

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 15-November-2009

Thirty Third Sunday In Ordinary Time
Restorative Justice Week.

Some of the images in today's readings, may appear incomprehensible to many but they give us hope. God had promised to bring about the transformation of this fallen world, the resurrection of the dead. The timing belongs to God. Our part is to live in hope, through the difficulties of our life and history.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Preparing for God's Kingdom

In today's readings we hear of what may seem frightening events associated with the end of time. With so many natural disasters, wars, persecutions and injustices against human beings in our world today, perhaps we may be tempted to question are these the signs that Jesus speaks of in the Gospel? However the end of time is intended to be a happy event when we will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory and he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the ends of the world'. In the second reading we are reminded that 'Christ offered one single sacrifice for sins by which he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying'. Jesus opens to us the gates of Heaven.

Each time we recite the Creed we proclaim: "He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end." Jesus tells us that no one knows when that coming will be, neither the angels, nor Jesus himself, no one but the Father. As we approach the end of the Liturgical year, the readings today are a reminder and an invitation for us to reflect and prepare for our own death. We know for sure that each one of us will face death one day. For all of us it is the most significant moment of our lives. What a beautiful moment that will be when we'll meet our God face to face. It is the moment for which everything in this life is a preparation - all that we say or do to others Jesus takes as done to himself. God is the ultimate judge of anyone's life and we know that he, who sees our innermost thoughts, struggles and actions, is a compassionate and merciful God. So often we have already experienced his compassion, forgiveness and love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

We may be living in uncertain times with a lot of fear and anxiety but as we prepare for the coming of God's Kingdom, let us take with us today the message of hope and trust in the words of the Psalmist:

"I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever".

Sr. Colette

Thought for Today

One day, Saint Thomas Aquinas, the great teacher and philosopher, and his Dominican brothers were gathered for their hour of recreation. They were all talking, laughing, and enjoying one another's company before going back to their work, prayer, and study. Someone asked Saint Thomas, "If the world were to end in fifteen minutes, what would you do?" He replied, "I would continue doing exactly what I am doing right now."

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

'Whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it and it will be yours', says the Lord. We bring our prayers to the Father with confidence.

Reader

We pray for the Church; that it may continue to prepare people to follow the way of Christ.

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

We pray that those who govern our land may adhere to principles of justice and fairness.

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

As we begin Restorative Justice Week, we pray for all those who are in prison as well as the victims of crime.

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

We pray for the Spirit of wisdom; that it will enlighten the minds of all people and lead to a growth in awareness and determination to put an end to all acts of violence and abuse.

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

For those who are sick; that they may be comforted by the healing touch of the Lord.

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

For those who have died; that they may awake to everlasting life and shine brightly in the vault of heaven.

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

Priest

Heavenly Father, you bring your people back from exile. Hear the prayers we make through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Preserve Me, God, I Take Refuge In You.

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BAPTISMS

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

Lauren Ava Mary Crowley, Greenfields.
 Abbey Rose Harrington, The Meadows, West Village.
 Aoife Louise O'Callaghan, The Lawn, Coolroe Meadows.
 Thomas James Foley, Innishmore Grove.
 Angelo Leahy, Oaklands.
 Grace Margaret Duane, An Caislean.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Cecil Cooper, North Carolina.
 Joseph Redmond, Cloghroe.
 David O'Mahony, Southern Road & Bantry.
 Thomas Danaher, Limerick.
 Audrey Glesson, Wilton.

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

John O'Connor, Powdermills.
 Mary Harrington, Douglas Street.
 Patrick & Mary Dineen, Shandon View.
 Kathleen O'Keefe, Aylsbury.
 Gerard Murphy, Westcliffe.
 Fr. Gerard Kelleher.
 Forgotten Souls.
 Dermot Murphy, Coachford.
 Tom Drinan, Waterfall.
 Daniel & Elizabeth O'Callaghan, Clash Cross.
 Dick Cotter, Earlswood Estate.
 Donal O'Connor, Coolroe.
 Thomas Finegan, Bishopstown
 Charles O'Leary, Ministers Cross.
 Mary Emperor, Rockchapel.
 Peg Dunne Millstreet.
 Jack Shanahan, Fr. Sexton Park.
 Maureen O'Connell, Ballingully.
 Theresa Browne, Frankfield.
 William O'Dwyer, Kilmichael.
 Majorie O'Mahony, Bandon.
 Mary Linehan, Inniscarra View.
 Dec. Members of the Linehan Family, Kanturk.
 John O'Halloran, Leemount.
 Dec Members of Reilly & Hanny Families, Leirim & Wexford.
 Edwin McDermott, Poulavone.
 Dr Norma Murphy her husband Michael & son John, Greenfields.
 Peggy, John & Ellen O'Sullivan, Poulavone.
 Danny & Josie Griffin, Roscrea.
 Willie & Catherine Murphy, The Mills.
 Mollie & Eily O'Leary, Barrack's Street.
 Jerry & Mary Dempsey, Inniscarra.

The Emmaus Men's Fellowship

Fr. Pat Collins C.M. and Janice Carrig will speak at our annual conference for men and women on the theme "Forgiveness does it Matter" at the Sacred Heart Community Hall, Western Road on Saturday 28th Nov and Sunday 29th Nov. Starting at 10.30 and ending 5.30 each day. There will be Healing Service on Saturday afternoon and Mass with Healing Service on Sunday afternoon.
 Further information, contact Declan 021 4872828.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Thirty Third Week In Ordinary Time

15 Sunday Dan 12:1-13. Ps 15. Heb 10:11-14, 18. Mk 13:24-32. Lect I: 826
 16 Monday 1 Mac. 1: 10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-64. Ps. 118. Lk.18:35-43. Lect II: 425
 17 Tuesday 2 Mac. 6: 18-31. Ps. 3. Lk.19: 1-10. Lect II: 427
 18 Wednesday 2 Mac. 7: 1, 20-31. Ps. 16. Lk. 19: 11-28. Lect II: 429
 19 Thursday 1 Mac. 2:15-29. Ps. 49. Lk. 19:41-44. Lect II: 433
 20 Friday 1 Mac. 4:36-37, 52-59. Ps. 1 Chr. 29. Lk. 19:45-48. Lect. II: 435
 21 Saturday Zech 2:1417. Ps Lk 1:46-55. Mt 12:46-50. Lect II: 1271

Next Sunday's Readings 22-November-2009
 Dan 7:13-14. Ps 92. Apoc 1:5-8. Jn 18:33-37. Lect I: 829

Scoil Barra Enrolment Week
16th-20th of November 2009

Any parents wishing to enrol their child in Scoil Barra for the school year 2010-2011 are invited to complete an 'Application for Admission Form' available each day from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. during Enrolment Week. Applications will be processed in accordance with Scoil Barra's Enrolment/Admission Policy.
Please note that in line with this Policy all applications for admission must be received at the school on/before Friday 20th of November 2009. In addition to Enrolment Week, parents are welcome to enrol their child at any other time before this date. Children who wish to be enrolled in Scoil Barra as Junior Infants in September 2010 must be at least 4 years of age on/before 31st of May 2010.

Prospective parents/children are invited to visit our school for an 'Open Afternoon' on Thursday 19th of November between 1.00 p.m. -2.30 p.m.
 Donal O' Sullivan (Principal)
 Scoil Barra, Innishmore, Ballincollig, Co. Cork. Tel. (021) 4873459

Scoil Eoin & Scoil Mhuire
Enrolment Week:
16th - 20th of November 2009

Prospective parents and children are invited to the Open Afternoon (in both schools) on Thursday 19th from 2.00 pm - 3.30 pm

Scoil Eoin (Boys)	Scoil Mhuire (Girls)
021 4871321	021 4870809
Principal:	Principal:
Donal O Conbhui	Mairead Ni Mhurchu

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3

The Book of Daniel is filled with special images of what the future will be like. This passage gives the first hint in the Bible of the resurrection from the dead. It is not a description of what will happen; it is only a vision, like a work of poetry. Daniel speaks about Michael, the archangel of God, who will lead the just and those who work for justice into the everlasting life of heaven. Heaven is our future, where we will be with God forever. There every tear will be gone; we will have fullness of life forever with God and all those whom we love.

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

Jesus, our High Priest, has taken his place at God's right hand in heaven.

Gospel: Mark 13: 24-32

Jesus refers to the prophecy of Daniel, adding that only the Father knows when the end will come. Let us pray in today's liturgy for ourselves and for the whole Church, that the Lord may find us ready when he returns. May we not be doing foolish things or be living in fear, but be awaiting the kingdom with hope as we strive to do God's will.

Scout News

Last weekend was a very busy one for the sections. Both the Wed. night Scouts and the Thurs. night scouts went on an overnight to Togher Scout Hall, where they were taught map and compass. On the following morning the scouts along with other scouts from the County went hill walking in the paps. The weather was very bad to say the least, rain, high winds and hail was encountered through out the day. The scouts compass skills were put to the test. Some of the younger scouts took on the old butter road while the older and more experienced scouts climbed the eastern pap coming down the gully between the two. A day which will go down in the folk lore of both troops with legs been added to the severity of the weather. The Tuesday night Macoimh went to the County Orienteering day which was held in the Regional Park, The weather was as bad, but once they got into the park there was shelter, the route took the Macoimh from the soccer pitches on one end to the wicker gate at the other end, on the way they had to find 21 points which were marked on the map. Not all the points were on the paths so the fun began with the Macoimh sinking up to their knees in water and mud and the leaders with then, pulling then out. It was cold and wet, but all enjoyed it.

Plan ahead – it wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.

Cork Simon Community

Will hold its Annual Flag Day (street) Collections on Thursday 26th and Friday 27th November in Cork City Centre and all suburban shopping centres throughout Cork City. Your generosity would be very much appreciated as we urgently need your support to help us keep our vital services going.

Thank You.

Comfort for Cancer

Meetings every Wednesday at 10.30 am and on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 8 pm in Room 3, St. Francis Friary, Liberty Street, Cork. People who have suffered a bereavement as a result of cancer are welcome.

Confidential support group for cancer patients and their families.

Tel: 021 4272410

Night-time numbers: 021 4546290 or 021 4966087

Bulletin Board

Swine Flu

Owing to the threat of Swine Flu the Bishops and H.S.E have requested that receiving of Holy Communion on the tongue be replaced by reception on the hand until further notice.

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place **Saturday 21st November, 2009 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.

Annual Graveyard Mass

Mass in St Mary & St John's Cemetery Saturday 21st November at 2 pm.

Advent Retreat 2009

Ballincollig Advent Retreat in Christ Our Light 30th November to the 2nd December, 2009. It will be conducted by the Redemptorists Fathers

The Redemptorists Fathers will speak at all Masses 28th & 29th November, 2009

Masses – Monday Tuesday & Wednesday at 7.00 am & 9.15 am

Retreat Homily, Devotions & Prayers - Monday & Tuesday at 7.30 pm (no Mass)

Penitential Service - Wednesday Evening at 7.30 pm.

Mass Envelope Collection

Marriage Counselling Services Annual Collection next weekend 21st & 22nd November, 2009.

Road Accident Week End

This week end we remember all those who died tragically and were injured as a result of road accidents. We pray for them and their families.

Christ Our Light

Silver Jubilee Mass next Sunday 22nd November 12.30 pm

Fr. George.

Bazaar

In Aid of Cork Branch of Down Syndrome Ireland
A family fun out on Sunday 15th November in the SMA Hall, Wilton
2 pm to 5.30 pm.

Muskerry Local History Society

The U.S. Naval Base at Bantry in World War One is the subject of a lecture to be delivered under the auspices of the Muskerry Local History Society at the Ballincollig R.F.C. Hall on Tuesday November 17th.

Many are not aware that the American Navy had two naval bases in Bantry Bay at the time and these bases had a profound effect, not only in the areas adjacent to them but they also had a far reaching impact on the West Cork region and Ireland in general in the subsequent years.

Ted O'Sullivan's illustrated lecture on this forgotten episode in Irish history, will describe the bases and their impact on the region and will explain the unintended consequences that resulted from their presence. The lecture is open to the public and the attendance charge is €3.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Nov-21 & Nov-22-2009

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Karen Sheehan
Padraig Graham
8:30 am
Jim Healy
10:00 am
Louise McCarthy
Robert Noonan
12:00 Noon
Oliver O'Donovan
David Drohan

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Niamh Murray
11:00 am
Alex Hatsigrigoriou
Alison Henchion
12:30 pm
Kay Carew
Jane O'Leary
5:30 pm
Phil O'Connell

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	Saturday	4:30 pm
Except First Saturday of Month		First Saturday of Month
12:45 pm	Sunday	

PARISH CLERGY

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Fr. Billy O'Sullivan C.C.	021-4876171
Fr. James McSweeney	021-4873308



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Nov-21 & Nov-22-2009

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Eileen Murphy
Ted Nelligan
Angela Murphy
Ann O'Connell
Sheila Walshe
Ann McCarthy

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

8:30 am Helen Kelly
Mary O'Connor
Michael Crowley

11:00 am Mary O'Mahony
Mona Bowen
Billy Barry
Mary Aylward
Pauline Baston

10:00 am Miriam Maunsell
Mary Buckley
Breda Ring
Mary O'Regan
John Henchy
Martin O'Leary

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

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

5:30 pm Shelia Curran
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