

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 20-September-2009

Twenty Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

The following of Christ is not for the ambitious and selfish. Christians will inevitably find their goodness, gentleness and love put to the test. They will survive the test only if their life is based on trust in God as his Father.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Twenty Fifth Sunday

This weekend in this part of the country the news is dominated by the sporting rivalry with our neighbours. By late Sunday afternoon the supporters of one county will have bragging rights over the other for the foreseeable future. Sunday's game will decide which team is the greatest for 2009. We wish John Miskella and Paddy Kelly well in their endeavours to win All Ireland gold. Safe travelling to all the supporters on their way to and from the game.

Meanwhile life goes on in so many different ways for families. Hundreds of young people and their families are already looking forward to First communion or the Sacrament of Confirmation. I urge every family to make every effort to prepare for these sacraments. The preparation is about doing a little and often. To help parents and indeed godparents some help will be offered at meetings in your child's school in the near future. The children's Mass is resuming in Christ Our Light this weekend at 11.00 am and will continue during the year. Helpers and new leaders are needed to share this task, so please do come forward and offer your talents. The confirmation girls and boys will have retreats later on in the year. We can all do lots at home; prayer and an interest in the religion programme and reading of the Bible are important ways of coming to know the Lord we believe in.

The increase in the number of Dads dropping their children to school is one indication of the number of people who have lost their jobs. Many are worried and anxious about their job security and lack of it, others are worried about being able to put food on the table and keep a roof over their heads. We might keep in mind also that being out of work undermines a person's dignity; our self worth is diminished as well as our confidence being shattered. These are tough, harsh times for many people and families. Perhaps we could try to respect the dignity of one another in some practical way.

George O'Mahony

Thought for Today

Embracing a small child, Jesus told the disciples, "Whoever welcomes a child such as this welcomes me." He wanted them to understand that they were to be willing servants with the childlike qualities of innocence, honesty, and lack of pretension. Jesus identified himself with the innocent child who is completely dependent on God.

What qualities of small children do you admire? How do you know how Jesus felt about children? Why is it important for all of us to protect and care for children? Name one way you will practice a childlike trust in God.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

We present our needs to the Lord who, whatever our troubles, will answer our cry.

Reader

We pray for the Church; that it may lead by example in showing concern for the needy and vulnerable.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for our political leaders; that they may avoid jealousy and ambition and work in harmony for the common good.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for those who promote peace in the world; that they may sow the seeds which bear fruit in holiness.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for a Spirit of Wisdom; that it will enlighten the minds of all people and lead to a growth in awareness and determination to put an end to all acts of violence and abuse.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for those who are sick; that they may receive healing and comforts.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith; that they may be raised to eternal life.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Priest

Heavenly Father, you guide creation according to your law of love. Look with favour on our petitions this day. We make these and all our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

Amen.

The Lord upholds my life.

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BAPTISMS

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

Roisin Margaret Casey, Beech Park.
 Cillian Thomas Murphy, Westcourt.
 Mollie Louise Kelleher, The Cottage, Crookstown.
 Ellie Sienna Folan, The Willows.
 Christian Patrick O’Keeffe, The Sycamores.
 Grace Mia Campbell, Willowfield Drive.
 Daniel Michael Kelleher, Oaklands.
 Darragh David O’Gorman, The Close.
 Jessie Holly Mary Sanders, Leesdale Drive.

MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Patrick Stuart Mulligan, Coachford & Fiona Twomey, Church View.
 Patrick O’Keeffe, Model Farm Road & Ellen Corcoran, Manor Hill.
 Patrick O’Sullivan, Grange Manor & Ciara Lordan, Beech Park.
 Greg Moore, Coopers Grange & Maria Victoria Bretonneau, Coopers Grange.
 Kieran Scully Mayfield & Karen Power, Wyndham Lawn.
 Brian McGillacuddy, Inniscarra & Susanne Martin, An Caislean.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Snieszana Liriona, Poland.
 Paddy Mulcahy.
 Gearoid Coakley.

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

William Kavanagh, Carrigrohane.
 William & Julia Burke, Vicarstown.
 Eilish Cotter-Cooper, Cork & New Hampshire.
 Denis Callanan, Church View.
 Kathleen Nolan, Military Hill.
 James Callaghan, Galway.
 John Walsh, Cottage Square.
 Maureen Cuddihy, Coolroe.
 Deceased Members of the Muskerry History Society.
 Josephine Murphy, Castle Avenue, Muskerry Estate.
 Leslie Hayden, London.
 Maurice & Nan O’Flynn, Mullingar & Curraheen.
 Thomas & Catherine O’Malley, Mayo
 Margaret Sheehan, Kilmurry
 Christy Coady, Rosewood.
 Pat O’Connell, Victoria Cross.
 Kerry & Peggy Murphy, Rosewood.
 Diarmuid Twohig, Clare.
 Daniel & Margaret Murphy, Knockburden, Ovens.
 Mary Hall, Bishopstown.
 Dan Murphy Jnr, Bray.
 Kathleen Forde, Waterfall.
 Fr. Sean Murphy, Station Road.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Twenty Fifth Week In Ordinary Time

20 Sunday Wis 2:12, 17-20. Ps 53. Jas 3:16-4:3. Mk 990-37. Lect I: 802
 21 Monday Eph. 4:1-7. Ps. 18. Mt. 9:9-13. Lect II: 1198
 22 Tuesday Ezra 6:7-8.12.14-20 Ps 121 Lk 8:19-21 Lect II: 327
 23 Wednesday Ezra 9:5-9. Ps. Tob. 13:2-8. Lk. 9: 1-6. Lect II:329
 24 Thursday Hag. 1:1-8. Ps. 149. Lk. 9:7-9. Lect II:331
 25 Friday Hag. 1:15- 2:9. Ps. 42. Lk. 9:18-22. Lect II:333
 26 Saturday Zech. 2:5-9,14-15. Ps. Jer. 3:10-13. Lk. 9:43-45. Lect II:335

Next Sunday’s Readings 27-September-2009
 Num 11:25-29. Ps 18. Jas 5:1-6. Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48. Lect I: 804

Ballinora / Waterfall Garden and Lifestyle Club.

Opening night for the season on Monday September 21st 2009 at 8 pm in The Scout Den, Ballinora.
 M. Collard to speak from Future Forests Kealkil Bantry.
 All welcome & new members very welcome.

Parish Bereavement Support Ballincollig

The next Bereavement Support Programme will commence on Tuesday 6th October. It will continue each Tuesday night for 8 weeks (7.30-9.30 pm). It is held in a small groups setting. Anyone experiencing grief and loss is very welcome to attend. For further information, please contact: **Sr Colette O’Leary: 086.3557375** or the Parish Office: 021 4871206.

‘Mothers Prayers’ Groups Reminder

All Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers are welcome to come along on one of the following mornings to join in prayer for their children and the youth of our Parish:

Wednesdays 10.30 am
Meeting Room at Christ our Light Church
 or
Thursdays 10.00 am - Annex of Parish Hall

St. Dominic’s Retreat Centre

26th September - Saturday - 10.30 am – 4.30 pm
“HEALING THE HURTS IN OUR LIVES”
 A day of reflection on healing and stress release, through input, guided meditation and healing rituals.
Martina Lehane Sheehan.

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On the occasion of the **All-Ireland Football Final**
 We wish John & Patrick, the Cork Team and our Kerry parishioners a very sporting game.
“May the best team win!”

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Wisdom 2:12. 17-20
 People just don't like a prophet. Someone who speaks up, telling the truth, may well be rejected. Holiness does not always lead to happiness. Sometimes, it leads to pain and suffering and death.

Second Reading: James 3:16-4:3
 The early Christians were not better than we are. They were just as envious, just as resentful, and just as bitter. Listen now, and hear the remedy.

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37
 When people suspect that something bad is about to happen, fear sometimes causes them to stick their heads in the sand and pretend that everything will remain the same. When Jesus tried to tell his disciples about how he would soon suffer and die, they were afraid to ask him any questions. They acted as though everything would stay the same. They even argued about who was the greatest among them. So Jesus corrected them by saying that whoever wanted to be the greatest would have to be the servant of all.

**Opportunities Still Available
 For Students At CIT**

Paul Mahony, Head of Adult and Continuing Education at Cork Institute of Technology (CIT) has outlined some opportunities available to students who may not have received the points they hoped for in the Leaving Cert which would enable them to pursue a full time college course.

CIT's Honours Degree in Business Studies is available by night over a four and a half year period. Mr Mahony says, "this opportunity suits many people: it involves coming to lectures on two evening a week, which means that people can take up employment. The fees are also eligible for Tax Relief."

Students from disciplines other than Business Studies, with a minimum of a Level 6 Qualification, are also offered a user friendly route to attaining a Level 8 Business Studies Degree in Management, also at night.

Paul Mahony would be delighted to discuss options with perspective students and he can be contacted on 021 4326577 or paul.mahony@cit.ie

**The Hope Foundation
 Street Children need your help!**

The Cork Women's Mini Marathon is on 27th September and the street and slum children of Calcutta need your help. Run or walk, you can make a difference. Call The Hope Foundation for a sponsorship card and help to change a child's future. Tel: 021 4292990

**'RUN TO REMEMBER'
 in the Women's Mini Marathon
 Sunday, 27th September 2009**

Why not join the A Team & raise funds for The Alzheimer Society of Ireland Cork Services For your free Tee-Shirt and Sponsorship Card, please call the Society on **021 4972504** Bessboro Day Care Centre, Bessboro, Blackrock, Cork.

Bulletin Board

Mass Book

Diaries to book Mass Intentions for October, November & December are now open in both churches .

Envelope Collection

Education Fund (Students for the Priesthood)
 Next Weekend 26th & 27th September 2009

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place **Saturday 3rd October, 2009 at 1.00 pm** 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 Children's Mass will resume on Sunday 20th September at 11 am in *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.

"Do This in Memory Programme"

Meeting will be held at Oriel House Hotel, Ballincollig on Thursday, September 24th at 8 pm. This is for priests, teachers and parents, since the programme is about the partnership between parish, home and school in the preparation for First Holy Communion. You are invited to attend

Some Safe Driving Principles

- Stay alert
- Wear a seat belt
- Comply with speed limits
- Ensure your car is serviced regularly
- Do not hold a mobile phone while driving
- Reduce your speed on unfamiliar travel routes
- Ensure your tyres have an acceptable thread depth
- Take a short rest break approximately every two hours
- Secure or store loose items in the vehicle storage compartments
- Alter your driving to account for changing road and weather conditions

'Justice, Reconciliation & Peace'

Nuala O Loan to speak at Presentation Family Conference on Saturday 3rd October 2009 from 9am - 2pm (with light refreshments) in Silver Springs Moran Hotel, Cork. All are welcome. RSVP by Wednesday, 23rd Sept. 2009 to Anne Barry-Murphy, Edmund Rice Office Tel: 021 4278935 Email: erofficecork@eircom.net

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Sep-26 & Sep-27-2009

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Sandra Walsh
Brian Hennessy
8:30 am
Pat Fennell
Susan Fennell
10:00 am
Hannah Bunyan
Stephen Bunyan
12:00 Noon
Jack Dorgan
Fergal Monahan

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Rosarie Cotter
Louise McGrath
11:00 am
Alex Hatsigrigoriou
Alison Henchion
12:30 pm
Joseph Manning
Robert Murphy
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	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
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Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C. 021-4877161
Fr. Billy O'Sullivan C.C. 021-4876171
Fr. James McSweeney 021-4873308



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Sep-26 & Sep-27-2009

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6.00 pm	Eileen Murphy Ted Nelligan Angela Murphy Ann O'Connell Sheila Walshe Ann McCarthy	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 O'Mahony Mona Bowen Billy Barry Mary Aylward Pauline Baston
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 Dympna Byrne Suzanne Leetch
12 Noon	Ann-Marie Cosgrove Pat Kelleher Phil Kennedy Ellen O'Sullivan Ursula McAuliffe Sally Crowley	5:30 pm	Shelia Curran Elizabeth O'Sullivan



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