

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 21-June-2009

Twelfth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Christ is known to us through the Gospels. They show not only his tremendous love, but also his might and authority. So even when things are going badly for us, we should never fail to trust him.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

‘Why Are You So Frightened?’

In today’s Gospel, we see where Jesus is in a boat crossing the Sea of Galilee with his disciples. During the journey he sleeps. While he slept, a storm with strong winds arose. After some panic-stricken moments, the disciples, who were filled with fear, woke Jesus up saying: ‘Master do you not care that we are going down?’ Jesus saw the danger, and said to the sea, “quiet now, be calm” And at once everything calmed down. Then Jesus asks the disciples ‘why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?’

From time to time, all of us experience turmoil in our lives. The fear that the disciples had is the exact fear that we all have when we are confronted with a crisis. During these times we too may feel that Jesus is again sleeping and we question: ‘Lord where are you; do you not know what I’m going through; why is this happening to me?’ God, who is close to each of us knows our anxieties and fears. He challenges us as he challenged his disciples, “Why are you afraid? Where is your faith?” When troubles come our way, often we forget that God is still with us, telling us to ‘be calm’ and not to be afraid. Jesus himself knew what it was to be fearful. We remember the night before his crucifixion in the Garden of Gethsemane, he prayed to his Father, if it was his will, to take away the agony he was going through. While God did not take away his suffering, he answered his prayer by giving him the strength to face it.

Today we pray that our faith may be steadfast and strong whenever we are thrown into turmoil. The Lord is always there with us. And he can and will protect us. It is so easy to doubt and live in fear. Like the disciples in the boat, we only need to call on him. We have to be aware of Jesus’ presence in our lives and his desire to care for us.

Sr. Colette

Grief and Loss (9)

As I conclude these short reflections on Grief and Loss, I am very conscious that each person responds differently as they journey through grief. It is a very personal and individual experience and also the duration of the grief process is different for everyone. If you would like to have a chat with someone, we have a bereavement support group here in the parish who are available at any time. You may also wish to come to our parish bereavement support group programme which will commence towards end of September or early October. The Programme will be one night a week for 8 weeks. It is held in a small group setting and provides a safe place where we look at the different stages of grief and where in a confidential setting you experience the support of others during a difficult time. For further details you may contact me at 086.3557375 or the Parish Office at 4871206. Sr Colette

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us offer our prayers to the Lord, who cares deeply about each one of us.

Reader

For the Church; that it may have the confidence to cry out to the Lord for help and guidance in times of need.

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

For our political leaders that they may govern with compassion for the needy in these difficult times.

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

For those who are out of work and struggling to find employment at this time; that Christ may be with them in turbulent times.

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

We pray that we may become more and more a community that actively cares for and protects the most vulnerable sections of our society.

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

We pray for all who are sitting exams at this time.

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

For those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith; that they may be raised to life in Christ

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

Priest

Heavenly Father, Lord of all Creation, you sent your Son to inaugurate a new creation. Hear the prayers we make this day, through the same Christ, Our Lord.
Amen.

O Give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures for ever.

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BAPTISMS

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

Sean Douglas Martin, Willow Grove, Coolroe Heights.
 Roisin Sive Darby, Cranford Pines, Ballincollig.
 Aoibhe Holly Bradley, The Lodge Apt, Classes Lake.
 Darragh Aidan O'Driscoll, Oldcourt, Greenfields.
 Ava Clare O'Leary, Manor Lawn, Ovens.

MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Stewart Mulligan, Coachford & Fiona Twomey, Church View.
 Elliot O'Sullivan, Wexford & Claire Cullinane, Muskerry Estate.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Margaret Griffin, Birmingham.
 Barry Kelly, The Crescent.
 Jim Walsh, Kerry Pike.
 Gus O'Mahony, Ovens.
 Martina O'Driscoll, Classis Lake.
 Sally Lane, Hillsboro, Model Farm Road.

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

Tim Scanlan, Bishopstown.
 Patrick & Elizabeth Farrelly.
 Patrick & Margaret O'Mahony, Clash.
 Maura O'Leary, Dublin Hill.
 Tom Daly, Beech Park.
 Pat & Nora O'Connor, Inniscarra.
 Joe Donovan, Inniscarra.
 Timothy O'Leary, Crookstown.
 Mary Barry, Inniscarra.
 John Bowen, Ballygarvan.
 Fred & Kate Nash, Powdermills.
 Arthur & Mary Wilson, Fermoy.
 Michael O'Sullivan, Carriganarra.
 Noreen McCarthy, Castlepark.
 DJ O'Mahony, Knocknaheeny & Clash.
 John Murphy, Powdermills.
 Patrick & Josephine Murphy, McCurtain Villas.
 Corena Crowley, Greenfields & Switzerland.
 Maureen Carey, Rosewood.
 Joseph Halligan, Rosewood.
 Mary Foley, Ballyvolane.
 Finbarr O'Brien, Friars Walk.

Cake Sale

The Solas De Choir will hold a cake sale in aid of the Belarussian Orphanage Project in Christ Our Light Church on June 28th after 11 am Mass.

Thank You

The editorial team of the Parishioner would like to thank our advertisers and contributors for their support during the year. Publication of the Ballincollig Parishioner will resume after the summer break on Sunday 13th September 2009. To all our readers have a safe & wonderful summer
Con, Tom, Oliver & Karen

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Twelfth Week In Ordinary Time

21 Sunday Job 3:1, 8-11. Ps 106. 2 Cor 5:14-17. Mk 4:35-41. Lect I: 765
 22 Monday Gen. 12:1-9, Ps. 32. Mt, 7:1-5. Lect II: 149
 23 Tuesday Gen. 13:2, 5-18. Ps. 14. Mt, 7:26,12-14. Lect II: 151
 24 Wednesday Is. 49:1-6, Ps. 138, Acts 13:22-26. Lk. 157-66, 80. Lect I: 976 or II: 1073
 25 Thursday Gen. 16:1-12, 15-16. Ps. 105. Mt. 7:21-29. Lect II:155
 26 Friday Gen 17:1, 9-10, 15-22. Ps 127. Mt 8:1-4. Lect II: 158
 27 Saturday Gen. 18: 1-15, Ps. Lk 1. Mt, 8:5-17. Lect II: 160

Next Sunday's Readings 28-June-2009

Wis 1:13-15, 2:23-24. Ps 29. 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15. Mk 5:21-43. Lect I: 768

Days of Christian Culture

When Bartosz asked Iza where the idea of 'Days of Christian Culture' originated from, Iza thought back to a Sunday morning spent enjoying a leisurely breakfast with a group of close friends. As she looked around at each person sitting at the table, she was reminded of how important friendship is to everyone. She wondered if there was some way they could do something for others. Having shared this thought amongst the group, the enthusiasm was overwhelming. Many ideas were discussed, opinions shared, some funny, some interesting, some crazy... but the final outcome was a plan to organise the 'Days of Christian Culture' event.

This event is seen as an opportunity to extend and encourage friendship amongst others and to highlight that Jesus too offers us friendship in every walk of life, not just in the Church!

The English-speaking and Polish communities in Cork have come together to organise events that highlight an intertwining of both cultures created by the same God. These are on in Cork and in Kinsale at following venues:

25th June (Thursday) 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
 Carmelite Friary, Kinsale, Co. Cork

26th June (Friday) 8:30 pm - 10:00 pm
 St Augustine's Church, Washington St., Cork

27th June (Saturday) 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
 The Franciscan Well (upstairs), North Mall, Cork
 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
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28 June (Sunday) 10:00 am - 11:30 am (after Polish Mass)
 St. Augustine's Church at St. Augustine Street
 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm (door from: 7:30 pm)
 The Roundy Bar (upstairs), 1 Castle Street, Cork.

Please logon to www.daysofchristianculture.com for a full and complete detail of activities at all venues.

Scoil Mhuire

Part time cleaner required for Scoil Mhuire, Ballincollig from 31st August, 2009.
 Monday-Friday 15 hours weekly (after school hours).
 Apply with C.V. and references to:
 The Chairperson, Scoil Mhuire, Parochial House, Ballincollig. On / before Wednesday 24th June 2009.

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Job 38:1, 8-11

Today's first reading is part of God's answer. God asks Job to look at the sea and its power. Who created the sea? God asks Job. Not human beings, but God. Let us pray peacefully in the sight of the sea or a picture of it: You are great, O God, and mighty is your power. I will praise you as long as the seas last and crash on the shore.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

In this reading Saint Paul continues to help the Corinthians to understand what their response should be to Christ, who died for us. Paul tells them and us that the love of Christ for us should call us to love for him. We should no longer live for ourselves, in a self-centered way, but for Jesus Christ who gave his life for us.

Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

Put yourself in this scene. You are in a small sailboat with the apostles. A great storm comes up and the waves crash against the boat. Jesus, who must be very tired, stays asleep. The apostles, afraid of drowning, wake Jesus up. "Be still," he tells the storm at sea, and at once there is a great calm. His disciples' mood switches from terror to awe at this sign, which recalls so vividly the words of God in the first reading.

A Holiday Prayer

O God, who after completing the wonders of creation, rested on the seventh day, I thank you for the opportunity you have given me to get away from my usual surroundings, to spend this holiday, this time, apart from daily work and worry. I ask of you dear Lord, to let my time of rest be a time of closer union with you, and help me not to lose sight of you in my pursuit of pleasure. Let me recognise you in my joy and let me see on this holiday, Lord, the beauty, power, majesty and wonder of your creation. Let me see you in the sun and sea, snow and stars, and above all in my fellow pilgrims through life. Grant me Lord to lay down my cross awhile, and gather strength to take it up more willingly, when I resume my usual path through life. Let me see clearly in the fleetness of this holiday my Lord, the shortness of time and the length of eternity. Finally, O Lord grant me the grace of a safe journey through life to my eternal home in the glory of your kingdom. Amen.

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.

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

We pray this blessing on the father of our family,
in the name of the Father and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

(We wish all families a very happy day today.)

Bulletin Board

Eucharistic Congress

The 50th Eucharistic congress will be held in Ireland in 2012. The previous Eucharistic congress was held in 1932 John McCormack sang at Mass during that occasion. Each congress has a particular theme and a series of talks and reflections that will help to deepen our understanding of the Eucharist. Each parish has been asked to contribute towards the cost of hosting the congress. This weekend the 20th & 21st of June we are asking parishioners to please make an extra contribution in the collection that will go towards the cost of the funding The Eucharistic Congress.

Peter's Pence Collection

The annual Peter's Pence Collection will be taken up at all Masses 27th & 28th June. Please place your donation in the envelope provided.

Mass Book

Diaries to book Mass Intentions for July, August & September are now open in both churches. We kindly request parishioners not to double book the same intention in both churches.

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place **Saturday 4th July 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.

Eucharistic Procession

Thanks to all those who took part in the Eucharistic Procession, the Committee and volunteers who helped to arrange and make it a successful occasion, the Altar Servers, Choir, First Holy Communion Children, Sacristan, Scouts, Ballinora Red Cross, those who led us in the Rosary, thanks also to the Gardai.

Fr. George

Irish Cancer Society

- ◆ 90% of all skin cancers are preventable. Virtually, all the risk comes from the sun & sun beds/sunlamps.
- ◆ About 80 - 85% of the suns rays can pass through clouds so you need to take care on cloudy days too.
- ◆ Damage to the skin by the sun is permanent. It also builds up – that means damage to the skin in one year is added to damage done in previous years. In later life this can lead to skin cancer.
- ◆ Skin cancer can take 20 to 30 years to develop, so the rates of skin cancer today reflect the trends of the 70's and 80's.
- ◆ Ultraviolet Radiation from sunlight and sun beds/sunlamps is the main risk factor for skin cancer.
- ◆ In Ireland, one in every eight men and one in every ten woman develop skin cancer by the age of 74 years.
- ◆ The number of skin cancer cases is rising every year.
- ◆ Ireland has among the highest skin cancer rates in Europe.
- ◆ Two-thirds of Irish people have a higher risk of developing Skin Cancer because of their skin type.
- ◆ Irish people are exposed to the sun more often than in the past (mainly due to holidaying abroad).
- ◆ A tan has become more fashionable in Ireland than in the past. This puts us at greater risk of developing skin cancer in later years

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Jun-27 & Jun-28-2009

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Karen Sheehan
Padraig Graham
8:30 am
Elizabeth Daly
10:00 am
Grace Buttimer
Orla Horgan
12:00 Noon
Oliver O'Donovan

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Rebecca Feely
Jessica Lingard
11:00 am
Jack Dorgan
12:30 pm
Joseph Manning
Sorcha Nic Mheanmain
5:30 pm
Phil O'Connell



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Jun-27 & Jun-28-2009

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Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Patsie Murphy
Marie Bohan
Mary Walsh
Marie Healy
Margaret Kearney
Nora Barry

7:30 pm Sheila O'Connor
John Cauty
Brid Healy-Harris
Kit Cahill
11:00 am Carmel Ryan
Angela Cunningham
Laurence Cunningham
Eileen Byrne

8:30 am Theresa Lucey
Rita Murphy
Mona Holland

10:00 am Tadgh Murphy
Mary Murphy
Joan Tobin
Tony O'Leary
Phil Kennedy
Seamus O'Shea

12:30 pm Eileen Garvey
Sally Power
Breda Callanan
Catherine Freehill
Attracta McKiernan

12 Noon Michael Crowley
Breda Lenihan
Noel Hennessey
Jacinta Jeffers
Rena O'Connor
Sean Farrell

5:30 pm Phil O'Connell
Maire McCullagh
Olan O'Mahony

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

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Thursday

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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

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