery Saturday November 8th at 2pm.

Mass in St Mary's & St John Cemetery November 15th at 12 noon.

Fr. George

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Oct-18 & Oct-19-2014

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
 Muireann Nelligan
 Padraig McAuliffe
8:30 am
 Triona Downey
 Riain Brennan
10:00 am
 Maria Bunyan
 Amy O'Driscoll
12:00 Noon
 Catherine O'Sullivan
 Emer Wiseman

7:30 pm (Vigil)
 Nonyi Ebili
 Jennifer Nyagaya
11:00 am
 Jacob Derham

12:30 pm
 Kay Carew
 Jane O'Leary
5:30 pm
 Liam Tuohy

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	087-2479140
Fr. George O'Mahony P.P.	021-4871206
Fr. Dave O'Connell C.C.	021-4876171 or frdaveoconnell@gmail.com
Fr. James McSweeney	021-4873308

Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

Week 20th Oct to 26th Oct

Michael O'Leary
 Kay O'Sullivan

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.



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Oct-18 & Oct-19-2014

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Eileen Murphy
 Ted Nelligan
 Eileen Corkery
 Maurice Bunyan
 Sheila Walshe
 Katie Collins

7:30 pm John O'Donoghue
 Mary Dineen
 Kathleen Daly
 Mairead Keenan
 Kay O'Sullivan

8:30 am Helen Kelly
 Michael Crowley

11:00 am Mary Twomey
 Mona Bowen
 Billy Barry
 Mary Aylward
 Pauline Barton

10:00 am Fionnuala McDonagh
 Mary Buckley
 Fiona Kelly
 Mary O'Regan
 Teresa O'Driscoll
 Martin O'Leary

12:30 pm Maura O'Driscoll
 Mary Lehane
 Dympna Byrne
 Suzanne Leech

12 Noon Ann-Marie Cosgrove
 Phil Kennedy
 Ellen O'Sullivan
 Ursula McAuliffe
 Sally Crowley
 Jim Lordan

5:30 pm Shelia Curran
 Elizabeth O'Sullivan

Church of Christ our Light

Sponsor a slate fund raiser continues before and after all Masses again this weekend.

To help defray some of the expense parishioners are invited to sponsor a slate (Slate €5 each).

All sponsors will receive a certificate as an acknowledgement of their contribution, see opposite.

Thanks to those who have already made a donation.

Church of Christ our Light Ballincollig



_____ has sponsored _____ slate(s) for the renovation of the church.

In support of Ballincollig Parish In Memory of _____

Slate No _____ Date _____ Signed _____