

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 18-September-2011

Twenty Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Our human horizons are so limited! So often we calculate the cost of our generosity – giving only to the DESERVING – afraid that our ‘goodness’ may be wasted. Our God is not limited. He takes the risk of his love being wasted and it is only because of such love that we can have hope.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

A Week of Effort

Congratulations to all those who received their junior cert results. Well done to you and your teachers and families. This weekend is also All Ireland football weekend. Best of luck to our neighbours Kerry, is there any hope the kingdom might loose interest in winning All Irelands.? This weekend is also a big one for Declan Kidney and the Irish rugby team in Auckland; we wish them the rub of the green against Australia.

The past week has marked the introduction of some of the new responses at Mass. These responses are proving difficult for worshippers and priests. The changes are demanding and bothersome; hopefully when we look back in a few months we will be able to say they are worth the struggle. The saying goes that " Rome was not built in a day " it will take us all some time to adapt to them. I have ordered copies of St. Paul's Sunday missal, they will be available in a few weeks and will be a help. St Paul's missal will have all the new responses and the other changes coming in Advent.

The gospel this weekend Is wide open to misinterpretation. Many people get very annoyed with this gospel passage, as it seems to promote unfair work practices. I hasten to add this gospel is not addressing employment conditions or saying anything about wages. This passage is a story (parable) about the kingdom of God. The kingdom of God is not a closed shop; people are welcome to join up at any stage. The chosen people joined early on, the daybreak crowd, they were grand and smug, on the inside track and were very upset when others not to their liking joined up. There is a suggestion that each of us are among the crowd that joined in at the ninth hour. We are full members, welcomed at our baptism and hopefully remembering to work for the kingdom of God each day.

This gospel passage reminds us that very often taking the literal sense from a passage of scripture is totally misleading and is also discrediting the word of God. The Bible has many different styles of writing, prose, poetry. Stories and parables are used to convey the central message of the Word of God, that a God of love makes himself known to us and invites us to live as family with Him. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways."

George O'Mahony

Reflection for Parents

How many times a day do our children point out that someone got more than they did? Enough, I'm sure, for us to know that today's Gospel illustrates a human response! But our human ways are not God's ways. God's generosity is sometimes beyond our understanding. But imagine what a world it would be if we rejoiced in generosity and good fortune of others.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

We call out in prayer to the God who will take pity on us, and whose greatness cannot be measured.

Reader

For Christians: that they may prove themselves faithful workers in the Lord's vineyard.

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

For those who hold public office: that they may prove worthy of their stewardship.

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

We pray for the disabled and the sick.

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

We pray for those who cannot find work, and for those who are retired.

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

We pray for all gathered here: that we may serve God out of love, and that our love may be reflected in our dealings with others.

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

We pray for the God's blessing on our own personal needs.

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

Priest

Lord, give us work till our lives are ended, and give us life till our work is done. We ask you this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord is close to all who call him.

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BAPTISMS

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

Aisling Maria Doyle, The Willows, Classes Lake.
 Grace Catherine Buckley , The Willows, Classes Lake.
 Cathal Brendan O'Driscoll/Shinners, Old Quarry, Coolroe.
 Jamie Mathew Drummond, The Oaks, Classes Lake.
 Rowan Edward De Bhaill Horta , Aisling Grove.
 Ben William Morrissey, The Close, Coolroe.
 Louis Mathew Lacheiner, Crosshaven.
 Jamie Michael O'Shea, Glincool Crescent.
 Oran Daniel Coughlan, Old Court, Greenfields.
 Lucy Ide Skehan, Old Court, Greenfields.
 Jack Ronan O'Sullivan, Tuairin Glas.
 Kate Lomasonoka, The Cloisters.
 Klara Eileen O'Leary, Kilnaglorry.
 Will Kevin Twomey, Sunningdale.
 Chulain Joseph Milner, Old Fort Gate.
 Evie Grace McSweeney, Lee Road.
 Ciara Steph Anie Horgan, Enfield, England.
 Georgia Hannah O'Driscoll, The Cloisters.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Connie Hannon, Ballinspittle & Togher.
 Grace Graham, Church View.
 Charles Cullinane, The Lough.
 Betty Sinclair, Middleton.
 Johanna O'Leary, Muskerry Estate / (ex Postmistress, Ballincollig)
 Thomas Morey, London / Churchfield Place West.
 Pauline Greer, Ennis.

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

Maureen Callanan, West Village.
 Denis Calnan, Church View.
 Chrisdos Hatzigrigortov, Greece.
 Eilish Cotter-Cooper, U.S.A
 Jack Walsh, College Square.
 Nana & Maurice O'Flynn, Mullingar.
 Dave & Maud O'Brien, Spring Lane.
 Catherine & Tom O'Malley, Mayo.
 Christine Coady, Rosewood.
 Margaret Sheehan, Kilmurray.
 Sheila O'Sullivan, Douglas & Farran.
 Margaret Twomey, The Square.
 Michael O'Regan, Carriganarra.
 Daniel & Margaret Murphy, Knockburden.
 Dan Murphy, Bray.
 Nuala Delaney, Inniscarra View.
 Michael O'Sullivan, Ballincollig/Kenmare/London.
 Jack, Essa & Ursala Lane, Blarney Street.
 Rita Lynch, Beech Park.
 Henry Thornhill, Skibbereen.
 Paddy & Mary Lucey, Innchigella.

Run / Walk for SVP in Mini Marathon

If you are interested in running/walking for St Vincent De Paul, in the Evening Echo Women's Mini Marathon on Sunday, 25th September, 2011: contact 021 4270444 or email info@svpcork.ie

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Twenty Fifth Week In Ordinary Time

18 Sunday Is. 55:6-9. Ps. 144. Phil. 1:20-24, 27. Mt. 20: 1-16. Lect I: 702
 19 Monday Ezra 1:1-6. Ps. 125. Lk. 8:16-18. Lect II: 325
 20 Tuesday Ezra 6:7-8.12.14-20 Ps 121 Lk 8:19-21 Lect II: 327
 21 Wednesday Eph. 4:1-7. Ps. 18. Mt. 9:9-13. Lect II: 1198
 22 Thursday Hag. 1:1-8. Ps. 149. Lk. 9:7-9. Lect II:331
 23 Friday Hag. 1:15-2:9. Ps. 42. Lk. 9:18-22. Lect II: 333
 24 Saturday Zech. 2:5-9, 14-15. Ps. Jer. 3:10-13. Lk. 9:43-45. Lect II: 335

Next Sunday's Readings 25-September-2011

Ez. 18:25-28. Ps. 24. Phil. 2: 1-11. Mt. 21:28-32. Lect I: 705

***Ballincollig Parish
 Bereavement Support Group***

A Bereavement Support Programme will commence in Ballincollig on **Tuesday 11th October** and will continue each Tuesday night for 8 weeks (7.30 to 9.30 pm). This programme is held in a small group setting. It provides a safe place where all who are grieving the loss of a loved one will have the opportunity to share their own personal grief and experience the support of others. For further details please contact: **Sr Colette at 086 3557375**

"Mothers' Prayers"

We welcome Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers to join us in prayer for our children and the youth of our parish on one of the following mornings:

***Wednesdays 10.30 a.m at Meeting Room
 at Christ our Light Church***

or

***Thursdays 10.00 a.m at Library Room,
 Parish Community Hall***

The Coeliac Society of Ireland

Cork support Group, are holding a meeting on the first Tuesday in October

Date: Tuesday 4th October 2011
Venue: SMA Centre, Wilton, Cork
Time: 8 pm
Topic: Update and review after summer months
 Dietician talk
 Cooking/Baking tips
 Refreshments will be provided.
 All Welcome, €4 entrance fee

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9
 God's wisdom and goodness are beyond our understanding.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:20-24, 27
 St Paul tries to put in words what Christ means to him.

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16.
 The vineyard owner hired five groups of labourers. Each subsequent group began work later in the day. When the owner hired the first group, they agreed on a fair wage. At the end of the day, he called in the workers and began paying them, the last ones first. Of course, the early morning crew saw the later ones getting a full day's wage and excitedly anticipated a bonus for themselves. When they were paid, they received only the negotiated amount. "It's not fair!" was their cry.

Let the Healing Begin

An Evening of Healing for all who have been wounded by the reality of abuse

When? Sunday, 16 October 2011 at 3.00 pm.
Where? SMA Hall, Wilton, Cork.
 Those who have been affected by sexual or other abuse, in all its manifestations, within the family, in institutions, in the church or in any other setting as well as their families, their carers and supporters are welcome to attend.
 The evening is carefully designed and focused so as to respond to the need for healing and renewal. It includes appropriate chant, singing, music, dance, readings, ceremonial and symbolism. It is structured so that those who participate will leave with a sense of hope in their own worth as individuals and as valued members of the community.

The Organising Committee includes the following:

- Dave Dineen** Founder of Lámh Healing Foundation (www.lamhhealingfoundation.com) and initiator of this Healing Event.
- Fr. Liam O' Driscoll** Director of Safeguarding, Diocese of Cork and Ross.
- Michael Joyce** Psychotherapist.
- Josephine Fitzgibbon** Psychotherapist.
- Redempta Furney** A parish Safeguarding Representative.
- Jim Connolly** A former parish Safeguarding Representative.

**The Hope Foundation
 Annual Cork Lunch**

Maryborough Hotel & Spa, Cork
 Friday September 23rd 2011 at 12 noon.
 Cocktail Reception, Retail Zone, 3-Course Meal
 Special Appearance By Laura Yanez
 "Three years touring America and Canada
 as the lead singer with Riverdance"

&
 Exclusive preview of Cork Fashion Week
 With lockdown models

Tickets €50 each
Details contact Orla Cahalane 021 4292990
or www.hopefoundation.ie

On the occasion of the **All-Ireland Football Finals**
 We wish our Kerry, Dublin & Tipperary parishioners
 the best of luck !
"May the best teams win?"

Bulletin Board

Mass Book

Dates available in Church of Christ Our Light to book Mass Intentions for October, November and December.

Children's Mass

The Children's Mass continues this Sunday 18th September **in the Church of Christ Our Light**. The children of 2nd class go to the crying room at the beginning of Mass there they celebrate Liturgy of the Word in a child friendly fashion –word searches, colouring and maze search are some of the methods used. Volunteers are welcome and needed to help. Training and practice will be given. Parents are welcome to join their Children for the celebration of the Word of God.

We invite Parents of First Holy Communion Children to please try and bring your Child to this Mass. Bringing your Children to the Sunday Mass is an important preparation for your Child's First Holy Communion.

Priesthood Education

The Annual Collection for the Education of Students for the Priesthood will take place on Saturday and Sunday September 24th/25th. The Diocese currently has six men in training for the Priesthood. Five of these students are in Saint Patrick's College, Maynooth and one is in the Irish College in Rome. This year, Anthony Buckley, was ordained and is now serving in Skibbereen. This month, two men commenced their studies in Maynooth for the Diocese, where they will join the other three who are at various stages of their formation. This Collection is the principal source of funding for the education of our 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.

New Roman Missal

Last weekend marked a significant step in the journey towards full use of the Third Edition of the Roman Missal on the First Sunday of Advent.
 The Mass missalette includes the new translations of the following texts: the people's response to the greeting by the priest "I confess", the Gloria, the Apostles' Creed and the acclamations for the Eucharistic Prayer as well as the text for the invitation to communion. St Paul's Sunday Missal 2012 will be available late September. The Missal will have all new responses.

Fr. George

Catechesis for Adults and Youth

Many of us can find no real answer to questions like:
 Where is your life leading?
 Why are there difficulties in your life?
 Do you think that God has forgotten about you?

The Church faithful to the Gospel
 of Christ does have an answer.

Come! Listen!

Starting Sunday 18th September @ 8pm,
 and continuing Wednesdays and Sundays
 in St.Mark's Centre (opposite Christ Our Light Church)
 Innismore, Ballincollig

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Sep-24 & Sep-25-2011

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Mulireann Nelligan

8:30 am
Triona Downey

10:00 am
Hannah Bunyan
Stephen Bunyan

12:00 Noon
Chloe Dalton O'Connor
Sharon Kelleher

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Rosarie Cotter
Louise McGrath
11:00 am
Cormac Manning
Marie Ni Niada
12:30 pm
Kay Carew
Jane O'Leary
5:30 pm
Siobhan Keane-Hopcraft

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
Except First Saturday of
Month

Saturday

4:30 pm
First Saturday of Month

12:45 pm

Sunday

PARISH CLERGY

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The Sacraments - Life-Giving

An opportunity for a closer look at the sacraments, their meaning in our lives, and how they lead us to a deeper encounter with Jesus and one another.

With Fr. Christy Fitzgerald and Anne Francis. Five Monday nights, September 26th – October 24th. 8.00-9.30 pm, Frankfield parish centre, contribution €5 per night.

Details, bookings,
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**Parish Office, The Presbytery, Ballincollig is open Mon - Wed from 9 am - 1 pm & 2 pm - 3 pm.
Sat 10:30 am - 12 Noon. Phone No. (021) 4871206, Office Secretary Catherine Crowley.**



A new Ballincollig Parish Alpha course begins in October. This is an opportunity to explore the meaning of life in an informal, fun and friendly environment. The course starts on Wednesday October 12th, and continues in Coláiste Choilm on Wednesday evenings from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm for ten weeks, ending before Christmas.

What is the point of life?

What happens when we die?

What relevance does Jesus have for our lives today?

How do we deal with guilt?

Alpha

If you would like to explore any of these questions, then Alpha is for you. Alpha considers some basic aspects of the Christian faith, including - Who is Jesus? Why Did Jesus Die? How does God guide us? and What about the Church?

Contact: Sr. Colette, at 086- 3557375

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