

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 21-September-2008

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

Economic Downturn

During the past weeks we had pay awards, pay - freezes, job losses and fears of unemployment dominating the news media. The downturn in so many economies, the turmoil in financial markets provides opportunities for economists and other commentators to provide great wisdom with the benefit of hindsight. The gospel for today might be seen as a comment on pay and conditions of workers, in reality this parable is not making any statement on pay or related matters. The gospel is a parable about the landowner going out to hire people to work in his vineyard. The wage agreed is the same regardless of the length of day. This looks like a disaster for industrial relations. Heading down that road is to completely miss the point of this parable.

I think that chapter 15 of John's gospel provides a valuable signpost in our struggle to understand this gospel parable. Here Christ says "I am the true vine and my Father is the vinedresser". This passage gives us a clue that we are invited into the Father's vineyard, to work under the guidance of the vinedresser. Through out the Bible many people were called by God to come and join Him. The chosen people said yes to the Father's call; they had a difficult journey following Moses from slavery along the road to freedom. The disciples and others followed that call from Christ and finally we have come at the eleventh hour to the Lord's vineyard. The reward (wages) is the same for every generation, the promise of freedom and Life Eternal. The gospel is a reminder to us (the Johnny come lately's) of the Lord's generosity to us.

This parable also reminds us that we owe everything we have to the generosity of God. The Lord gives an abundance to us, we don't earn His goodness, let us treasure them and put them to good use in His kingdom..

George O'Mahony

Do you want to learn more about the Bible?

Do you want to improve your prayer life?

Help is at hand, in our forthcoming week of Directed Prayer, which begins on the 12th October 2008. This week gives participants an opportunity to gain deeper insight into the Bible and their own prayer life.

A team of trained guides from outside the parish will direct the week. Each director will on an individual basis, help you to pray, and to reflect on what God is saying in your life.

All parishioners and prayer groups are asked to please pray for all those taking part in the week of Directed Prayer.

More next week.

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

Let us present our petitions to the Lord who is close to all who call.

Reader

For the Church. May it shine as a beacon of love in the world.

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

For the needs of our parish.

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

We pray for the grace to sow the seeds of justice in our community and that God's justice may reign in the world.

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

We pray for peace, in our homes, in our community and in the world.

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

We pray that each one of us might receive the grace to discern our vocation in life and that we maybe granted the courage to follow God's call.

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

We pray for the dead. May they come to the perfection of love in the eternal life prepared for them.

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

Priest

Heavenly Father, font of love, hear the petitions we place before you today through Jesus Christ, your Son, 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 :

Kate Orla O'Connell, Ballinguelley Lodge.
 Isabelle Kate Walsh, O'Donovan Crescent.
 Darren Daniel Murphy, Tuairin Glas.
 Evan Christopher Drummond, The Oaks, Classes Lake.
 Wonder & Worth Idowu, Sofernway, Classes Lake.
 Evan William O'Brien, Castle Park.
 Denis Michael McEvoy, Rosewood.
 Sarah Laura O'Sullivan, Greystones.
 Emily Kate Russell, Coopers Grange.
 Sara Otylia Szewzykowska, Leslies Arch.
 Darragh Guinevan, Knockenmore, Ovens.
 Cian Diarmuid O'Neill, The Close, Coolroe Meadows.
 Grace Nora Eileen Barrett, Grange Court, The Maltings.
 Jack Peter Jirgens, Aylsbury Crescent.
 Jamie Finbarr McCarthy, Beech Park.
 Alex Anthony O'Connell, Sycamores, Classes Lake.
 Ben O'Sullivan, Fernway, Classes Lake.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Mary Piggott, Millstreet.
 Margaret Horgan, Blackpool.
 William Hobbart, Reenmore, Galway.
 Dan Twomey, Ballyphehane.

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

Denis & Eileen Murray, Ballingearry.
 Denis Calnan, Church View.
 James O'Sullivan, Kilmichael.
 Maureen Callanan, West Village.
 James Callaghan.
 Frances & William Buckley, West Village.
 Patrick & Joe Linehan, Courtbrack.
 Maureen Cuddihy, Coolroe.
 Margaret Sheehan, Kilmurry.
 Christine Coady, Rosewood.
 Nuala Delaney, Inniscarra View.
 Pat O'Connell, Victoria Cross.
 Mary Hall, Bishopstown.
 Mary Whelan, Cobh.
 John & Mary McAuliffe, Cobh.
 Mary Kelleher, Poulavone
 Mary, Stephen & Terry O'Driscoll, Kinsale
 Florence & Noreen Kelly, Fr. Sexton Park

***Irish Day for Life
 Sunday 5th October 2008***

Day for life – the day in the church's year dedicated to celebrating the sacredness of life – will focus this year on the theme of mental health. It will help raise awareness of the needs of those affected by mental ill-health, their friends, their family and their carers, and the support that the parish community and professional services can bring

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Twenty Fifth Week In Ordinary Time

21 Sunday Is. 55:6-9. Ps. 144. Phil. 1:20-24, 27. Mt. 20: 1-16. Lect I: 702
 22 Monday Prov. 3:27-34. Ps. 14. Lk. 8:16-18. Lect II: 776
 23 Tuesday Prov 21 :1-6,10-13. Ps 1 18. Lk 8:19-21. Lect II: 778
 24 Wednesday Prov. 30:5-9. Ps. 118. Lk. 9:1-6. Lect II: 780
 25 Thursday Eccles (Qoh). 1 :2-11. Ps. 89. Lk. 9:7-9. Lect II: 782
 26 Friday Eccles (Qoh). 3: 1-11. Ps. 143. Lk. 9: 18-22. Lect II: 784
 27 Saturday Eccles (Qoh). 11 :9-12:8. Ps. 89. Lk. 9:43-45. Lect II: 786

Next Sunday's Readings 28-September-2008
 Ez. 18:25-28. Ps. 24. Phil. 2: 1-11. Mt. 21:28-32. Lect I: 705

Mobile Phone Etiquette

We ask all parishioners to ensure mobile phones are switched off when attending church; this can be hugely distracting especially during Mass.

On the occasion of the

All-Ireland Football Final

We wish our Kerry and Tyrone parishioners a very sporting game.

"May the best team win!"

Special Mass at Cathedral

The first visit to the Diocese of Cork and Ross since his appointment as Apostolic Nuncio to Ireland will be made to coincide with the 200th anniversary of the Cathedral. His Excellency, Archbishop Giuseppe Leanza, will be a special guest at the Mass to mark the Cathedral's bicentenary which will be celebrated on September 25th at 7.30 pm.

The Principal Celebrant at the Mass will be Bishop John Buckley and the homily will be preached by His Excellency, Archbishop Patrick Coveney, Apostolic Nuncio to Greece. Archbishop Coveney is a native of Tracton Abbey parish in the diocese and was ordained archbishop at the Cathedral on 15 September 1985.

The Mass on the Feast Day of St. Finbarr (patron saint of Cork) will be concelebrated by priests of the diocese and attended by representatives of the 68 parishes of the diocese. All are welcome to attend and participate as the Bishop, priests, religious and parishioners of the diocese give thanks for 200 years of faith and dedication

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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.

'Mothers Prayers' Groups

Recommended on:

Wednesday 17th September, 10.30 a.m. - Meeting Room at Christ our Light Church

Thursday 18th September, at 10.00 a.m. - Scout Hall, (beside Parish Church)

****Please note temporary change of Venue for Thursday mornings****

All Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers are welcome to come along one of these mornings to pray for their children and the youth of our Parish. (For approximately 30 minutes)

Parish Bereavement Support Group

The next Bereavement Support Group Programme will commence on Tuesday 23rd September 2008 and will continue each Tuesday night for 8 weeks. This programme is open to all who are grieving the loss of a loved one and is held in a small group setting.

For further details, please contact Sr Colette O'Leary: 086.3557375 or the Parish Office: 4871206

Mini Marathon

Take part for Cork Simon in the Women's Mini Marathon on Sunday the 28th of September. Putting our best foot forward together we can make all the difference to the lives of homeless people.

Contact Mairéad on 021 4929401 or email mairead@corksimoncommunity.ie for your tee shirt and sponsorship card.

Table Quiz.

A Table Quiz in aid of Cork Simon Community will be held in NEMO GAA Club on

Thursday the 2nd of October at 9 pm.

Tables of 4 at €40 per table.

For more information call Mairead on 021 4321166 or email mairead@corksimoncommunity.ie

Ballincollig Parish Council

A meeting Ballincollig Parish Pastoral Council will take place on Monday 22nd September 2008 at 7.45 pm in the Red Room (upstairs in the main Community Hall).

Bulletin Board

Mass Book

Diaries to book Mass intentions for October, November & December 2008 are now open in both Churches.

Envelope Collection

Education Fund (Students for the Priesthood)
This Weekend 20th & 21st September 2008

Baptism Preparation.

The next Baptism preparation will take place on **Saturday September 27th at 1.00 pm**, and will be held in the **Crying Room in Christ Our Light Church**. 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.

Children's Mass

The Children's Mass resumes on Sunday 21st 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 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 Communion children to please try and bring Children to this Mass. Bringing your Child to the Sunday Mass is an important preparation for your Child's First Holy Communion.

Confirmation dates for 2009

Scoil Eoin, Monday, 23rd March.
Scoil Barra, Thursday, 23rd April.
Our Lady of Good Counsel, Thursday, 23rd April.
Scoil Mhuire, Wednesday, 22nd April.
Gaelscoil Ui Riordáin Tuesday, 19th May.

This Week's Calendar

Monday 22 – Weekday (25th Week in Ordinary Time)
Tuesday 23 – St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), priest. Padre Pio died 23 September 1968. A Capuchin friar, stigmatist, confessor and friend of all who suffer. Also, St Eunan, abbot. Eunan was born in Donegal around 624 and died in 704. He became a monk in Iona and was chosen abbot there in 679. One of his writings is the Life of Colum Cille.

Wednesday 24 – Weekday
Thursday 25 – St Finbarr, bishop. Finbarr came to Loch Irce (Gougane Barra) and probably lived there as a hermit. When disciples gathered round him he moved to Cork at the mouth of the Lee where he founded a monastery which became a famous centre of learning.

Friday 26 – Saints Cosmos and Damian, martyrs. Cosmos and Damian, early martyrs in Syria, patron of physicians. Known as the Anargyi (the holy moneyless ones) since they never took money for their medical services.

Saturday 27 – St Vincent de Paul, priest. Vincent, 1580-1660, was committed to the care of the disadvantaged and the oppressed. He founded the Congregation of the Mission (Vincentians) and the Daughters of Charity (1633), the first sisters to work outside their convents in active service. He is patron of all charitable works.

Fr. George

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Sep-27 & Sep-28-2008

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

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

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Rebecca Feely
Jessica Lingard
11:00 am
Dave Murphy
12:30 pm
Kay Carew
5:30 pm
Brian O'Donoghue



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Sep-27 & Sep-28-2008

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Eileen Murphy
Ted Nelligan
Angela Murphy
Ann O'Connell
Sheila Walshe
Rita Hodge

7:30 pm John O'Donoghue
Mary Dineen
Kathleen Daly
Mairead Keenan
11:00 am Mary O'Mahony
Mona Bowen
Billy Barry
Mary Aylward
Pauline Baston

8:30 am Helen Kelly
Breeda Feehily
Mary O'Connor
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 Joy Daly
Pat Kelleher
Helen Plunkett
Ellen O'Sullivan
Ursula McAuliffe
Sally Crowley

5:30 pm Shelia Curran
Elizabeth O'Sullivan

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

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Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C. 021-4877161
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