

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



**St. Mary & St. John
Station Road**

Sunday 19-November-2006

Thirty Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

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**

The Readings and The End Of Time

Today's Gospel, and the other sayings of Jesus in the same vein, have often led people at various times to predict the end of the world. They decide that the signs mentioned are happening now, and so we must all be ready for a great disaster. But the point of this Gospel is not to bring us all to live our lives in some kind of holy terror. True, as Christians we accept that heaven and earth will pass away. But more than accepting it, we pray actively for it. - 'Thy kingdom come' and 'we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour.'

There is a related theme in today's Gospel - that of being aware, of reading the signs of the times. Of realising that God is present to us in the here and now, and present as a loving and forgiving Father. The signs of his presence are all around us, when we see love, forgiveness and compassion - and sometimes challenge. The great pity is that many people spend so much time trying to figure out how and when God will show himself to the whole world in the future. For they fail to see how he is showing himself to them individually in the present. Mark's community lived in a time of persecution, uneasiness and discouragement. They needed hope and Mark supplied it in his presentation of Jesus just before the story of his passion, death and resurrection. Some people call this portion of Mark's Gospel "Little Apocalypse" because it refers to events in the end times. Certain occurrences will be visible before Jesus returns and Mark has Jesus say words that help his community look for signs. The words in this Gospel indicate that "this" generation will not pass away before "these things have taken place." What is not exactly clear is what things, but the most important point is that the people of Mark's community find hope in Jesus' return.

Today's Gospel also offers a foretaste of Advent when we will again reflect on the Comings of Christ - in history - in the present and at the end of time.

Thought for Today

Out of curiosity; look through the newspapers today or sometime during the week. Try to determine if certain events reflect God's Kingdom already begun on earth. Maybe you'll find a story about someone who helped another person, or a group of people asking the community to help a group in need. Are there any stories about people or events that will change when Jesus returns? For example, are there groups of people sick or injured, victims of violence or unfair social practices? Like Mark's community, what kind of courage can we find in knowing Jesus will return? What can we do to give other people courage?

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Our God comes to save us. And so we bring our prayers with confidence.

Reader

That the Church may joyfully await the coming of Christ.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

That all the peoples of the world may be gathered into God's kingdom.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For people who live in fear of death, that God's consoling word may be their support.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

That there may be peace and harmony in families, nations and in the world.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

That all who are ill or suffering in mind or body may find healing and peace.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who have gone before us in faith, especially those who died recently, and for all whose anniversary occurs at this time.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Priest

Good and gracious God, you are near to us in our need. All our hope is in you, as we bring our needs before you. Hear our prayers which we make in the name of Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

Amen.

Thanksgiving 2006

Thursday November 23rd

To all our American friends & visitors

A Happy Thanksgiving

Preserve Me, God, I Take Refuge In You.

Visit Our Website: www.ballincolligparish.ie

BAPTISMS

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

Sophie Margaret O’Sullivan, Innismore Court.
 Adam Robert O’Sullivan, Innismore Court.
 Gavin Michael O’Sullivan, Innismore Court.
 Darragh Christopher Noonan, Old Quarry.
 Sean Walter Higgins, Maple Lawn, Muskerry Estate.
 Adam Anthony Hussey, The Cloisters.
 Dylan Anthony O’Regan, Castle Park.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Joseph Fouhy,	Connelly Rd, Ballyphehane.
Bridie Forde,	Model Farm Road.
Nora O’Mahony,	Madonna House and Gurrabraher.
Hannah Lynch,	Colmcille Road.

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

Hugh Collins, Innishmore Drive & Dunmanway
 Pauline O’Callaghan, West Village.
 Anna Walsh
 Maura Leddin
 John & Hannah Corkery, Aherla
 William Vaughan, Kilnamartyra.
 William Murphy, Kilmichael
 Richard Murphy, Clash
 Kevin Ryan, Westcourt
 Timothy O’Callaghan, Inchigaggin.
 David Spillane, Magazine Road.
 Eileen, Frank and Ned O’Donovan, Raheen.
 Con and Margaret Sweeney, Greystones.
 Deceased members of the Linehan Family, Kanturk & England.
 Patrick and Anne Murray, Curraheen.
 Deceased members of the Reilly and Hanney Families.
 Nora Cleary, The Causeway’s.
 Michael Costello, The Causeway’s.
 Henry and Nellie Thornhill, Skibbereen.
 Nora Coughlan, Ballydehob.
 Rita Kinsella, Carrigrohane.
 Gretta Crowley, Dunmanway.
 Margaret Pinfield, Blarney.
 Deceased members of the O’Connell Family, Ballingulley.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Thirty Third Week In Ordinary Time

19 Sunday Dan 12:1-13. Ps 15. Heb 10:11-14, 18. Mk 13:24-32. Lect I: 826
 20 Monday Apoc 1:1-4, 2:1-5. Ps 1. Lk 18:35-43. Lect II: 875
 21 Tuesday Zech 2:1417. Ps Lk 1:46-55. Mt 12:46-50. Lect II: 1271
 22 Wednesday Apoc 4:1-11. Ps 150. Lk 9:1 1-28. Lect II: 880
 23 Thursday Apoc 5:1-10. Ps149. 1k 19:41-44. Lect I: 683
 24 Friday Apoc 10:8-11. Ps 118 Lk 19:45-48. Lect II: 885
 25 Saturday Apoc 11:4-12. Ps 143. Lk 20:27-40. Lect II: 886

Next Sunday’s Readings 26-November-2006
 Dan 7:13-14. Ps 92. Apoc 1:5-8. Jn 18:33-37. Lect I: 829

***Ballincollig Parish
 Christmas Retreat.***

December 11th to 13th 2006.

*Three days of prayer and reflection,
 an opportunity to get in touch with the real
 meaning of Christmas*

St. Mary & St. John's Church

Morning Masses: 7 am & 9.30 am
 Evening Session: 7.30pm
 (does not include mass)

Topics (at the evening sessions):

Monday	Christ's Healing Presence
Tuesday	Christmas a Time of Hope
Wednesday	Forgiveness and Renewal. (The Sacrament of Reconciliation)

The Team will preach at all the weekend masses in the Parish on December 9th and 10th with a special blessing for babies and young children at the Children's liturgy at 11 am in Christ Our Light.

Irish Heart Foundation

The “Over 60’s Show” featuring past winners of the competition will take place at the Cork Opera House on Sunday November 26th at 8.00 p.m. Also on stage will be Sonny Knowles and Comedian Sean Connors.

Tickets on sale at the Opera House €20, €18 and €15.
 Proceeds to the Irish Heart Foundation.
 Sponsored by Chi – Sullivan’s Quay.

Muskerry Local History Society

November Lecture

Subject:- "Old English Market"

An illustrated talk on the Intriguing History and Times of this Famous Cork Landmark

Speaker:- Dr Donal O Drisceoil, Historian and Author of book on the subject.

Venue:- Ballincollig Rugby Club Function Hall

Date & Time: 21st November 2006 @ 8pm

Admission: €2.00 for non members

Everyone most welcome.

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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.

The Emmaus Men's Fellowship

Present Monsignor Michael Stewart who will speak at our annual conference on the theme of Finding Answers To Life at the Sacred Heart Community Hall on Saturday 25th November and Sunday 26th November starting at 10.30 am and finishing at 5.30 pm each day. There will be a healing service on Saturday afternoon and Healing Mass on Sunday afternoon.

Further information contact 0872785352.

***Our Lady Queen Of Peace
House of Prayer***

A coach will leave Cork (Opera House) at 6.00 am on Saturday, December 2nd 2006 and Saturday, December 23rd 2006, for Achill, Co. Mayo for a novena at the Christina Gallagher House of Prayer.

Pick Up Points: Commons Inn, Commons Rd., Stags Head, Mallow, Buttevant, Ballyhea and Charleville.

For more information please contact Caroline on 021 4884443 or 087 6377169 or if you wish to travel on Sat, Dec 2nd please contact Pauline on 087-4183839.

49th Cork Ballincollig Scout Group

Last weekend was a busy time for the sections, on Saturday the Tuesday night Macoimh went on a hike in Ballinora, where they hiked along the old West Cork railway line. They came across a lot of interesting things on their way, including an old railway footbridge, platforms, an old railway station and a tunnel, which was very dark and very long. Lunch was had sitting in an old railway station, where you could imagine steam trains pulling in. After hiking across several fields, we made our way back to the bus and travelled back to the Scout Hall. The Scouts over the last several weeks, in the hall have been brushing up on their Map and Compass skills, last Thursday night they made out their route cards to climb Mullaghanish (649M). They left the Scout Hall at 11 am, and started climbing at 12 pm the weather was good, when they got out of the shelter of the forest the wind picked up. They climbed in their patrols with the Patrol leaders guiding the Patrol with their Map and Compass. They all took different routes and reached the top, the wind was gusting by now and it took some time to find a sheltered spot to set up the Trangas, to cook the sausages. It was decided that the A.P.L.s would lead the patrols down, this turned out to be more challenging as the weather had closed in and visibility was down to 20ft, skill was needed to relate the compass to the map, all patrols got down safely, with a new understanding of the meaning of the term BI Ullamh.

Short cuts are usually the result of long treks.

Gala Fundraising Concert

Majella Cullagh,
The Airport Singers/ St. Vincent's choir.
M.C. Pat Cox.

November 19th at 7.30 p.m.
St. Vincent's Church Sunday's Well
Proceeds to fundraising project.

*Tickets €20 Parish office a.m. 4304070
ProMusica Oliver Plunkett St. 4271659*

Knock

Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Night Vigil in Knock.
A coach will leave St. Mary & St. John Church, car park, Ballincollig, @ 2 pm on Thursday, December 7th 2006 for a Night Vigil in Knock. The fare is €18.00.

**For more information please contact
Caroline on 021 4884443 or 087 6377169**

***Scoil Barra Parents & Friends Assoc.,
Innishmore,***

Present a Christmas Floral Demonstration
"At Home for Christmas" by Mary O'Keeffe, Ballincollig.
Date: Thursday, November 23, 2006
Place: School Hall
Time: Refreshments at 7.30 pm
Demonstration at 8.00 pm. Sharp
Tickets available from PFA members and School Office.
All welcome.

Ballincollig Parish Pastoral Council

The next meeting of the council will be held in the Annex Room, Community Centre on Monday November 20th at 7.45 pm

Making a Difference this Christmas

'It is more blessed to give rather than receive' (Acts 20:35). A quote from the Bible which many of us have seen or heard often but how many of us have actually thought about what this quote means? This simple sentence sums up the entire concept of Christian giving and sharing with our brothers and sisters wherever they may be.

Trócaire have launched their Global Gift plan for Christmas and gifts this year include birth certificates for children in Mozambique so they can avail of state services; olive trees for farmers in the Occupied Palestinian Territories; kits to help returning refugees in Sudan; seeds and tools for communities in Liberia; goats for rural communities in Africa; grain storage facilities to help farmers in Central America; care provision for orphans affected by HIV/AIDS; the gift of water to help communities all over the world and houses for Burmese refugees in Thailand. Its easy to make a difference. You can purchase an ethical and life changing gifts by phoning Trócaire at 1850 408 408 or by logging on to www.trocaire.org/globalgift

The Counselling Centre Training Institute

7 Fr. Mathew St., Cork.
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For brochure and application form please ring 021 4274951

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Nov-25 & Nov-26-2006

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Muireann Nelligan
8:30 am
Pat Fennell
10:00 am
Hanah Bunyan
Katie Collins
12:00 Noon
Oliver O'Donovan

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Michael Greene
11:00 am
Pauline Collins
12:30 pm
Tadhg Buckley
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	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**

PARISH CLERGY

Priest on Duty 087-2479140

Fr. George O'Mahony P.P. 021-4871206
Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C. 021-4877161
Fr. Sean O'Driscoll C.C. 021-4870434
Fr. Anthony O'Mahony -



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Nov-25 & Nov-26-2006

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6.00 pm	Eileen Murphy Ted Nelligan Angela Murphy Ann O'Connell Sheila Walshe Betty Sheehan	8:00 pm	John O'Donoghue Mary Dineen Kathleen Daly
8:30 am	Helen Kelly Annette Murphy Mary O'Connor	11:00 am	Mary O'Mahony Mona Bowen Billy Barry Mary Aylward
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
12 Noon	John Walshe Pat Kelleher Irene O'Brien Ellen O'Sullivan Chris Cotter Sally Crowley	5:30 pm	Garreth Irish Sheia Curran



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Monday	Closed
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Wednesday	10.30 – 5.00 pm
Thursday	9.30 – 5.00 pm
Friday	9.30 – 5.00 pm
Saturday	9.30 – 12.30 pm

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Tuesday	9.30 – 5.00 pm
Wednesday	10.30 – 5.00 pm
Thursday	9.30 – 7.30 pm
Friday	9.30 – 7.30 pm
Saturday	9.30 – 5.00 pm