

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 21-September-2014

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

## ***The Generosity of God***

This morning's gospel from Matthew is preceded by a great bold question asked by Peter; "What about us, we have left everything and followed you. What are we to have then?" Jesus said to him, "I tell you solemnly, Everyone who has left father, mother, brother, sister for the sake of my name will receive a hundred times over and also inherit eternal life."

"Many who are first will be last, and the last, first."

Christ goes on then to tell the parable of the Landowner, the workers and the vineyard. This great parable tells us in a dramatic way about the generosity of God. Peter and his companions took a very courageous step in life; they left the familiar life of boats, fishing, companions and many familiar places to search for a new life with the Christ, the Messiah. The new life brought happiness, fulfilment and many challenges. However from time to time there were niggling doubts and questions hence the question, "what about us, we have left everything."

The first lesson from the word of God today is that it is important to put words on our questions. Raising questions provides opportunities for us to learn and in today's gospel Peter's question provides the context for the great teaching on the generosity of God.

The culture and society of the 21st century continually reinforces the correctness of asking the question "what about us, we have left everything". The culture of the day goes even further and ask "What about me, what is my reward going to be" The world of achievement and success finds it difficult to accommodate the generosity of God. Help us to realise that I do not have to earn or deserve the generosity of God's love in my life, thankfully it is freely available to me twenty four seven.

*George O'Mahony*

## ***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**

We call out in prayer to God who will take pity on us, and whose greatness cannot be measured.

### **Reader**

For all Christians: that they may prove themselves faithful worker's in the Lord's vineyard.

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

For those who hold public office: that they may prove worthy of their stewardship.

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

For the disabled and the sick.

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

For those who cannot find work, and for those who are retired.

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

For all gathered here: that we may serve God out of love, and that our love may be reflected in our dealings with others.

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

For a moment, we remember in silence our own particular needs

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

### **Priest**

Lord, give us work till our lives are ended, and give us life until our work is done. We ask this through Christ 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 :**

- Killian James Powell, Seattle,U.S.A
- Aoibheann Katie McGrath, Geraldine Place, Cork.
- Jack Benjamin Hannigan, The Willows, Classes Lake.
- Cillian Michael Twomey, The Avenue, Highfield Avenue.
- Lucy Bridget Wallace, Beech Park.
- Anna Rista Erhokpaedamwen Ogbomo, Rosewood.
- Fionn Emmett O’Leary, Carriganarra.
- Nicola Michalina Bury, Parknamore Heights.
- Aidan Patrick Halpin, Old Court Drive, Greenfields.
- Thomas James Manley, Glincool Crescent.
- Cian Martin Canny, Elm Mews, Classes Lake.
- Anna Sebastina Murray, The Crescent Old Quarter.
- Zac James Sexton, Berryfield, Classes Lake.
- James Anthony Lee, Whitethorn Drive, Inniscarra View.
- Conor Michael Tassie, Granary Court, The Maltings.

**† IN SYMPATHY †**

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

- Hilary Walker, Tuairin Glas.
- John Kidney, Ballincollig/Bandon.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS OR OTHERWISE REMEMBERED:**

- Denis & Eileen Murray, Ballingearry.
- Denis Calnan, Church View.
- Eilish Cooper, New Hampshire.
- Catherine Kiely, Woodberry, Greenfields.
- Tom & Winnie Holloway, Galbally.
- Patrick & Joe Linehan, Courtbrack.
- Eileen O’Connell, Turner’s Cross.
- Danjoe O’Shea, The Crescent.
- Margaret O’Shea, The Crescent.
- Seamus O’Shea, Park Road.
- James O’Leary, Curraheen.
- Dr. John Sheehan, Oriel Court.
- Jack Fennell, Innishmore.
- Nan & Maurice O’Flynn, Curraheen/Mullingar.
- Florence Kelly, Fr. Sexton Park.
- Maureen Driscoll, The Maharees.
- Christine Coady, Rosewood.
- Mick & Ita Murphy, North Main Street.
- Breda McSweeney, Beech Road.
- Josephine & Timothy Murphy, Castle Avenue.
- Michael Gaffney, Castle Avenue.
- Dec members of O’Regan Family, Carriganarra.
- Michael O’Rehan, Carriganarra.
- Tom McKenna, Pine Walk.
- Brendan Lynch, Greenfields.
- Noel Lynch, Daffodil Fields

**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/2014**

Ez. 18:25-28. Ps. 24. Phil. 2: 1-11. Mt. 21:28-32. Lect I: 705

**Ballincollig Parish**

**Bereavement Support Group**

A Bereavement Support Programme will commence in Ballincollig Tuesday 14th October. It will continue each Tuesday night for 8 weeks (7.30 to 9.30 pm). It is open to anyone who is experiencing the grief and loss of a loved one and is held in a small group setting.

For further details please contact:

Sr Colette at 086-3557375

**“Mothers’ Prayers”**

will recommence

Wednesday 17th September at 10.30 a.m

at Meeting Room at Christ our Light Church

Thursday 18th September at 10.00 a.m

At ‘Sonas’ House - Station Road

We welcome Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers to join in prayer for all our children and the youth of our parish on one of these mornings

**Legion of Mary**

**Annual National Pilgrimage to Knock**

This will take place on Sunday 28th September with an all in cost of €39.00

For more information and to arrange payment please ring Barry at 021 4364474.

**Troubled by someone else’s drinking?**

Try Al-anon. Local Meetings S V de P Centre Station Road Thursdays 8.30 pm. Phone: 087 6651707.

**CROWLEY**

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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.

**Cork Prison Visitors Centre  
 Volunteers required!**

Volunteering with St. Nicholas Trust involves supporting the families of prisoners when they come to Cork Prison for a visit (families can be waiting up to 30 minutes before going in). You will be assisting with hospitality i.e.. making tea/coffee, spending time talking/listening to the families with a sense of awareness/sensitivity while they wait.

For more details: Mob 0879031968  
 Email: coordinatorv1@gmail.com www.stnicholastrust.ie

**Legion of Mary**

Meeting at Sonas House Station Road  
 Every Saturday from 3 to 4 pm.  
 All welcome  
 Phone Sally 021 4870954

**Special Triduum in Honour  
 of St. Pio – (Padre Pio)**

Will take place on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday the 22nd, 23rd and 24th September at the Holy Trinity Church.  
 Mass times are 10 am and 7.30 pm.

**Novena**

The SMA Novena in hour of St. Therese will begin on Tuesday 23rd September at the African Mission Church, Blackrock Road, Cork and will finish on the feast of St. Therese, the 1st October 2014.  
 The celebration will be celebrated each evening at 7.30pm.  
 (Except Sat 27th @7.00pm)  
 For information please contact:  
 SMA Blackrock Road at 021 4292871  
 SMA Wilton at 021 4541069

**Alzheimer's Research**

Does your spouse / Partner have dementia? We are carrying out research looking to gain an insight into the health and wellbeing of those who live with someone who has dementia. For more information about taking part please contact Alan Galvin or Dr Maria Pertl at Trinity College on 01 8968414

**Bulletin Board**

**Mass Diaries**

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

**A.G.M. of the Ballincollig Parish Pastoral Council**

Monday September 22 at 7.45pm  
 Annex of the Community Hall  
 The Parish Pastoral Council is a 30 strong group of Parishioners who hold a shared vision of the Church as a people of God, and together work out a shared vision for the Parish Community. It is a hands on group who help to promote and advertise different events in the parish and are involved in organising these events. The Parish Council communicates and works with parishioners of all ages.  
 Meetings are held throughout the year in the Annex of the Community Hall. The A.G.M. is held annually in September. New members are needed at this time and will be facilitated with an introductory session.

**Priesthood Education**

The annual collection for the Education of Students to the Priesthood takes places next week end Saturday/Sunday September 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>.  
 The Diocese is fortunate in having two priestly ordinations this year. Fr. Ben Hodnett was ordained in June and Reverend Marius O'Reilly will be ordained on the Feast of Christ the King in November. In addition, we have one further Clerical student in the Irish college in Rome and three students in Maynooth. The cost of educating each student for the Priesthood can be as much as €30,000 per year. We expect the Education of Clerical students this year to reach €120,000.  
 The Diocese has a number of men training for the Permanent Diaconate. Two have completed the preparatory year, are now commencing formal studies and another has begun the preparatory year.  
 This collection is the principal source of funding for the education of our clerical students. This collection has also been used to subvent a number of lay people from the Diocese who are involved in their parishes and are studying Theology as well as funding further study for the priests.  
**Fr. George**

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Gougane Barra**

Sunday September 28th.  
 This year the homily will be preached  
 by Bishop Donal Murray, retired Bishop of Limerick.

**Cork Simon Community**

An Evening of Memories of Life in Cork with the author Alice Taylor will take place on Thursday 16th October at 7.30pm at Rochestown Park Hotel. Eleanor Kiely of Cork Simon Community will also speak at the event.  
 Tea and coffee will be provided.

**Carpe Diem Tours**

Will visit Krakow, Poland in early December 2014.  
 Follow in the footsteps of St. John Paul II, visit Auschwitz and the famous Salt Mines. Krakow also boasts a spectacular Christmas Market.  
 This tour will be led by Mícheál de Barra.  
 For information and booking see  
 www.culturaltoursireland.com  
 or call Mícheál at +353868337681

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Sep/27 & Sep/28/2014

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**  
Karen Sheehan

**8:30 am**  
Pat Fennell

**10:00 am**  
Margot Twomey  
Kaylyn Lordan

**12:00 Noon**  
Oliver O'Donovan  
Niamh Heelan

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**  
Rebecca Feely

Josh Nyagaya

**11:00 am**  
Tomas Buckley  
Michael Buckley

**12:30 pm**  
Aisling Dore  
Clara Herdman

**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  
Fr. George O'Mahony P.P.  
Fr. Dave O'Connell C.C.  
Fr. James McSweeney

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**Funeral Pastoral Team Rota**

Week 29th Sep to 5th Oct

Joan Barrett  
Margot Twomey

**Social / Coffee Mornings**

Continue every Friday morning in parish house "Sonas"  
on Station Road at 10 am.

Everyone welcome as it is an ideal opportunity to get  
and know people from our community.

**Carbon Monoxide Awareness Week 2014**

**September 22nd – 28th**

The dangers associated with carbon monoxide are promoted to the general public every year through television, radio, press, digital and direct mail advertising. This year, however, in an effort to do something different and to generate greater public engagement on the subject of carbon monoxide, a dedicated Carbon Monoxide Awareness Week is being held from September 22nd to September 28th.

**Importantly, the week is aimed at all carbon fuel users.**

**Remember, Remember, Remember**

There are many messages related to the dangers of carbon monoxide that need to be promoted. For Carbon Monoxide Awareness Week, the public are being asked to remember three things that can help protect them against this silent killer using the mnemonic Remember, Remember, Remember;

**Remember** The causes – Carbon Monoxide can be produced when ANY fuel is burnt, including oil, gas, wood and coal.

**Remember** To service – To prevent Carbon Monoxide, ensure your appliances are installed and serviced annually by a Registered Gas Installer, a Registered Oil Technician, or a qualified service agent for your fuel type. Also make sure vents, flues and chimneys are kept clear.

**Remember** The alarm – Carbon Monoxide is odourless and colourless so for added protection install an audible carbon monoxide alarm. Make sure the alarm complies with EN 50291, carries a CE mark, has an end of life indicator and carries an independent certification mark.

For more information on Carbon Monoxide Awareness Week visit <http://www.carbonmonoxide.ie/> or call 1850 79 79 79.



**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Sep/27 & Sep/28/2014

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6.00 pm** Steve Wills  
Margaret O'Sullivan  
Danny Farrell  
Jim Walsh  
Frances O'Brien  
Eileen Coughlan

**8:30 am** Mary Buckley  
Denis Healy  
Tom Butler

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

**12 Noon** Oliver O'Donovan  
Sean Hennessy  
Mary McLean  
Eleanor Seymour  
Nora Hennessy

**7:30 pm** Anne O'Regan  
Mairead Murphy  
Finbarr Murray  
Lettie Kelly  
Mary Murphy

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

**12:30 pm** Lucy O'Callaghan  
Jackie Sheehan  
Mary Green  
Michael O'Leary  
J.P.O'Leary

**5:30 pm** Noelle Buckley  
Mary Breen