

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



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

Sunday 14-February-2010

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Day of Prayer for Temperance

God's blessing is for those who trust in him. It is especially promised by Jesus to the poor, the hungry, those who mourn and all those who are able to turn to God in their need.



**Christ Our Light
Innishmore**

In Whom Do We Place Our Hope And Trust?

We see in today's Gospel, where Jesus having come down from the mountain with his apostles, 'stopped at a piece of level ground' where there was a large gathering of people who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases. The 'level ground' is significant of Jesus wanting to be on a level with them. He understood what it was to suffer, to be poor, to be rejected and reached out to them in their need of both spiritual and physical healing. His heart went out to them. They in turn recognized their need of God.

Just as God understood their sufferings and needs, he understands my pain, my poverty, my despair, my fear. I need to know that God is beside me in my suffering, in my need, in my struggle to do what is right and is reaching out to each one of us in compassion and love. What Jesus says in today's Gospel, is addressed to us too. He addresses four blessings or beatitudes which we could interpret as four social justice issues: He promises the poor that theirs is the kingdom of God, He promises the hungry that they will be filled, He promises the sorrowful that they will become joyful, He promises those who are persecuted for following Him that they will be rewarded in heaven. Another aspect of being poor is recognizing our dependence on God, realizing that everything we are and have is from Him.

Who are the poor, the hungry, the sorrowful, and the persecuted in our society today? We think of the economically poor; we also think of the lonely; the unloved, those experiencing betrayal, hurt, abuse, exclusion, deep anguish and pain, rejection, those being deprived of the basic needs in life, those suffering from injustice. Jesus then goes on to address four woes which could be directed at areas of injustice and inequality in our world of today. God did not create us to live in poverty, to be marginalised, to be rejected. He came that we may have life and have it to the full - to live in a world based on mutual love and sharing and support. So as we strive to live out the Beatitudes in today's world, let us respond to the invitation in both the first reading from Jeremiah and the Psalm to place our hope and trust in the Lord.

Sr. Colette

***Happy St. Valentines Day to all
our parishioners and readers***

Reflection for Parents

Even in hard times the tree by the river receives water and food from the soil. So the people Jesus praise, the poor, the peacemakers, those who hunger for justice have deeper roots than the rich, who value what is on the surface. What makes us happy in our family? Talk about the love you share, the love God gives because we are close to him, like the tree by the river. Today is also the Day of Prayer for Temperance; we remember those suffering from all kinds of addictions, especially those addicted to alcohol and drugs.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us present our needs to the Lord in whom we place our trust.

Reader

For all those who preach the gospel; that the Lord may lead them and guide them in their work. Lord, hear us.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for those who are hungry; that they may be satisfied and that those with food will share what they have with those in need.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for all those who suffer from addiction; may they find the strength and help they need to break free from their addiction.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray that we may become more and more a community that actively cares for and protects the most vulnerable sections of our society.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who mourn; that the healing touch of the Lord may bring them comfort in their sorrow.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for those who have died; may they be raised to life in Christ, the first fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Priest

Father in heaven, you are our rock of safety, the stronghold that saves us: Look with favour on our prayers today; we make these and all our prayers in the name of Jesus, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

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BAPTISMS

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

Makayla Hannah Catherine Hennessy, Grange Glen, Ovens.
Tom Maurice McGillicuddy, Old Court Drive, Greenfields.
Jamie John King, An Caislean.

MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Philip Tarrant, Muskerry Estate & Leslie Cole, Canada.
David Culliton, Wexford & Elaine Harte, Castlepark.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

John Deasy, Beech Road.
Con O'Sullivan, Castletown, Kinneigh.
Billy Coyle, Glincool.
Agnes Spencer, West Village.
Derry Murphy, Powdermills.
Nora Heelan, Inniscarra.
James Sampson, Churchtown, Mallow.
John O'Mahony, Rosenalee Nursing Home.
Patrick Lucey, Muskerry Estate.
Cyril Harrington, Turner's Cross.

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

Sean & Mai Callaghan, Galway.
William & Julia Burke, Vicarstown.
Tm & Bridget O'Leary, Fair Hill.
Sean Ryan, Coolroe.
Margaret Donoan, Glasheen.
Berry Ahern, Coolroe.
Liam Carroll, Woodbine Lawn.
Joey O'Driscoll, Rosewood.
Ger O'Brien, Beech Park.
Hannah & John Collins, Rosewood.
Margo Condon, Model Farm Road.
Margaret O'Driscoll, Kinsale.
Denis Spillane, Glenflesk.
Timothy O'Keeffe, Shamrock Drive.
Mairead Boyce, Milford.
Mary O'Leary, Tower, Blarney.
Eileen O'Sullivan, Willowfield.
Pat McCarthy, Castlepark.
Richard O'Hallorhan, Muskerry Estate.
Helen Lynch, Guarranes.
Jimmy O'Mahony, Balinora.
Francis & Margaret O'Farrell, Station Road.
Michael & Nora Keating, Kerry.
Jack Lucey, Station Cross.
Daniel O'Sullivan, Inniscarra.
Jack & Claire Horgan, Gurranabraher.
John, Mary & Tom Dobbyn, Main Street.
Michael Barry, Ladysbridge.

Hellebore Weekend

February 27th & 28th 2010

Neil & Sonia Williams and Sandy McCarthy of Perennial Plants Nursery host their 7th Annual Hellebore weekend in their award winning garden at Cedar Lodge, Baneshane, Midleton.

Open from 10 am to 4 pm

Admission €6 p.p. or Donation

Refreshments Served. Signposted from the N25

Proceeds on Saturday in aid of Marymount Hospice.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sixth Week In Ordinary Time

14 Sunday Jer. 17:5-8. Ps. 1. 1 Cor. 15:12, 16-20. Lk. 6:17. 20-26. Lect I: 853

15 Monday Jm. 1 :11. Ps. 118. Mk. 8:11-13. Lect II: 525

16 Tuesday Jm. 1:1-18. Ps. 93. Mk. 8:14-21. Lect II: 527

17 Wednesday Joel. 2:12-18. Ps. 50. 2 Cor. 5:20-6:2. Mt. 6:1-6. 16-18. Lect I: 191

18 Thursday Deut. 30:15-20. Ps. 1. Lk. 9:22-25. Lect I: 194

19 Friday Is. 58: 1-9. Ps. 50. Mt. 9: 14-15. Lect I: 196

20 Saturday Is. 58:9-14. Ps. 85. Lk. 5:27-32. Lect I: 198

Next Sunday's Readings 21-February-2010
Deut. 26:4-10. Ps. 90. Ram. 10:8-13. Lk. 4:1-13. Lect I: 207

Concert in aid of Haiti

St Peter's Church, Bandon
Saturday, February 27, 2010 at 8 p.m.
Glaslinn Choir,
Billy Beare (bass),
Sandra Giles & Joan Barry (sopranos)

The entire proceeds will go towards the victims of the earthquake

Ballincollig Parish Bereavement Support

The next Bereavement Support Programme will commence on Tuesday 9th February. It will continue each Tuesday night for 8 weeks (7.30-9.30 pm). It is held in a small groups setting. Anyone experiencing the grief and loss of a loved one, is very welcome to attend. For further information, please contact: **Sr. Colette O'Leary: 086 3557375** or Parish Office: 4871206.

Trocaire

This year's Fast encourages people to 'Give it up for Trocaire' on the 4th/5th March in support of the people in the world who have to go to bed hungry every night. What you give up for a day is up to you – food, your phone, coffee, TV or even a bad habit. What is important is that people 'Give it up for Trocaire' on March 4th and 5th and ask family, friends or colleagues to sponsor them. The efforts of people here at home make an enormous difference to the lives of some of the world's poorest families and communities. To order your Fast pack log on to www.trocaire.org/fast where you can set up your own sponsorship page,

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8

Those who trust in the things of this life will soon perish. But those who trust in the Lord will remain, bearing fruit even in the worst of seasons

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

If we do not believe that Christ has been raised from the dead, then our faith is worthless. He has opened the gates of heaven for us that we might live forever.

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26

Jesus taught his listeners that some values in God's Kingdom will be the opposite of what they are in our earthly society. Those with no power or material possessions, but who trust completely in God will be first in the Kingdom of God. But people who value the luxuries of this world will be last in the Kingdom.

Scout News

Last Friday night the Wed. night Scouts spent the night in the Scout Hall, they arrived in the hall at 9pm and stowed away their gear and started with a tying knots, square lashings and clove hitches, they then started building gadgets, they built long into the night. After supper they went to bed and in the morning after breakfast they pitched a tent. They then had lunch, cleaned the hall and went home.

It is astonishing, humbling, indeed frightening how much our Scouts will copy us. The original 1908 Scouts invented Scoutmasters in order to legalise their mischief. But boys nowadays still want to know and to have personal contact with adults whom they can trust at all times to help them to enjoy life and to grow up the right way. It is at the weekly Troop Meetings, as well as at Summer Camp, that our Scouts will be learning from us how to live.

Meeting times

- Beavers:** Thursday (6 - 8 years) 6 - 7.15 pm.
- Macoimh** Tuesday (8 - 11 years) 7 - 8.30 pm.
Friday 7 - 9 pm.
- Scouts.** Wednesday (11-16 years) 7-9 pm.
Thursday 7.30-9.30 pm.
- Venturer Group Monday nights (16-18 years)

The years between fifty and seventy are the hardest. You are always been asked to do things and you are not ruinous enough to turn them down.

Irish Blood Transfusion Service

A Special thanks to the **216 Donors** who attended this Clinic. Donors, together with the families, friends & neighbours that support them, make up a community that brings life and hope to hospital patients every day.

Muskerry Local History Society

Tracing Family History. Richard Forrest, Local Studies Librarian, Cork County Library, will deliver a talk on a subject of ever-growing popularity at the Ballincollig R.F.C. Hall on Tuesday February 16th at 8 o'clock. Under the auspices of the Muskerry Local History Society, the presentation is open to the public.

CIT UpSkill

Following the success of the event last summer we are hosting a second UpSkill this coming February. CIT UpSkill is an information clinic for anyone who wants to update their qualifications, add new qualifications or change career direction. Further details available from CIT Alumni Association (Alumni@cit.ie)

Date: Friday 26th February 2010 at 2.30 pm
Venue: CIT Student Centre Gallery, CIT

Bulletin Board

Ash Wednesday – February 17th 2010

Ashes will be blessed and distributed during all Masses. It also marks the beginning of Lent. For the duration of Lent there will be evening Mass in **Christ Our Light at 6.30 pm and St Mary & St John at 8 pm.**

Mass Book

Diaries to book Mass Intentions for April, May & June will open in both churches on Saturday 13th March at 9.00 am.

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place **Saturday 20th February 2010 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.

Parish Mission.

This year a parish mission is taking place in Ballincollig. The mission is planned for the week commencing March 7th to 12th, 2010. The mission will be conducted by the Redemptorist fathers. During the week various aspects of our faith will be explored. Members of the parish council are busy planning the various evening sessions at present. Parish missions are opportunities to renew our faith in God and rededicate our lives to our Christian calling. I am asking parishioners to pray for the success of the mission.

Parish Mission 8th - 12th March

Invitation: to voluntary groups and clubs in Ballincollig to take part in acknowledging their contribution to Parish life on Monday 8th at 7.30 pm. Please contact Parish Office 4871206

Fr. George

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Carrigrohane Union of Parishes
(Church of Ireland)

This weekend we welcome Rev Ruth Jackson who speaks at the 6.00 pm Mass on Saturday (13th February), bringing greetings from the Church of Ireland Community to our parish. This initiative arises from the recent Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, and Fr Billy spoke at the 11.00 am Service in Carrigrohane last Sunday



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MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Feb-20 & Feb-21-2010

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)

Sandra Walsh
Brian Hennessy

8:30 am

Eadaoin O'Leary

10:00 am

Eileen O'Connell

Diandra Buckley

12:00 Noon

Miriam Maunsell

Christine Coakley

7:30 pm (Vigil)

Michael Greene

11:00 am

Sorcha Nic Mheanmain

Maire Buckley

12:30 pm

Bernard Valley

Colm Walsh

5:30 pm

Tom Reck

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 & 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

Saturday

4:30 pm

Except First Saturday of
Month

First Saturday of Month

12:45 pm

Sunday

PARISH CLERGY

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MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Feb-20 & Feb-21-2010

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm

Steve Wills
Margaret O'Sullivan
Rita Aherne
Danny Farrell
Jim Walsh
Frances O'Brien

7:30 pm

Anne O'Regan
Mairead Murphy
Finbarr Murray
Lettie Kelly

8:30 am

Mary Buckley
Rita Murphy
Denis Healy

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
Barbara Kelly
Sean Hennessy
Mary McLean
Ellen Seymour
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5:30 pm

Noelle Buckley
Mary Breen



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Sat 10:30 am - 12 Noon. Phone No. (021) 4871206, Office Secretary Catherine Crowley.**

Console National Bag Pack Day - Sat 20th March

Dunnes Stores have once again generously offered Console Saturday the 20th of March for a **National Bag Pack Day**.

Due to the mammoth task at hand, we urgently require Volunteers at local level. There are over 100 Dunnes Stores branches so if you could volunteer on your own or as part of a group, you could really make this a very successful campaign.

The Dunnes Stores branch in Ballincollig is located on **Main Street**.

If you could help in any way, please contact me on 01-6102638 or email Ciaran@console.ie.

Console was established in 2002 by families that experienced the grief of losing a loved one through Suicide. They recognise the need for a dedicated service particular to Suicide Bereavement and Prevention. Since then Console has continued to develop into a professional organisation responding to the needs of those Bereaved by Suicide as well as those who are Suicidal.

Below are just some of the Services Console currently provides:

- > Individual & Family Counselling Service
- > Free Phone National Helpline (1800-210890)
- > Therapeutic Support Groups
- > Education and Awareness Programmes
- > Child Psychotherapy Service
- > 24 Hour Free Phone Suicide Prevention Helpline (1800-247 100)
- > Suicide Prevention and Intervention Programmes

In Ireland, over 500 people die each year through suicide. The cause of each is unique and complex and for the families and friends of the victims, the impact is devastating. Console is a lifeline to many of the deeply distressed families and friends left behind.