

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 22-January-2006

Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

Both Jonah and Jesus brought urgent messages for the need for repentance and change in peoples lives. Such change was needed to make them open to the action of God. If there is to be unity among the followers of Christ, we all need to change.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Home --- Village Fountain

This weekend I will try to develop the image of Church as home – ‘village fountain’ a little further. The Sunday readings and indeed also the week day readings during the past week highlight the call of individuals Samuel by God and Andrew, Simon, James and John by Christ cf 1 Samuel 3:3-10. Mk 1:14-20. Those called were the young and the fishermen. Seeing the church as home and the ‘village fountain’ may make for a messy place rather than a tidy place. There will be a varied membership including the wounded and the damaged, the imperfect and the inadequate, the sinner and the failure, as well as people with different points of view. It will be open to all who in their thirst are drawn to the village fountain.

Such a home would be a place of hospitality. The emphasis would be to ensure all are welcome, no matter what their situation, and that all would sense that they belong. Hospitality would sit everybody down. Turning up at the door would of itself signal the disposition that gains entry. Hospitality would look to the future rather than to the past.

If we refer this line of thought back to the gospels, the parable of the prodigal son comes to mind. Usually it is understood as a parable of God’s mercy, a mercy which precedes and embraces our repentance. Perhaps, in this context it would be taken as an image of church and parish. Hospitality, arms open in anticipation because, quite simply this is one of our own coming home. We might develop this image further by suggesting that the older son in the story represents another image of church. Here hospitality, as well as sense of family, fade into the background as he objects; “But when this son of yours come back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes...” Everything is defined by the past and a price will be exacted before there is an entry. The parable represents a choice. Which church do I want? Which church do I believe in? It is a choice between what and what is not gospel. The mindset of the welcoming parish allies itself firmly with the father is the story.

If the church/parish wishes or aspires to be home for all its people, it attends to what is going on in their lives. As with the kitchen table in the home, there is a sense of wanting to discuss things that happen to people. People have a sense that their experience counts and has authority. Complementing this and because of this, they have a deep respect for the collective wisdom of the faith community.

George O'Mahony

Thought for Today

Take a bucket and fill it with water.
Put your arms into it up to the wrists
Take them out and the hole that remains
Is the measure of how you'll be missed?

You may splash all you please when you enter;
You may stir up the water galore;
But stop and you'll find in a minute
That it looks just the same as before.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

As we join in prayer, let us listen to Christ’s call: Follow me and I will make you fishers of people.

Reader

For those who are responding to God’s call, whether tentatively or wholeheartedly, that He may lead them forward with deep inward joy.

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

That we may grow to enjoy and keep Sunday as a day of rest, refreshment, and rejoicing.

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

For families that are in trouble: where love is gone or is unable to make itself felt, that Christ may bring them peace.

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

For the elderly: Long nights and cold weather is a difficult time for the elderly and the infirm, we remember and pray for them today.

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

As we travel on our roads that we may have regard for ourselves and others: encourage safety, care and respect for all road users.

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

For Leaders: for all whose lives have been scarred by the violence of others, that men and women of vision will touch their lives with love and give them reason to love again.

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

Priest

God our Father, we have listened to your Word and have shared it; now we pray that the Sacrament which we are sharing may strengthen us to accomplish what you have said. We ask this in Jesus’ name.

Amen

Lord, make me know your ways

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Edward Twohig R.I.P., Dublin. Mourned by his brother Tom, Hazel Grove, Ballincollig.
Ethel Wright, Kingston-on-Thames. Mourned by Mrs. J. Cullinane, Coolroe Heights.

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

Brendan Lingwood, Curraheen, Bishopstown.
Daniel O'Leary, Glenville.
David & Catherine O'Carroll, Barrack St.
Deceased members of the Murphy Family, Co. Mayo.
Denis, Breda & James O'Donoghue, West Village.
Dolly Mullins, England.
Ellen Buckley, Bakers Road.
Eugene O'Sullivan, Ballingearry.
Hanna & Jack Twomey, Ratheen.
Jack Lynch, Kilmurry.
Jim Green, The Square, Ballincollig.
John & Mary Sheppard.
Joseph Sheehan, Kilcorney.
Mary & John O'Donovan, Togher.
Michael Bobby Linehan, Inniscarra.
Michael Carroll, Coolroe Heights.
Michael O'Mahony, Ballydehob & Castle Park.
Noel Ginty, Hawthorn Avenue.
Paddy McCarthy, Castle Park.
Patrick Ginnane, Kilkenny.
Patrick O'Donoghue, Bishopstown.
Sheila & Timothy Dineen, Curraheen Cross.
Thomas Reid, Curraheen, Bishopstown.
Thomas Ronayne, Co. Mayo.
Thomas Twomey, Ratheen.

Christ's Body Today

Christ has
No body now on earth but yours;
No hands but yours;
No feet but yours'
Yours are the eyes
Thought which is to look out
Christ's compassion to the world;
Yours are the feet
With which He is to go about
Doing good;
Yours are the hands
With which He is to bless men now.
St. Theresa of Avila

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Third Week In Ordinary Time

22 Sunday Jon 3:1-5, 10. Ps 24. 1 Cor 7:29-31. Mk 1:14-20. Lect I: 743
23 Monday 2 Sam 5:1-7, 10. Ps 88. Mk 3:22-30. Lect II: 484
24 Tuesday 2 Sam 6:12-15, 17-19. Ps 23. Mk 3:31-35. Lect II: 486
25 Wednesday Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22. Ps 116. Mk 16:15-18. Lect II: 928
26 Thursday 2 Tim 1:1-8 or Tit 1:1-5. Ps95. Lk 10:1-9. Lect II: 931
27 Friday 2 Sam 11:1-10, 13-17. Ps50. Mk 4:26-34. Lect II: 493
28 Saturday 2 Sam 12:1-7, 10-17. Ps 50. Mk4:35-41. Lect II: 495

Next Sunday's Readings 29-January-2006
Deut 18:15-20. Ps 94. 1 Cor 7:32-35. Mk 1:21-28. Lect I:745.

Access To Education

Have you a few hours to spare a few days a week?
Would you like to do something for yourself?
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Computers, Psychology, Business, Design, Art/Texture,
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On
Friday January 27th at 11.00 am
If you cannot attend please contact Mary Scriven
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Addiction

Help for families affected by Addiction.
10 Week Family Support Course
Beginning Monday 6th February, 2006
Mardyke House, Cork.

Contact 087 1308555 or 087 7548959

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.

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Jonah 3: 1-5, 10

Most probably the story of Jonah is a type of parable or story to teach a lesson rather than an exact historical book. Looked at that way it would compare with the parables like the Prodigal Son and the Good Samaritan told by Jesus. The central doctrine of the Book of Jonah is the universality of God's love and providence extending beyond the bounds of the Chosen People to pagan nations. Jonah brought an urgent call to repentance to a pagan city. Surprisingly the citizens listened to his message and repented.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians, 7: 29-31

These reflections of St. Paul are not a plea for neglecting earthly concerns, but for concentration on God's service and for treating other things as of secondary interest. Paul sees the need for detachment from this world because of the growing hostility of the pagan world to the Christians, the possibility of an early Second Coming and the shortness and precariousness of human life.

Gospel: Mark 1: 14-20

Like Jonah in the Old Testament, Jesus comes with a similar call to repentance. He proclaimed the good news that the age of Redemption which the Prophets had foretold was at hand. He called on everyone to do penance in order to enter into the new Kingdom.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Thomas Aquinas 28-January-2006

Thomas the Apostle challenged the story that the Lord was risen, and his unbelief brought forth a glowing testimony of the reality of the Resurrection. Twelve centuries later, his namesake, Thomas of Aquino, questioned; without doubting; the great truths of faith, and demonstrated for all time the relationship of faith and reason.

Thomas, son of the count of Aquino, (b. 1225-d. 1274) was first trained at the Benedictine abbey of Montecassino, and here, even in childhood, his great mind was wrestling with theological questions, "Master, tell me--what is God?" In order to better to train the boy's mind, his father sent him at an early age to the University of Naples. There he studied under Peter of Ireland and, undisturbed by the noise and wickedness of the great university city, proceeded rapidly on his quest for God.

Like many gifted young men, Thomas was bitterly opposed by his family when he attempted to become a religious. When both threats and persuasion failed, he was kidnaped by his brothers and locked in a tower for more than a year. His sisters were sent to influence him, and he proceeded to convert them to his own way of thinking. A woman was sent to tempt him; but he drove her from the room with a burning brand from the fire; afterwards, angels came to gird him with the cincture of perpetual chastity. When captivity failed to break his determination, his brothers relaxed their guard, and Thomas, with the help of his sisters, escaped from the tower and hurried back to his convent. Thomas was given the finest education available in his day. He studied first at Cologne and later at Paris, under the Master, Albert the Great. This outstanding Dominican teacher and saint became his lifelong friend and loyal defender. They taught at Cologne and became a mutual influence for good in one of the most beautiful friendships in Dominican history.

For the rest of his life, Thomas was to teach and preach with scarcely a day of rest. What makes the amount of writing he did remarkable, was the great deal of travelling that he undertook. Death found him in a familiar place, on the road, where he was bound for the Council of Lyons in obedience to the pope's command. He died at the Cistercian Abbey of Fossanova, in a borrowed bed, obscurity hardly fitting the intellectual light of the Order, but perfectly suited to the humble friar that Thomas had always been.

St. Thomas Aquinas is a Doctor of the Church and is honoured as the patron of Catholic Schools. He is celebrated in the Church Calendar on January 28th.

Diabetes

The Cork Branch of the Diabetes Federation of Ireland will host a Public Information Meeting entitled, 'New Research, Diabetes Self-Management' in the Gresham Metro-pole Hotel on Sunday the 22nd of January 2006 at 2.30 pm. Speakers include Professor Colin P. Bradley, Professor of General Practice at UCC and a range of other HSE diabetes professionals. There will be a focus on the responsibility of the patient in managing their condition and guidance on diet and living a healthy lifestyle. Admission is free and all are welcome. For further information contact the Diabetes Federation of Ireland on 021 4270009 or email sro@diabetes.ie.



Will hold Blood Donor Clinics In the GAA Pavilion, Ballincollig

On Mon 23rd, Tue 24th, Wed 25th & Thur 26th January 2006

From 3.00 – 5.00 & 7.00 – 9.00 pm.

Blood is urgently required

Please make a special effort to attend.

Cork Simon Community Looking for Volunteer

Cork Simon Community is looking for somebody who could spare approximately 2 hours each week to hand out fliers in an area of Cork City. Cork Simon Community volunteers visit an area of the city each Monday night collecting clothes and food for use in the Emergency Shelter and on the Soup Run. Fliers need to be distributed to this area the week beforehand. If interested in volunteering for this please call Mairead on 021 4321166 or email fundraising@corksioncommunity.ie

Preparation for Baptism

Baptism is our first step on the journey of Faith, the sacrament of initiation into the Christian faith and the Life of Christ. It is also a sacrament of welcome into the Christian community. The importance of preparation for Baptism was highlighted at the Parish Council and also by some parents requesting help for themselves. For the past number of months a group of parishioners have come together to provide some resources and help for parents bringing their children to Baptism. On Saturday 5th February our next meeting for parents who wish to have their children baptised in the parish of Ballincollig will take place. This is an opportunity to prepare for the sacrament of Baptism. I am confident that this presentation will be of benefit to parents and godparents in their role as Christian educators.

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Jan-28 & Jan-29-2006

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Muireann Nelligan
8:30 am
Triona Collins
10:00 am
Margot Twomey
12:00 Noon
Sean Hennessy

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Michael Greene
11:00 am
Aideen O'Connor
12:30 pm
Kay Carew
5:30 pm
Tom Reck

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	9:00 am & 8 pm (Vigil)

CONFESSIONS

After 10:00 am Mass & before 6:00 pm Mass **Saturday** After 9:00 am Mass

BAPTISMS

5:00 pm **Saturday** 7:15 pm
12:45 pm **Sunday**

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Jan-28 & Jan-29-2006



St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm	Steve Wills Margaret O'Sullivan Rita Aherne Rose Doyle Jim Walsh Frances O'Brien	8:00 pm	Anne O'Regan Mairead Healy Murphy Finbarr Murray
8:30 am	Mary Buckley Rita Murphy Mary O'Keefe	11:00 am	Seamus O'Connell Mary O'Connell Alan O'Riordan Geraldine Keohane
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 John Jeffers Mary McLean Ellen Seymour Nora Hennessy	5:30 pm	Noelle Buckley Mary Breen Siobhan Burke

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Wednesday	10.30 - 5.00 pm
Thursday	9.30 - 5.00 pm
Friday	9.30 - 5.00 pm
Saturday	9.30 - 12.30 pm



Monday	9.30 - 5.00 pm
Tuesday	9.30 - 5.00 pm
Wednesday	10.30 - 5.00 pm
Thursday	9.30 - 7.30 pm
Friday	9.30 - 7.30 pm
Saturday	9.30 - 5.00 pm