

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 20-January-2008

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus came as the Servant of God to serve the deepest needs of people. He offered his life to remove the tragedy of sin from human life and so restore us to peace with God, and each other.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

100 Years of Prayer for Christian Unity

The 'Week of Prayer for Christian Unity' for 2008 celebrates the 100th anniversary of the inauguration of the 'Church Unity Octave'. One hundred years ago, Father Paul Watson, an Episcopal (Anglican) priest, introduced a Prayer Octave for Christian Unity that was first celebrated from 18 to 25 January 1908. Exactly sixty years later, in 1968, churches and parishes around the world received for the first time material for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which had been jointly prepared by the World Council of Churches and the Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity (Catholic Church).

Praying for Christian unity did not just begin in the last century. Jesus himself prayed to his Father "that they all may be one" (John:17:21). Over the years Christians of all traditions have united with the prayer of Christ for the unity of all his followers. Christianity is about personal relationships: with God as our father, with Jesus, with our family and friends, with people from other Christian traditions and cultures, and even with those people whom we might find difficult to forgive.

The theme chosen for this years week of prayer for Christian Unity is taken from the letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians: "Pray without ceasing". (1 Thess 5:17)

The text "Pray without ceasing" does not mean being 'on our knees' all day; rather it stresses the essential role of prayer within the life of the Christian community as we all grow in our relationship to Christ and to one another. Our prayer needs to flow into our daily lives. In his letter to the Thessalonians, St Paul was writing to an ordinary group of women and men about how to live their lives together. Prayer is simply an expression of our faith, uniting ourselves to God as closely as possible in any situation. As we begin each day in prayer, we ask the Lord to be with us in all the situations we encounter.

We give thanks for 100 years of united prayer for Christian Unity and we pray that all may be united as we continue our journey for the Kingdom of God..

Sr. Colette

Reflection for Parents

As parents we certainly can understand the image of Jesus as "shepherd." We are constantly leading the way for our children and serving them with endless love. When they are sick or hurt, we would gladly take their pain and suffering if we could. It is clearly through these feelings that we begin to understand just what Jesus has done for us. As parents, when we show our unending love for our children, they too get an inkling of what Jesus' love is for them as well.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us present our prayers to God our Father with confidence in his unfailing

Reader

For God's blessing on Christians everywhere.

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

For leaders in Church and state, that the Spirit of God may strengthen them in their service of peoples.

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

For peace in the troubled areas of our world.

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

For healing and relief for all who are sick or troubled.

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

For all migrants and refugees, that they may find a welcome in the host country.

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

We pray for the intentions of all here present.

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

Priest

Gracious and loving God, we entrust to you our cares and our concerns, as we trust in your constant care for your people. Hear the prayers we make this day in the name of Jesus, your Son, who is Lord forever and ever.

Amen.

Here I Am, Lord! I Come To Do Your Will.

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BAPTISMS

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

James Adam Lingard, 9, Chestnut Crescent, Classis Lake
 Cathy May Dorgan, Valley View, Killnaglory.
 Hannah May O'Riordan, 33 Hayfield, Carrigrohane.
 Mathew John Murray, Hillcrest, Carrigrohane.

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

Mary Healy, Coachford.
 Finbarr Cooke, Pouladuff Rd.
 Michael O'Donoghue, Kerry.
 May Crowley, Skibbereen.
 Pat Galvin, Dromhane Mallow.
 Elizabeth Davis, Dublin.
 Richard O'Halloran, Grangemockley, Co. Tipperary.
 John O'Brien, Kilbrin.

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

Ellen Buckley, Bakers Road.
 Joseph Sheehan, Kilcorney.
 Timothy Canty, Newcestown.
 Billy & Kitty O'Connell.
 John Mary Kelly.
 Timoth O'Leary, Farnanes.
 Patrick & Nora Riordan, Ballingearry.
 Denis, Breda & James O'Donoghue, West Village.
 Jim Greene, Station Road.
 James & Margaret O'Mahony, Skibbereen.
 Charlie, Delia & Orla Kinnane, South Douglas Road.
 Harry Lane, Ballypnehane.
 Christine Murphy, Maglin.
 Deceased members of Ballincollig Credit Union.
 Martin Murphy, Rockchapel.
 Theresa Strahan, Dublin.
 Donal Coughlan, Schull.
 Mary Chapling, Schull.
 Tim & Eileen O'Herlihy, Glasheen.
 Mary Nagle, Coachford.
 Deceased members of the Linehan Family, Kanturk & London.
 Eugene & Bridie O'Sullivan, Ballingearry.
 Michael O'Mahony, Castle Park.
 Con Linehan, Kanturk.
 Tony Florish, Leevue.
 Bernie O'Brien, Douglas.
 Mary O'Mahony, 35 Castle Park.
 Dan & May O'Leary, Farran.
 Mary O'Mahony, Clash Road.
 Bob & Michael O'Sullivan, 55 Castle Park.
 Jack Lynch, Kilmurray.
 Jimmy Fitzgerald, Farranree.
 Peter Murphy, Deshure, Tarelton

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sixth Week In Ordinary Time

20 Sunday Is 49:3, 5-6. Ps 39. 1 Cor 1:1-3. Jn 1:29-34. Lect I: 641
 21 Monday 1 Sam. 15:16-23. Ps. 49. Mk. 2:18-22. Lect II: 470
 22 Tuesday 20 Tuesday 1 Sam. 16: 1-13. Ps. 88. Mk. 2:23-28. Lect II: 472
 23 Wednesday 1 Sam. 17:32-51. Ps. 143. Mk. 3:1-6. Lect II: 475
 24 Thursday 1 Sam. 18:6-9,19:1-7. Ps. 55. Mk. 3:7-12. Lect II: 477
 25 Friday Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9: 1-22. Ps. 116. Mk. 16: 15-18. Lect II: 928
 26 Saturday 2 Tim 1:1-8 or Tit 1:1-5. Ps95. Lk 10:1-9. Lect II: 931

Next Sunday's Readings 27-January-2008
 Is 8:23-9:3. Ps 26. 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17. Mt 4:12-23. Lect I: 644

Holidays and Notable Dates 2008

Ash Wednesday	Wednesday 6 th February
First Sunday in Lent	Sunday 10 th February
Mothers Day	Sunday 2 nd March
St. Patrick's Day	Monday 17 th March
Palm Sunday	Sunday 16 th March
Good Friday	Friday 21 st March
Easter Sunday	Sunday 23 rd March
Easter Monday	Monday 24 th March
May Holiday	Monday 5 th May
Ascension	Sunday 4 th May
Whit Sunday/Pentecost	Sunday 11 th May
Trinity Sunday	Sunday 18 th May
Corpus Christi	Thursday 22 nd May
June Holiday	Monday 2 nd June
Fathers Day	Sunday 15 th June
August Holiday	Monday 4 th August
Assumption	Friday 15 th August
October Holiday	Monday 27 th October
All Saints	Saturday 1 st November
First Sunday in Advent	Sunday 30 th November
Immaculate Conception	Monday 8 th December
Christmas Day	Thursday 25 th December
St. Stephen's Day	Friday 26 th December

17 March 2008 is Monday of Holy Week. The solemnity of St Patrick is transferred back to Saturday, 15 March 2008. It is not a holyday of obligation.
 The solemnity of St Joseph is transferred from Holy Week and is be celebrated on Saturday, 15 March 2008 in the General Calendar but on Friday, 14 March 2008 in the dioceses of Ireland.
 The Annunciation of the Lord is transferred from Easter Week to Monday 31 March 2008.

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

The Lord said, "You are my servant, Israel, through whom I show my glory. . . . I will make you a light to the nations that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

"Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus," greeted the holy people of the Corinthian church with God's grace and peace. He addressed them as "sanctified in Christ Jesus."

Gospel: John 1:29-34.

John the Baptist knew Jesus as his cousin, but it is not clear until we read today's Gospel that John recognised Jesus as the promised Messiah. John called Jesus the "Lamb of God." We are familiar with the title for Jesus, "Lamb of God," because we hear it in our Eucharistic prayers during mass. The Lamb of God comes to take away the sins of the world. And, indeed, Jesus died that we might be free of our sins. The lamb figured in much of Jewish tradition, especially as a symbol of sacrifice, but certainly we recognize the image of "shepherd" as one who leads the flock through darkness and difficult terrain. The message of John's gospel is for us—the simple sheep - to follow Jesus, the shepherd.

Bulletin Board

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

During this week we are asked to keep in mind the need to pray for Christian Unity and a better understanding and respect for different faiths. To mark the week you are invited to a prayer service in Blarney at the Church of Ireland on this Sunday 20th January at 7.30 pm. Please make every effort to attend.

Baptism Preparation.

The next Baptism preparation will take place on Saturday February 9th at 1.00 pm, and will be held in the Community Hall, Station Rd. 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? We recommend parents book baptisms a few weeks in advance in order to give ample time to take part in the preparation.

Vigil Mass Christ Our Light – Time Change

Effective from Saturday 2nd February the Vigil Mass at Christ Our Light changes from 8 pm to 7.30 pm. This was brought up at the Parish Council Meeting and the views of those attending Mass at Christ Our Light were sought. This was approved by Bishop John Buckley.

This Week's Calendar

Monday 21 – St Agnes. Wealthy and beautiful, she was martyred for her virginity in the last persecutions in Rome, in the early fourth century. She is patron of betrothed couples, gardeners and young girls.

Tuesday 22 – Weekday. St Vincent, deacon and martyr. A Spanish saint who died at Valencia in the fourth century, having endured prolonged torture.

Wednesday 23 – Weekday.

Thursday 24 – St Francis de Sales, bishop and doctor of the Church. Born in 1567, he was bishop of Geneva at the time of Calvin. The founder of the Visitation Sisters, he worked with gentleness and love to rebuild the Catholic faith after the Reformation. He is patron of writers, editors and journalists.

Friday 25 – The Conversion of St Paul. His experience on the Road to Damascus had a profound and lasting effect on Paul. He spent the remainder of his life preaching in the non-Jewish world. Many of his letters have been preserved and are part of the New Testament.

Saturday 26 – Ss Timothy and Titus, bishops. Followers of St Paul, they became his co-workers as missionaries. Both feature in New Testament writings and both were leaders in early Christian communities.

Fr. George

World Day For Migrants And Refugees

'Migrants contribute to their host country's well-being, and also because of this their human dignity must be respected and their freedoms guaranteed: the right to a dignified life, to fair treatment at work, to have access to education, health and other social benefits, to grow in competence and develop humanly, to freely manifest their culture and practice their religion.'

'But rights and duties go together,' he added. 'Therefore, at the same time, migrants have the duty to respect the identity and the laws of the country of residence, strive for proper integration (not assimilation) into the host society and learn its language. They are to foster esteem and respect for their host country, even to the point of loving and defending it.' Today, we remember the 35 million people who are refugees - and outside their home country - or who are uprooted and displaced within their country. We remember, too, the 250 million international migrants in the world today many of whom had no choice but to leave home for the sake of the livelihood of themselves and their families

Recipe for Living

Life may not be a piece of cake
When we haven't the dough to rise!
But it will never be as flat as a pancake,
If we remember to add a spoonful of sugar
to sweeten our desserts.

AGM Fatima Apostolate

Sunday 20th January 2008 at 3 pm
St. Vincent De Paul Centre, Ballincollig
All Welcome

Muskerry Local History Society

January 2008 Event
Subject: Archival Slide Show Presentation
Featuring: St Anne's Hydro Blarney
Lee Hydro Electric Scheme
Muskerry Tram
Speaker: Tim O'Brien Local Historian
Venue: Ballincollig Rugby Club Function Hall
Date & Time: Tuesday 22nd January @ 8 pm
Admission: €2.00 for non members
Everyone most welcome

Msza Św. Mass in Polish

w języku polskim w Ballincollig
16 luty - 16 February
sobota – 19:00 - Saturday 19:00
Zapraszamy Powiadom znajomych

St. Dominic's Retreat Centre

February 2nd – Saturday 10.00 am - 5.00 pm
MEDITATION
The Silence of Heaven is the essence of our being
Presenter: Pat Murray SCA
Cost €30 (includes light lunch: soup & roll)
Commencing February 6th – Wednesday 7.30 - 8.30 pm
(7 Wednesdays during Lent)
Mid-week meditation using scripture guided input
Led by: Martina Lehane Sheehan
Donation €5

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Jan-26 & Jan-27-2008

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Derval Spillane
Muireann Nelligan
8:30 am
Niamh Gallagher
10:00 am
Sean Collins
Katie Collins
12:00 Noon
Tomas Miller
Niall Hartnett

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Michael Greene
11:00 am
Dave Murphy
12:30 pm
Joseph Manning
5:30 pm
Marlyn O'Connor

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
Except First Saturday of
Month

Saturday

4:30 pm
First Saturday of Month

12:45 pm

Sunday

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MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Jan-26 & Jan-27-2008

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Steve Wills
Margaret O'Sullivan
Rita Aherne
Danny Farrell
Jim Walsh
Frances O'Brien

8:00 pm Anne O'Regan
Mairead Murphy
Finbarr Murray

11:00 am Seamus O'Connell
Mary O'Connell
Alan O'Riordan
Geraldine Keohane
Gerard Murray

8:30 am Mary Buckley
Rita Murphy
Mary O'Keefe

10:00 am Christina Walsh
Peter Reilly
Mary Collins
Christy Roche
Katie O'Shea
Claire Creedon

12:30 pm Lucy O'Callaghan
Jackie Sheehan
Mary Green
Michael O'Leary

12 Noon Oliver O'Donovan
Barbara Kelly
Sean Hennessy
Mary McLean
Ellen Seymour
Nora Hennessy

5:30 pm Noelle Buckley
Mary Breen
Siobhan Burke



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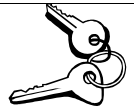
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Monday

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Friday 9.30 - 5.00 pm

Saturday 9.30 - 12.30 pm



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