

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 17-June-2007

Eleventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

*God is mercy unlimited - that is for those who are ready to turn from their sin to seek his love. Today's readings remind us that it is not God who limits his love. It is either our complacency or our fear which refuses to trust in so great a love.*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

## Lay Leadership in a Changing Church

The Irish catholic faithful has been spoiled for generations! An inordinate number of vocations resulted in more priests than were really needed to serve the population. Therefore parishes offered more services than were pastorally necessary or desirable, whilst lay participation was stymied. It meant huge choices in Sunday mass times and even options in the times of daily masses! This is a luxury that won't be always there.

20 years ago there were an average of 6 ordinations every year for this diocese. Now that has trickled to one, or none. This translates to fewer priests to serve an increased population with more demands than ever. Despite fewer numbers and a greater workload, the expectations remain unrealistic. Add to this, the age profile of the clergy, where the majority of PP's are working well beyond the normal retirement age and you get a sense of a harsh reality. There are currently about 70 men under 66 years (and most of them are over 40!). In another 10 years this figure will have dropped to about 40 men just under the normal retirement age! It is obvious there will not be enough priests to staff all 68 parishes within 10 – 15 years. Practically every parish has had the experience in recent times of already seeing numbers of clergy reduced. This will be the continuing trend with some parishes in the not too distant future, undoubtedly not having a full time resident priest. With such a huge change in the pipeline, then it is prudent to plan now for this changed model of church.

My experience of ministry in Peru over 20 years ago mirrors what is happening in Ireland now. It was common there for parishes not to have a priest. Rural parishes got a visit from a priest just once a year and this was an occasion of major celebrations, with baptisms, 1st communions, confirmations, confessions and marriages as well as masses for the dead of the past year, all celebrated with great fervour over one weekend. It was enlightening that a community without a priest was not without an organised church. Lay leaders and catechists kept the faith alive. The community worshipped each Sunday, services being led by lay leaders. These communities displayed a vibrancy than was not always found in parishes that had the luxury of a full time priest!

In Ireland it has been taken for granted that there is 24/7 availability of clergy. What would happen then, if there was no priest available on a weekday, or God forbid, on a Sunday, in Ballincollig? Something as simple as a bad flu outbreak, affecting all 3 of us priests currently in the parish, could have the parish paralysed in one fell swoop! Would the congregation just pile into cars and head to a neighbouring parish for mass? Perhaps a substitute priest might be sought..... but where? (There are no subs in this game!)

But, like rural parishes in Peru, Ballincollig has the blessing of fantastically committed lay leaders, teachers and other lay ministers that regularly participate in the liturgical and faith life of the parish. Now is the time for their giftedness to be recognised so that they can exercise their ministry in it's fullness, in the call to service, that is part of being baptised.

On Saturday mornings during July and August Lay Leaders of Prayer, along with Lectors and Ministers of the Eucharist will pilot a 'Service of Word and Communion'. This Service will take place at St Mary and St John's at 10.00am. This is new to Ballincollig, but is a regular occurrence in other parishes (Knocknaheeny, Clogheen, Innishannon, Glanmire etc). Lay Leaders have been trained, but undoubtedly may be apprehensive leading the service for the first time, so please give them your support and encouragement. Hopefully the regular morning worshippers will come as usual on Saturday at 10.00am and pray together as a parish community. The service has a familiar format starting with a Penitential Rite followed by the Liturgy of the Word and Communion. The Lord will be truly present among His people gathered to worship. He will be present in His Word to guide and enlighten. He will be present in the Eucharist to nurture and sustain.

This is a new departure in proactive planning for a future reality. It is a sign of the action of the Spirit, like in the early church, bringing forth leaders in the community, which is a blessing for all of us. May all who lead and participate in the Services of Word and Communion be truly enriched.

Sean O'Driscoll

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

### Priest

Our God is merciful and forgiving. Let us make our needs known, with full confidence that our prayers are heard.

### Reader

That the Church may always be a sign and instrument of God's mercy and forgiveness.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

That leaders and governments of nations may continually work for justice and peace, and an end to strife.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

That those who have been wrongly condemned or judged by other people may find inner strength and the power to forgive.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

That we may be slow to judge and quick to offer forgiveness.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For all those doing examinations at this time, that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit and enabled to give of their best.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For all who have died, that they may enter into the home prepared for them. We remember all whose anniversaries occur at this time

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

### Priest

Loving God, you always forgive those who turn to you in repentance. Hear our prayers this day for your grace and your strength. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, who is Lord forever and ever.

Amen.

*Forgive, Lord, the guilt of my sin.*

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**BAPTISMS**

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

Mark Patrick O'Leary, 45 Aylsbury.  
 Cillian Thomas Fitzgerald, 75 Old Court.  
 Evan Mark O'Mahony, 8 Willow Drive, Muskerry Estate.  
 Oisín John Dolan, 1 Crescent, Old Quarters.

**MARRIAGES**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

John Patrick Sheehan, 'Sunville', Bathview, Mallow & Amy Ann McNulty, 139 Castle Park.  
 Kenneth Gary Wills, Springmount, Kinsale & Karen Michelle Forde, Springmount, Kinsale.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Bridie Lyons, Magazine Road.  
 Frances Stuart, Newcastle (sister of Mary Hill, Westcourt).  
 Mary Dillon, Slane.  
 John Corcoran, Manor Hill.

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

Kevin O'Crualaoi, Maglin.  
 Trevor Kelleher, Rosewood.  
 Billy Holmes, Kerry Pike.  
 Michael Berry, Clonakilty.  
 Joe Donovan, Muskerry Estate.  
 Nora & Pat O'Connor, Inniscarra  
 Deceased members of the Holmes & O'Sullivan families.  
 John & Kate Murray, The Square.  
 Tom & Julie Harvey, Capwell Avenue.  
 Deceased members of the O'Sullivan & Tully families.  
 Margaret McSweeney, Greystones.  
 Deceased members of the O'Regan family, Ovens.  
 Frederick Strahan, Dublin.  
 Jeremiah & John O'Leary, Sunningdale & Cloghroe.  
 Mary Nyhan, Coolroe Heights.  
 Val Riordan, Glasheen Road.  
 Ellen Cronin, Mary Street.  
 Thomas O'Callaghan, Leemount.  
 Barney Carroll, Glendower Court.  
 James & Hannah Hannon, Ballinspittle.

***St. Vincent de Paul***

Would you like to speak, in complete confidence, to a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society?

Please Phone: SVP Ballincollig 086 3202182  
 Or SVP Tuckey St., Cork: 021 4270444

***Knock Summer Youth Festival***

The Summer Youth Festival, Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> of July 2007, at Knock Shrine in Co. Mayo is an opportunity for young people to take time out to reflect on their lives and what God is offering ... "Life to the full!" Cost is on donation basis with accommodation and food provided. Special free buses will also be provided from certain locations. For more info contact Ann at (094) 9388100, Sheena at (01) 6753690 or look up www.geocities.com/knock\_shrine for further details.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Eleventh Week In Ordinary Time**

17 Sunday 2 Sam 12:7-10, 13. Ps 31. Gal 2:16, 19-21. Lk 7:36-8:3.  
 Lect I: 866

18 Monday 2 Cor. 6:1-10. Ps. 97. Mt. 5:38-42. Lect II: 136

19 Tuesday 2 Cor. 8:1-9. Ps. 145. Mt. 5:43-48. Lect II: 138

20 Wednesday 2 Cor. 9:6-11. Ps. 111. Mt. 6:1-6, 16-18. Lect II: 140

21 Thursday 2 Cor. 11:1-11. Ps. 110. Mt. 6:7-15. Lect II: 142

22 Friday 2 Cor. 11:18, 21-30. Ps. 33. Mt. 6:19-23. Lect II: 144

23 Saturday 2 Cor. 12:1-10. Ps. 33. Mt. 6:24-34. Lect II: 146

**Next Sunday's Readings 24-June-2007**

Is. 49:1-6, Ps. 138, Acts 13:22-26. Lk. 157-66, 80. Lect I: 976 or II: 1073

**Reflection for Parents**

No matter how large the world we call our own, no part of our contact is as important as our children. Not only are we called to share the message of hope with them, but they see by our actions how we live the Good News in the world with which we come in contact.

***St. Patrick's Missionary Society***

St. Patrick's Missionary Society, better known as the Kiltegan Fathers, was founded on St. Patrick's Day 1932, by Fr. Patrick Whitney, a priest from the Diocese of Ardagh and Clonmacnois. Since then, Kiltegan priests, together with Volunteer priests from different Irish Dioceses, including the Diocese of Cork, went first to Nigeria, and later to Kenya, Zambia, Malawi, Brazil, South Africa and Zimbabwe, and the West Indies.

Today, there are 308 Kiltegan priests, as well as 79 young African and Brazilian men preparing for priesthood as members of St. Patrick's Missionary Society. The first 4 African "Kiltegans" were ordained this year and will be sent to various missions around the world. What began with Patrick Whitney from Ardagh and Clonmacnois has gone a long way - and is not finished yet!

The Mission Appeal for Kiltegan will ask for our continued support for their various missionary works, through enrolling in Mission Circle and/or subscribing to "Africa" magazine.

The Appeal will take place at all Masses in the parish this weekend.

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**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: 2 Samuel 12:7-10, 13

Nathan tells King David a story that helps David to see the terrible sin he has committed. Because he wanted another man's wife for himself, David deliberately placed the soldier in the front line of battle where he would be killed. God had given David so many blessings and David now realizes he has sinned against God. David is filled with sorrow but Nathan assures him of God's forgiveness. Like David, any one of us can lose our perspective and let our desires rule us. We are not entitled to take what belongs to somebody else. Pray for God's help against this temptation

Second Reading: Galatians 2:16, 19-21

St. Paul says that having faith in Jesus is what makes us favourable in God's eyes. Paul tells us that his faith is so strong that it's as if he no longer lives, but Christ lives in him. People should be able to see God's love radiating in us. Those who are so intent on keeping the law that they don't reflect God's love are missing the point. Keeping the law is important, but the law alone will not help us to be saved.

Gospel: Luke 7-36-8:3

In today's Gospel we see how Jesus forgave a woman, who 'had a bad name in the town', for 'her many sins' because she had shown sorrow for her sin; this happened in Simon's house where Simon had invited Jesus to a meal. Jesus turned to the woman and told her, 'Your sins are forgiven'...'Your faith has saved you; go in peace'.

We too hear these words of God's forgiveness spoken to us by the priest when he gives-us absolution for our sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**Bulletin Board**

**Special Collection**

Ballincollig Parishioner & Mass Missalette

A **Second Collection** will be taken up at all Masses week ending 23rd & 24th June 2007.

Your Contribution will help towards the purchasing of the Mass Missalette and the printing costs of The Parishioner.

**Kiltegan Fathers** will speak at all Masses 16th & 17th June 2007 regarding Mission awareness and the work of the Kiltegan Mission Society.

**Eucharist Procession**

Thanks to all those who took part in the Procession. The Committee and volunteers who helped to arrange and make it a very successful occasion, the Alter Servers, Choir, those who led us in the Rosary, Sacristan, Scouts, special thanks to the Gardai. Great to see First Holy Communion Children participating.

**Peter's Pence Collection**

The annual Peter's Pence Collection will be taken up at all Masses 23rd & 24th June. Please place your donation in the envelopes provided

**Coffee Morning**

Many thanks to those who organized the Coffee Morning on 13th June in aid of IGBO Union Ireland Cork Chapter and to all who attended. An enjoyable social gathering for all concerned. Your generosity was very much appreciated almost €600 was contributed.

**Cake Sale**

Will be held after the 11 am Mass on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>. This cake sale is to help to raise some funds for the IGBO Union of Ireland, Cork chapter, who are organising a New Yam Festival in Cork on August 5<sup>th</sup>. A number of families from the IGBO union reside in Ballincollig and Chide is a Minister of the Word at the 11.00 am. Mass. Looking forward to your support.

**Trocaire**

Thanks to the many families who returned their Trocaire boxes, to date €7,200.00 euro has been lodged.

**49<sup>th</sup> Cork Ballincollig Scout Group**

Some tips to Patrol leaders before they start out for camp. The difference between an ordinary handsaw and a crosscut is that in the first it is the push that does the work, in the second it's the pull.

A back-packer is only as good as his feet. Wash them before you set out on a long hike.

Sheerlegs, which must carry a considerable load, for instance, a monkey bridge, require fore and aft guylines on each leg.

The difference between mist and fog is one of density.

Clove – hitches should always be locked – either with a half hitch or by tucking the end into the lay, or by turning the tail end round the part you are working with, as in a lashing.

You can make tent canvas windproof by wetting it.

During forestry activities, never climb a tree carrying axe, saw or any other sharp tool. Carry a light line, so that the tool can be drawn up when you are safely in the working position.

**Scouting and backwoodsmanship** is what we're out for, and what the boys most want. Let them have it good and strong. It is in camp that the Scouter has his opportunity for inculcating under pleasing means the four main points of training: character, service for others, skill and bodily health. But beside all it is his golden chance to bring the boy to God through the direct appeal of nature and her store of wonders. So wrote our Founder in 1917.

*A Scouter of words and not deeds is like a garden full of weeds.*

**Pallottine Fathers' Missions**

The Pallottine Fathers' wish to express sincere thanks to the community of Ballincollig who generously supported their collection on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2007. The sum of **£2000.00** was collected. The entire proceeds will go towards helping the Pallottine Fathers' Missions in East Africa. The Pallottine Missionaries deeply appreciate all those who gave of their free time to assist with the collection. Be assured that you are all remembered daily in the prayers and Masses of the Pallottine Fathers' at home and abroad.

**Blessing For Father's Day**

Blessed are you, God of all life.

You have given to us the gift of the father of our family.

Today, we honour him and we thank God, Our Father, for the many things that are ours because of him.

His love for us is a sign of your great love for all people.

Bless him today with your strength and power so that he can continue to show love in our family.

May we, as a family help him in his duties as a parent by showing respect, obedience and deep affection.

Bless him, Lord, with happiness and good health, with peace and joy.

This blessing, we pray, come down, on the father of our family, in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Jun-23 & Jun-24-2007

**St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**

Karen Sheehan  
Padraig Graham

**8:30 am**

Elizabeth Daly

**10:00 am**

Tony Hegarty  
William Green

**12:00 Noon**

Oliver O'Donovan

**8:00 pm (Vigil)**

Fiona Feely

**11:00 am**

Joseph Manning

**12:30 pm**

Kay Carew

**5:30 pm**

Phil O'Connell

**MASS TIMES**

**St. Mary & St. John**

8:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon

**Sunday**

**Christ Our Light**

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**

8 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**

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Jun-23 & Jun-24-2007

**St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light**

**6.00 pm**

Michael Maher  
Ber Bell  
Betty Casey  
Frank Riordan  
Siobhan Riordan  
Sr. Martha

**8:00 pm**

Geraldine Lynch  
Charlie Vaughan  
Joan Stephenson

**11:00 am**

Marie Ui Chrualaof  
Neil Jeffers  
Eileen O'Donoghue  
Bridie O'Donnell  
Bridie Hanrahan

**8:30 am**

Mary Buckley  
Theresa Lucey  
Triona Collins

**10:00 am**

Anne Cahill  
Pat Lee  
May Delaney  
Cathy Horgan  
John O'Donovan  
Betty Flavin

**12:30 pm**

Con O'Connell  
Denis O' Mahony  
Christine O'Mahony  
Tom Murray  
John O'Regan

**12 Noon**

Joan Barrett  
Sheila Carroll  
Seamus O'Donovan  
Joe Coghlan  
Geraldine Graham  
Catherine Greene

**5:30 pm**

Patsy Galvin  
Bernard Curran  
Clare Curran

Courage, He who fears being conquered is sure of defeat.

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**Friday**

**9.30 – 5.00 pm**

Saturday

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Saturday

9.30 – 5.00 pm