

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 15-September-2013

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The joy in heaven over one repentant sinner explains why Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. God hates sin, but he loves the sinner. He is so full of pity that he is more anxious to give forgiveness than we are to ask for it.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

"Jesus came to save sinners"

"Rejoice with me, I have found the sheep that was lost." Lk 15. These words have a special place in my mind and heart for more than sixty years since I heard a sheep farmer shout in joy as he found his sheep. This particular sheep disappeared for the winter months and eventually her owner discovered her on the mountain.

It's not only sheep and coins that get lost. People also get lost. Reports suggest that at least 250,000 people vanish in Britain each year. So much so they set up a national missing persons' line in 1992. All sorts of people and from all backgrounds, from the young to the elderly, for a variety of reasons and none take off. They leave behind broken hearts, families in anguish who live in a mixture of hope and despair. I remember receiving a phone call years ago from a broken hearted father searching for his daughter. To his great joy and relief I was able to let him know that his daughter lived in the locality and was safe and well.

People get lost in many ways, they become addicted to drugs and alcohol, some people are very unsettled, people who can't complete a course of studies. What can make it so frustrating is that sometimes they are not far away. They can be lost in our midst, lost even in the bosom of the family. No one seems to be able to reach them. In these cases the task of the shepherd is not so much to find them as to help them find themselves.

People also get lost morally and spiritually. Such people are like a boat without an anchor or a sailor without a compass. Many are lost because they have no guide, no one to take an interest in them. Jesus showed his concern for the lost sheep. Jesus went looking for the lost sheep, just as the shepherd doesn't wait for the lost sheep to return. Pope Francis reminded us recently" he expects to discover the smell of sheep from the shepherd".

Each of us strays and gets lost, help us to know that "God rejoices when he finds us"

George O'Mahony

TAIZÉ PRAYER

at Christ our Light Church

on Friday 20th September at 7.30 p.m.

You are all very welcome to join with our Taizé group for some quiet reflective prayer with the Songs of Taizé

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Jesus is the Good Shepherd who came to seek out and to save the lost. With confidence let us pray to him for our needs.

Reader

For all leaders in the Church: that they may faithfully watch over the flock of Christ, showing special care for the lost sheep.

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

For those in charge of civil affairs: that they may show special care for the excluded and the disadvantaged members of society.

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

For parents: that they may create homes where their children will know they are loved.

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

For people who have disappeared and for their grieving families.

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

For all gathered here: that each of us may realise that we are always precious to God.

**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

God of love and mercy, give us the certainty that beyond death there is a life where broken things are mended and lost things are found, where there is rest for the needy and joy for the sad; where all that we have loved and willed of good exists, and where we will meet again our loved ones. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

I will leave this place and go to my father.

Visit Our Website: www.ballincolligparish.ie

BAPTISMS

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

- Kyah Lily Smullen , The Meadows.
- Harry David Christopher Brant, Westcliffe.
- Siun Millie Norma English, The Oaks, Classis Lake
- Charlie David Keohane, Clashanure, Ovens
- Kacper Sobeich, The Cloisters.
- Beth Hannah O’Keeffe, Ballyshoneen, Waterfall.
- Emily Marie Kellher, Clonsilla, Dublin 15.
- Scott Raymond Thompson, Highfield Park.
- Daniel Dominik Foley, Highfield Park.
- Cormac Joseph Whelan, Daffodil Fields.
- Rory Davin Hallissey, Old Court Greenfields.
- William Michael Morrissey, Avoncourt.
- Julia Aleksandra Skora, The Cloisters.
- Olga Sharon O’Sullivan, Woodbine Lawn, Inniscarra View.
- Hannah Kate Moloney, Lisheen Fields, Ovens.
- Samuel Cadan Rundal, Cedar Ave, Classes Lake.
- Jamie Brian Cotter-Cunningham, Fernway Classes Lake.
- Adam Brian Kenneally, Tuairin Glas.
- Cathal Caoimhin Downey, Berryfield Classes Lake.
- Emily Susan O’Sullivan, Poulavone Manor.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

- James Mullane, Ballintemple.
- Lorraine O’Donnell, Dublin.
- Sr. Siobhan O’Regan, Drimoleague.

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

- Brian Calnan, Coolroe Meadows.
- Bernie Owens, Hawthorn Avenue.
- Patrick McMahon, Blackpool.
- Pat Coughlan, Ballydehob.
- Peg Barry-Murphy, Carriganarra.
- Robbie Byrne, Ballincollig/Carrigrohane.
- Dec. members of the Wiseman family.
- Frank O’Brien, Wyndham Downs.
- Dec. members of Moloney Family, Donegal.
- Michael O’Sullivan, Rosewood/Kenmare/London.
- Patrick O’Keeffe, Bantry.
- Margaret & Paul Sexton, Manor Hill.
- Nuala Delaney, Inniscarra View.
- Joan Coakley’ “Hillview” Muskerry Estate.
- Rita Lynch, Beech Park.
- Denis & Ellen O’Leary, Noonan Road.

Reflection for Parents

If you have ever lost a child either at a shopping centre, amusement park, or outside playing, you know the anguish of losing something beyond measure. The joy you experienced when you found each other is often something you can't even put into words. Part of you wants to be angry because the child caused you so much grief, but mostly you are just so happy to see the child, you can hardly speak. If we've had experiences like this, then we have an indication about how God feels when we are truly sorry for our sins and want to be part of God's family.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Twenty Fourth Week In Ordinary Time

- 15 Sunday Ex. 32:7-11, 13-14. Ps. 50. 1 Tim. 1:12-17. Lk. 15:1-32. Lect I: 906
- 16 Monday 1 Tim. 2:1-8. Ps. 27. Lk. 7:1-10. Lect II: 312
- 17 Tuesday 1 Tim. 3:1-13. Ps. 100. Lk. 7:11-17. Lect II: 314
- 18 Wednesday 1 Tim. 3: 14-16. Ps. 110. Lk. 7:31-35. Lect II: 316
- 19 Thursday 1 Tim. 4:12-16. Ps. 110. Lk. 7:36-50. Lect II: 318
- 20 Friday 1 Tim. 6:2-12. Ps. 48. Lk. 8:1-3. Lect II: 320
- 21 Saturday Eph. 4:1-7. Ps. 18. Mt. 9:9-13. Lect II: 1198

Next Sunday's Readings 22/September/2013

Am. 8:4-7. Ps. 112. 1 Tim. 2: 1-8. Lk. 16: 1-13. Lect I: 910

**Ballincollig Parish
Bereavement Support Group**

A Bereavement Support Programme will commence in Ballincollig on Tuesday 8th October. It continues each Tuesday night for 8 weeks (7.30 to 9.30 pm). It is held in a small group setting and is open to anyone who is experiencing the grief and loss of a loved one. It also provides the opportunity to share one’s own personal grief and experience the support of others in a confidential setting. For further details please contact:

Sr Colette at 086.3557375

“Mothers’ Prayers”

Recommence

Wednesday 18th September 10.30 a.m

at Meeting Room at Christ our Light Church

Thursday 19th September 10.00 a.m

At Parish house - ‘Sonas’ - Station Road

(almost opposite Parish Community Hall)

We welcome all Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers to join in prayer for all our children and the youth of our parish on one of these mornings.

St Dominic's Retreat Centre

Meditation: A Journey to the HEART

Our weekly meditation evenings will begin again on Thursday 19th September at 7.30p.m. – Donation only

All Welcome

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Ex. 32:7-11. 13-14
God hears our prayer for mercy.

Second Reading: 1 Tim. 1:12-17
Paul reminds us that Jesus came for sinners.

Gospel: Luke 15:1-32
In an attempt to show the people that God will forgive and accept sinners into the Kingdom, Jesus told three parables about being lost and then found. The first parable was about a shepherd who had one hundred sheep but lost one. The shepherd searched until he found the lost lamb. There was much celebration on the part of the shepherd and his neighbours because something lost was found. The second parable concerned a widow who searched her house until she found a lost piece of silver. Finally, Jesus told the parable of the prodigal son who squandered his share of his inheritance and went home to beg his father to let him be a worker. Instead, the father was so thrilled to see this son who had been lost to him that he threw a big party. All three of these parables illustrate the joy that will be in heaven when one lost sinner is found.

An International Gathering Conference hosted by the Pioneer Association will take place in All Hallows College, Dublin, on the 28th and 29th September.

The theme is
'The Spirit that sets us free' - Overcoming Addiction.
For more details contact the Pioneer Association, 27 Upper Sherrard Street, Dublin 1. Tel: 01 8749464.

Email: pioneer@jesuit.ie Website:
www.pioneerassociation.ie

Talks on addiction and spirituality, open forum discussions, a celebratory service for healing and wholeness, lunch, dinner and evening entertainment on the Saturday. The Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated by Dr Diarmuid Martin, Archbishop of Dublin on the Sunday. €70 per person.

DOCUMENTS of VATICAN II.

Continuing our series on The Documents of Vatican 11, Our theme this week is,
The Whole Church is Missionary.
Since the whole Church is missionary, and the work of evangelisation is a basic duty of the People of God, this sacred synod invites all to a deep interior renewal; so that, having a vivid awareness of their own responsibility for spreading the Gospel, they may do their share in missionary work among the nations.

II, Degree on the Mission Activity of the Church
Ad Gentes 35.

**National Legion of Mary
Pilgrimage to Knock**

Will take place on Sunday, 29th. September with the coach leaving from St. Patrick's Quay at 7.30 am. sharp. If interested please ring 4364474 or 086 1929263.

Bulletin Board

Mass Diary

Diaries to book Mass intentions for October, November, and December will open in both churches on September 14th at 9 am. Priority will be given to First Anniversary Masses.

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place on **Saturday 21st September, 2013 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.

Children's Mass

The next Children's Mass for children in second class preparing for their first Holy Communion will take place on Sunday 6th October, 2013 at 11.00am in Church of Christ Our Light. The Parents of children who are seven and eight are asked to bring them to this Mass. Preparation with the children commences in the main body of the church at 10.45am. The children retire to the crying room where they celebrate the Liturgy of the Word in a child friendly fashion. They will return to the main church at the start of the offertory procession.

Special Mass

On Sunday September 22nd the 12.30pm Mass in Christ Our Light will be offered for the repose of the soul of the late Fr. Sean O'Driscoll

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.

Envelope collection for the Priesthood Education.

The Annual Collection for the Education of Students for the Priesthood will take place on Saturday and Sunday September 21st / 22nd

Firstly, and fortunately, we have been blessed with a reasonably number of students in recent years. After one Ordination in June, we have four seminarians in Maynooth and a further two at the Irish College in Rome. While we are delighted that we have so many students, it must be remembered that the cost of educating each student can be as much as €28,000 per year. We expect the Education of Clerical students this year to reach 156,000.

This September the Diocese is also fortunate in that six men are commencing a preparation year for the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese. The cost of this venture will be €12,000, with an increased amount in future years, should these candidates continue.

This collection is the principal source of funding for the education of our clerical students. This collection has also been used to subvent a number of lay people from the Diocese who are involved in their parishes and are studying Theology

Fr. George

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Sep/21 & Sep/22/2013

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Donal McAuliffe
Laura O'Keefe
8:30 am
John Healy
Kerry O'Leary
10:00 am
Eileen O'Connell
Diandra Buckley
12:00 Noon
Tony Lynch / Evan Keating
Shane Tully

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Rebecca Feely
Josh Nyagaya
11:00 am
Tomas Buckley
Alison Henchion
12:30 pm
Eoghan Barrett
Laura O'Leary
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	Saturday	4:30 pm
Except First Saturday of Month		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.	087-2479140
Fr. James McSweeney	021-4873308

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.

Ballincollig Tidy Towns

Well done to all concerned in helping Ballincollig retain its Gold Medal following the National Tidy Towns awards last Monday in Dublin.



Living with Suicide Day

Lough Derg, Wednesday 25th September. A day dedicated to anyone who has been affected by suicide, including those who minister and provide support. It is a guided day with three expert speakers as well as time for peaceful reflection and prayer on the Island. Booking essential, contact Maureen 071 9861518/028 68632391 or email info@loughderg.org. Full details on www.loughderg.org

Saturday Workshops

Brú Columbanus, Wilton.

10.15 am to 4.30 pm
Mindfulness: 21st September
Personal Development: 28th September
€50 per Workshop
Details: Mary: 087 4187447 or email corkcpd@gmail.com
www.corkpersonaldevelopment.com



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Sep/21 & Sep/22/2013

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
Mary O'Connor
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

Mind Our Men

This campaign is calling on the women and men of Ireland to look out for the men in their lives. Together we can help reduce the rate of male suicide. For every 10 suicides in Ireland, 8 of them are men - we want you to reach out and look out for the men closest to you.

Spot the signs. Save a life.

Pieta House

The Centre for the Prevention of Self-Harm or Suicide

T: 6010000 | A: Lucan Road, Lucan, Co. Dublin
E: mary@pieta.ie | W: www.pieta.ie

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.