

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 14-September-2014

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

This feast is a reminder that God sent his son into the world to take on the human condition in all its weakness, a weakness symbolised by death. Through his triumph over death Christ offers us the way to the Father, the way to eternal life.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

The Triumph of the Cross

"God loved the world so much that He gave his only Son, that we may have Eternal life." "For God sent his Son into the world that through Him the world might be saved." The life of Christ and His message is Gods' way of making his love and plans for us known. The human life of Jesus has one purpose that is to give each of us a glimpse of how much God is on my side and His plans for me of peace, life and happiness.

This October Pope Francis has called a synod of Bishops in Rome to reflect on the role of family and our understanding of family. Earlier this spring the parish council devoted some time to discussing and giving our views on the family. To help us in our discussion a questionnaire was provided by the Vatican. The contributions and comments from the parish council were forwarded to Bishop Buckley. Each diocese was asked to forward a report to the Vatican to help the bishops of the world in their deliberations, (hopefully diocesan office will forward a copy of this report to each parish in the near future).

Recently I came across an article by Eleanor Cunney. She used the example of a stone mason building a wall. He picks a stone from the ground and uses it regardless of its shape and size. He finds a place for the stone even when it is odd, misshapen or uneven. The wall he is creating is full of gaps and spaces; it is these that give the wall its beauty and strength. Her understanding of church is similar. Like the wall it needs to find a place for all comers no matter what the differences. Together we form a unit proclaiming a common belief but drawing strength from the diversity of the individuals within it. As Kahlil Gibran put it "there must be paces in our togetherness."

George O'Mahony

Thought for Today

At the time Jesus was crucified, the cross was a shameful piece of wood. But, we understand it completely differently today. It is a powerful symbol of God's love for us and a reminder that no matter how difficult our journey is, there is hope for us. We can't fully understand, nor could the disciples, what Jesus has gone to prepare for us, but our strength lies in our trust that he has.

Never forget the deeds of the Lord.

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 all Christians: that we may give an example to the world of the art of forgiveness.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

The Cross is a sign of Christ's love for us, may the Cross of Christ be a sign of hope for us.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for all of those carrying heavy crosses, may the Lord help us to support them.

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 sports men and women, during this All-Ireland month, that their example may build harmony in our land.

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

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 other. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

David William Donnelly, Bridgewater, Carrigrohane.
 Clara Shannen Michelle Downey, Castlepark.
 Anna Rose O'Driscoll, Aylsbury Court.
 Cormac Oisin Casey Galloway, Hazel Grove.
 Henry Brian Russell, Bridgewater, Carrigrohane.
 Ethan James Anthony, Daffodil Fields.
 Siun Grace Katie Kelleher, Oldcourt Drive, Greenfields.
 William Ben Walsh, Coopers Grange, Old Quarter.
 Marlie Angela Lordan, Westmoreland Rd, Newcastle.
 Leah Rose Okankwo O'Callaghan-Dega, The Cedars, Classes Lake.
 Tara Emily O'Brien, Maglin Road.
 Mia Kate Burke, Coopers Grange, Old Quarter.
 Charlie William Minihane, Hillcrest, Passage West.
 Rachell Buckley Donnellan, Oldcourt, Greenfields.
 Tom William Long, Greystones.
 Mason Michael O'Driscoll, Barley Grove, The Maltings.
 Hayden Ben Hanley, Browning Town Park, Douglas.
 Aoibh Marie Guthrie, Coopers Grange, Old Quarter.
 Emma Joanne Brett, Chestnut Grove, Classes Lake.
 Zara Joann Brady, Limeworth.

† IN SYMPATHY †**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :**

Brendan Keohane, Knockburden.
 Carmel O'Shea, West Village & Innishmore.

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

John & Edmund Forrest, Ballygarvan.
 Joe Linehan, Inniscarra View.
 Tadgh McCarthy, Bishopstown.
 Billy & Bridie Martin, Ballyphehane.
 Pat O'Connell, Victoria Cross.
 Rita Lynch, Beech Park.
 Joan Coakley, Hill View.
 Colin Doherty, Model Farm Road.
 Kathleen Horgan, Castlepark.
 Denis & Eileen O'Leary, Ballyphehane.
 Margaret Sheehan, Kilmurry.
 Paddy & Esther Walsh, Bishopstown.
 Ned Delaney, Model Farm Road.
 Frank O'Brien, Wyndham Downs.
 Jeremiah & Annie Henchy, Carrigrohane.
 Michael O'Sullivan, Rosewood.
 Nuala Delaney, Inniscarra View.
 Catriona Horgan, Castlepark.
 Daniel & Hannah O'Sullivan, Donoghmore.

Troubled by someone else's drinking?

Try Al-anon. Local Meetings S V de P Centre Station Road
 Thursdays 8.30 pm. Phone: 087 6651707.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK**Twenty Fourth Week In Ordinary Time**

- 14 Sunday Hum. 21 :4-9. Ps. 77. Phil. 2:6-11. Jn. 3:13-17. Lect II: 1186
 15 Monday Heb. 5:7-9. Ps. 30. In. 19:25-27 or Lk. 2:33-35. Lect II: 1189
 16 Tuesday 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31. Ps99. Lk 7:11-17. Lect II: 765
 17 Wednesday 1 Cor 12:31-13:13. Ps32. Lk 7:31-35. Lect II: 767
 18 Thursday 1 Cor 15:1-11. Ps 117. Lk 7:36-50. Lect II: 769
 19 Friday 1 Cor. 15: 12-20. Ps. 16.Lk. 8: 1-3. Lect II: 772
 20 Saturday 1 Cor. 15:35-37,42-49. Ps. 55. Lk. 8:4-15. Lect II: 774

Next Sunday's Readings 21/September/2014

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 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

"Mothers' Prayers"

will recommence

Wednesday 17th September at 10.30 a.m
 at Meeting Room at Christ our Light Church
 Thursday 18th September at 10.00 a.m

At 'Sonas' House - Station Road
 We welcome Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers to join in prayer for all our children and the youth of our parish on one of these mornings

**Legion of Mary
Annual National Pilgrimage to Knock**

This will take place on Sunday 28th September with an all in cost of €39.00
 For more information and to arrange payment please ring Barry at 021 4364474.

The Bible should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. The Bible is meant not to inform, but to transform. Men do not reject the Bible because it contradicts itself but because it contradicts them.

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Num. 21:4-9

The people in the desert were losing hope. We know the feeling! Disillusionment, worry, loneliness and sorrow can wear us down. In the light of Christ's cross, we find hope that is stronger than any suffering. Jesus gave himself without limit to his Father, who raised him high. The meaning of our suffering is to share in his journey to the glory of his Father.

Second Reading: Phil. 2:6-11

The state of Jesus was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave.

Gospel: John 3: 13-17

The feast of The Triumph Of The Cross is celebrated each year since 335 when a church was first dedicated on the site of the crucifixion in Jerusalem. Jesus died between two men. One of them said to the other. 'We are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. (Lk 23; 41.) Jesus lived his dying completely for others. The total exhaustion of his body, the abandonment of his friends, even of his God all became the gift of himself. As he hung dying in complete powerlessness, nailed to the wood of a tree, there was no bitterness, no desire for revenge or resentment. Nothing to cling to; all to give. " Unless the grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains only a single grain, but if it dies it yields a rich harvest. " (Jn 12; 24). Jesus the innocent one died and death became a gateway to life.

Jesus on the Cross lived with the greatest poverty as his cry from the heart reminds us of " My God, my God, why have you forsaken me ". He, who came from God us to God, suffered the deepest anguish a human being can suffer, the anguish of being left alone, rejected, forgotten, abandoned by the one who is the source of all life. Every human being needs to be loved, cared and treated with dignity. Parents have the privilege of providing love and affection for their children but each of us Christians face a daily calling to become more aware of the love and affection of God for us and to reflect that love in our dealings and living with others.

Cork Prison Visitors Centre Volunteers required!

Volunteering with St. Nicholas Trust involves supporting the families of prisoners when they come to Cork Prison for a visit (families can be waiting up to 30 minutes before going in). You will be assisting with hospitality i.e.. making tea/coffee, spending time talking/listening to the families with a sense of awareness/sensitivity while they wait.

For more details: Mob 0879031968

Email: coordinatorv1@gmail.com www.stnicholastrust.ie

Ballincollig Tidy Towns

Congratulations to the committee and its volunteers for the tremendous result achieved for Ballincollig in the National Tidy Towns Competition, results for 2014 were released last Monday at the Helix in Dublin. BTT retained its Gold medal, three in a row, came 1st in their location category Cork SW and Ballincollig is now 3rd in Ireland behind Kilkenny and Letterkenny in the towns that have population range 15,001 to 25,000.

Well done to all!

Bulletin Board

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place on Saturday 20th September 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.

Mass Diaries

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

Trocaire

Trocaire thanks you most sincerely for your generosity in supporting the organisation's work with the people affected by conflict in the Middle East. Trocaire echoes the call of Pope Francis for your prayer for Christians and all other populations that are suffering at the present time, and for dialogue and reconciliation as the basis for peace. We remember especially people affected by conflict in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and Israel.

Coeliac Host

Coeliac Host available at all Masses in both churches. Generally the Priest celebrating the Mass has the Coeliac Host. To help the Celebrant you might please let him know before the Mass.

Fr. George

Novena

The SMA Novena in honour of St. Therese will begin on Tuesday 23rd September at the African Mission Church, Blackrock Road, Cork and will finish on the feast of St. Therese, the 1st October 2014.

The celebration will be celebrated each evening at 7.30pm.
(Except Sat 27th @7.00pm)
For information please contact:
SMA Blackrock Road at 021 4292871
SMA Wilton at 021 4541069

Special Triduum in Honour of St. Pio – (Padre Pio)

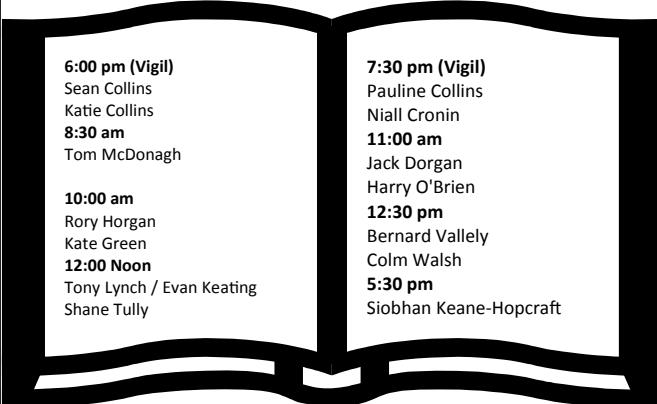
Will take place on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday the 22nd, 23rd and 24th September at the Holy Trinity Church. Mass times are 10 am and 7.30 pm.

Recipe for Living

*Life may not be a piece of cake
When we haven't the dough to rise!
But it will never be as flat as a pancake,
If we remember to add a spoonful of sugar
to sweeten our desserts*

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Sep/20 & Sep/21/2014

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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 Dymphna 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

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)

CONFESIONSAfter 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
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 Fr. Dave O'Connell C.C. 021-4876171 or frdaveoconnell@gmail.com
 Fr. James McSweeney 021-4873308

Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

Week 22nd Sep to 28th Sep

Brid Dunne
 Sr. Colette O'Leary

Social / Coffee MorningsContinue 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.**More Bulletin News!****New School Term**

Teachers and pupils are back in full swing in the various schools. Preparation for the sacraments of First confession and Holy Communion, and Confirmation are already underway. Parents of all those preparing for sacraments will be invited to meetings shortly. These meetings try to encourage parents and families to be actively involved in the work of preparation for sacraments. Also well done to students for the results achieved in the Junior Cert.

Christ Our Light

The roof of Christ Our Light church has for many years failed to keep out the water. Various efforts were made to repair the roof with little success. Rain and water seeps through the roof in several areas. I have decided to address the issue and the slates, felt and roof will be replaced. Work will begin shortly. This is a big job, removing old slates and felt and then replacing same. Mass on week mornings will take place in St Mark's centre courtesy of the Neo Catecummenate community. The total cost will amount to €120,000.00. There will be an estimated 14,000.00 slates put on the roof. To help defray some of the cost I am inviting parishioners to sponsor a slate at €5.00 each. An opportunity will be provided next week to sponsor a slate. Looking forward to your support.

Fr George