

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 22-June-2008

Twelfth Sunday In Ordinary Time

*No matter what the trials in this life may be, we are assured of God's love for us. St. Matthew in today's Gospel tells us not to be afraid. What greater reassurance is needed.*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

## *Hello from Fr Billy*

I am grateful to Bishop Buckley for my appointment as Curate in Ballincollig Parish. My wife Mary was a native of this parish, and it became my home place when we moved here from Douglas over thirty years ago. I still have family in the parish, including a daughter and son-in-law, a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, nieces, nephews and cousins and of course a grandson and a (new) granddaughter.

Some time after Mary's death I applied to the Diocese to study for the priesthood and left here for Maynooth in August, 2003. I was ordained on 24th November, 2007 and I remember with joy and gratitude the welcome and hospitality of Ballincollig parish on the occasion of my first Mass, celebrated in the Church of St Mary and St John on the following day. Since then I have been working a Chaplain in St Aidan's Community College, Dublin Hill and assisting in St Josephs Parish, Mayfield, where I was very happy.

Ballincollig is a vibrant parish and I am looking forward to the challenge of working here. I look forward to renewing old friendships and making new friends in the months and years ahead, and look forward to working with Fr George, Fr Michael and Fr James, and wish Fr Sean well in his new ministry in Ballyphehane. As priest I am called to proclaim the word of God, to celebrate the Eucharist and to be a fellow disciple and brother of the believing community. Although a sixty-six year old widower, as a new priest I have a lot to learn and ask for your prayers..

Billy O'Sullivan

## *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 14th September 2008.

To all our readers have a safe & wonderful summer

*Con, Oliver, Pauline, Tom & Karen*

## *Reflection for Parents*

As an old saying goes, "If you don't stand for something, you'll fall for anything." This is not only the message we need to convey to our children, but through our own actions, they will see that we believe this to be true. Sometimes we have to take an unpopular stand with our children when we know that they are being tempted by their peers and culture. You will find among parents of older children, that your children will one day express their gratitude for your courage.

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

### **Priest**

Heavenly father, you listen to the needy. Hear the petitions we place before you this day.

### **Reader**

We pray that the leaders of the Church may not be fearful as they proclaim the gospel.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for those who are persecuted for the faith they practice and profess. May the Lord grant them strength and endurance.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for those who suffer from mental and psychological torments. We ask the Lord to comfort them in their trials.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for those who struggle to put bread on their table. We ask the Lord to provide for their needs.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for those who fight for justice. May they be rewarded for their labours.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for all families, that they may be refreshed in this summer time by rest and by togetherness.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

### **Priest**

Father in heaven, you are the strength of your people. Listen favourably to our prayers today which we make in the name of Jesus, your Son, our Lord.

Amen.

*In Your Great Love, Answer Me, O God.*

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Mary Barry, Inniscarra.  
 Mary Foley, Ballyvolane.  
 Denis McCormack, Rosewood, Ballincollig.  
 Jim Cronin, Naas.  
 Maura O'Leary, Delaney Park.

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

Jimmy Trindle.  
 Tom Daly, Beech Park  
 Rita O'Leary, Glenville.  
 Joe Donovan, Inniscarra.  
 Maureen Callanan, West Village.  
 Laurence O'Flynn, Lyras, Aherla.  
 Tomas O'Sullivan, Tudor Grove.  
 Ciss , Matt & Fred Culloty, Mallow.  
 Donal Doyle, Mallow.  
 Philip O'Brien, Glasheen.  
 Ellen Ryan, Waterfall.  
 Ronan Porter, Sunningdale.  
 Pat McGrath, Glasheen.  
 John & Bridget Murphy, Castlemagner.  
 Josephine & Patrick Murphy, McCurtain Villas.  
 Michael Barry, Clonakilty.  
 Michael O'Sullivan, Carriganarra.  
 Paddy & Nan O'Kelly.  
 Conor Ronan, Oaklee.  
 Sheila Dineen, Curraheen Cross, Ballinora.  
 Thomas & Mary Murphy, Kilcorney.  
 John Murphy, Kilcorney.  
 Thomas, Julia, & May O'Leary, Turners Cross.  
 James Harris, Turners Cross.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Twelfth Week In Ordinary Time**

22 Sunday Jer, 20:10-13. Ps. 68. Rom. 5:12-15. Mt. 10:26-33. Lect I: 668

23 Monday 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15, 18. Ps. 59. Mt. 7:1-5. Lect II: 601

24 Tuesday Is. 49: 1-6. Ps. 138. Acts 13:22-26. Lk. 1 :57-66, 80. Lect I: 976 or Lect II: 1073

25 Wednesday 2 Kgs 22:8-13,23:1-3. Ps. 118. Mt. 7:21-29. Lect II: 606

26 Thursday 2 Kgs 24:8-17. Ps 78. Mt 7:2 1-29. Lect II: 608

27 Friday 2 Kgs 25: 1-12. Ps. 136. Mt. 8: 1-4. Lect II: 610

28 Saturday Jam. 2:2.10-14, 18-19. Ps. 73. Mt. 8:5-17. Lect II: 613

**Next Sunday's Readings 29-June-2008**

Acts 12: 1-11. Ps. 33. 2 Tim. 4:6-8, 17-18. Mt. 16:13-19. Lect I: 981 or Lect

**BAPTISMS**

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

Kate Orla O'Connell, Ballingulley Lodge, Ballincollig.  
 Isabelle Kate Walsh, O'Donovan, The Crescent, Ballincollig.  
 Darren Daniel Murphy, Tuairin Glos, Ballincollig.  
 Evan Christopher Drummond, The Oaks, Classes Lake.  
 Wonder Idowu, Sofemway, Classes Lake.  
 Worthy Idowu, Sofemway, Classes Lake.  
 Evan William O'Brien, Castle Park.

***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.

***Found***

Black framed ladies glasses on Main Street, Ballincollig on Sunday evening. Please call 4871321.

***Ballincollig Catholic Parish Community***

**Child Protection Policy**

Child Protection is an issue of concern to all those working with children and young people today. For us, the Ballincollig Catholic Parish Community, Child Protection is about ensuring the well being and safety of all children and young people as well as vulnerable adults in our Parish Community who are in our care. We are committed to ensuring that they are safe guarded and protected, that their environment while in our care is a safe one and that the time that they are in our care is filled with rewarding and enriching experiences. The publication in 1999 of *Children First, National Guidelines for the Protection and Welfare of Children* ("Children First") charged each and every organisation, whether statutory or voluntary, providing services to children, to produce a child protection policy specific to the work of each individual organisation. The Diocese of Cork and Ross has recently published the "*Cork and Ross Diocesan Guidelines for Good Practice by All who work with Children and Young People in the Catholic Community*". We are committed to adhering to our obligations imposed by *Children First*, to implementing the Diocesan Guidelines and to complying with the guidelines and legislation made by Statutory Authorities in relation to Child Protection.

Prior to the formulation of this policy document our Parish Priest Fr George O'Mahony put a number of steps in place. Altar servers had to obtain written parental permission before being allowed to serve on the Altar. Also the parents had to ensure that the servers were collected immediately after Mass. Organizations using parish property where young people were involved had to produce a copy of their own Child Protection Policy.

During the term of the last Pastoral Council a Sub-committee was formed to establish a Policy Document on child protection. Much work was put into formulating this document which incorporates the "*Children First*" and "*Diocesan Guidelines*". The Sub-committee sought help and advice from other organizations and Diocese's, where such policies were in force. The sub-committee also had the benefit of fulltime legal advice, during the drafting of this policy. At our Parish Pastoral Council meeting in March this year the document was unanimously passed by both the clergy and lay members of the council. The council then recommended that the policy should be put in place. A subcommittee was then formed to ensure the roll out of the policy and consequently the document is now available for viewing in the Sacristies of both Churches.

The Pastoral Council is very grateful to the committee for the great time and work they put into formulating this document.

***Michael Crowley Facilitator Parish Pastoral Council.***

**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13  
 Jeremiah found comfort and strength in the Lord though his friends sought to trap him and take vengeance on him. He praised God and entrusted his cause to the Lord.

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-15  
 Paul the apostle believed death entered the world through sin, but life comes as a gracious gift from God through Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33  
 There are people who do not yet know the Good News. Jesus assured his disciples and us that we will bring the light of the Kingdom into their darkness by sharing Jesus with them. Even if some people, even our families, ridicule us for our proclamation, God will care for us until the end.

**Ballincollig Parish Bereavement Support**

The next Parish Bereavement Support Programme will commence on 23<sup>rd</sup> September. This eight-week programme is open to all who are bereaved. It is held in a small group setting one night each week. If you have experienced loss and would like further information, please contact Sr. Colette O'Leary: 086.3557375 or the Parish Office: 4871206.

**Cork Simon Community**

Are looking for volunteers to help with our Door to Door collections - if you can spare a couple of hours a week to join our fantastic team of volunteers  
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 or email: niamh@corksimoncommunity

**Safe Swimming This Summer**

Safety Steps to Observe.

- ◆ Don't swim alone.
- ◆ Don't swim just after eating.
- ◆ Don't swim when you're hot or tired.
- ◆ Don't swim in strange places.
- ◆ Don't swim out after anything drifting.
- ◆ Don't stay in the water too long.
- ◆ Don't swim out to sea.
- ◆ Swim parallel and close to the shore.
- ◆ Do what the lifeguard tells you.
- ◆ Never use inflatable toys.
- ◆ Pay attention to signs on the beach.
- ◆ Don't be a bully.
- ◆ Learn to use equipment before trying it out.
- ◆ Learn Basic Life Support.

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**Ballincollig Catholic Parish Community**

**Child Protection Policy**

The Policy document is now available for viewing in the Sacristies of the Church of St Mary and St John and Christ our Light. (see page 2)

**Mass Cards**

Bouquet and Sympathy Mass Cards are available in the Parish Office and sacristies of both churches.

**Thanks**

**To Fr Sean O'Driscoll** for his time in the Parish. Fr Sean brought many gifts and talents to his ministry as a priest in Ballincollig Parish. I thank him sincerely on my own behalf and on behalf of the parishioners for his contribution to the faith community of Ballincollig. We wish him well and may the Lord bless him in his new appointment.

**To Fr Ted Sheehan** for his work as chaplain in Colaiste Choilm.

We wish them both well and may the Lord bless them in their new appointments.

Welcome to the parish to Fr James McSweeney and Fr Billy O'Sullivan. Fr George and Fr Michael look forward to working with them.

**Peter's Pence Collection**

The annual Peter's Pence Collection will be taken up at all Masses 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> June. Please place your donation in the envelope provided.

**Catholic Paper**

Copies of the Catholic Paper - The Universe—are available in both churches every week.

**This Week's Calendar**

**Monday 23** – Weekday (12th Week in Ordinary Time)

**Tuesday 24** – **The Birth of John the Baptist. Solemnity.**

We rejoice at the coming of John the Baptist, a man of self-denial, integrity of life and purpose, and an uncompromising prophetic voice. This feast relates to the summer solstice, when the days begin to grow shorter, recalling John's words, 'He must increase, I must decrease'.

**Wednesday 25** – Weekday

**Thursday 26** – Weekday

**Friday 27** – St Cyril of Alexandria, bishop and doctor of the Church. Cyril, 370-444, was patriarch of Alexandria and fought against Nestorianism at the Council of Ephesus, 431, which proclaimed Mary, Mother of God.

**Saturday 28** – St Irenaeus, bishop and martyr. Irenaeus lived just after the time of the apostles and knew those who had seen and talked with them. He became bishop of Lyon, the largest trading centre in Gaul. The note of moderation, the desire to win people to Christianity by love rather than fear, was apparent in all of Irenaeus' work.

**Fr. George**

**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.

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Jun-28 & Jun-29-2008

**St. Mary & St. John      Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**  
Carmel Keane  
**8:30 am**  
Triona Collins  
**10:00 am**  
Margot Twomey  
Jordan Crowley  
**12:00 Noon**  
Sean Hennessy  
Shane Lehane

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**  
Murigen Ni Mhathuna  
Niamh Murray  
**11:00 am**  
Alex Hatsigrigoriou  
Alison Henchion  
**12:30 pm**  
Tadhg Buckley  
**5:30 pm**  
Brian O'Donoghue

**MASS TIMES**

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

8:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon	<b>Sunday</b>	11 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm
9:30 am	<b>Monday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Tuesday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Thursday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Friday</b>	8:30 am
10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)	<b>Saturday</b>	7:30 pm (Vigil)

**CONFESSIONS**

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

**BAPTISMS**

4:30 pm	<b>Saturday</b>	4:30 pm
Except First Saturday of Month		First Saturday of Month
12:45 pm	<b>Sunday</b>	

**PARISH CLERGY**

**Priest on Duty      087-2479140**

<b>Fr. George O'Mahony P.P.</b>	<b>021-4871206</b>
<b>Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C.</b>	<b>021-4877161</b>
<b>Fr. Sean O'Driscoll C.C.</b>	<b>021-4870434</b>
<b>Fr. Ted Sheehan</b>	<b>021-4876171</b>

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Jun-28 & Jun-29-2008

**St. Mary & St. John      Christ Our Light**

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

**7:30 pm** Jim Cahill  
Kit Cahill  
Sheila O'Connor  
John Canty

**8:30 am** Theresa Lucey  
Rita Murphy  
Mona Holland

**11:00 am** Carmel Ryan  
Angela Cunningham  
Laurence Cunningham  
Eileen Byrne

**10:00 am** Tadhg Murphy  
Mary Murphy  
Joan Tobin  
Tony O'Leary  
Phil Kennedy  
Denis Healy

**12:30 pm** Eileen Garvey  
Sally Power  
Breda Callanan  
Olan O'Mahony

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

**5:30 pm** Neil O'Donoghue  
Phil O'Connell  
Maire McCullagh

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