

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 22-September-2013

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus lamented the fact that the 'children of light' are not as astute at doing good as the wicked are at looking after themselves. It may be that some of our ineffectiveness in doing good arises from a lack of total commitment to God. We cannot have it both ways; self- concerned and love of God don't mix.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

"He cannot be friend both of God and money"

Teachers avail of many methods to teach and impart knowledge. Jesus had a favourite way of teaching, he tended to tell stories (or parables) about every day events and these stories always convey a message or had a moral. Jesus used stories as his favourite method of helping people to discover the truth. People can reflect on the story for themselves and deduce the appropriate lesson. Stories have an added advantage in that they are easily remembered and influence us for many years.

Today's story in the Gospel is an intriguing tale of the master and servant, money and sly dealing, the lesson is clear. As Jesus tells the story, the servant who loses his job knows exactly what he has to do to get himself into another job and a secure future, use his position to make friends with people who will then take care of him. Smart move, street wise, clever thinking.

So says the lord use your gifts and talents in a joyful and generous way with others and so prepare for yourself a highway to heaven. Learn that life is God's gift to you, a gift to be rejoiced in and shared with all. Life is not a private possession to be hoarded for one self.

The prophet Amos is a great champion of Justice and the poor. He assailed the oppressors of the poor as well as the judicial system which denied the poor any hope of getting justice. The short reading from Amos is a good example. Here he depicts the greed of the wealthy, who are in a hurry for the Holy day to end so that they can get back to their dishonesty and cheating and making huge profits at the expense of the poor.

It is difficult to change the habits of a lifetime. Dostoevsky says, "the second half of one's life is usually made up of the habits acquired during the first half."

George O'Mahony

Reflection for Parents

Children learn at a young age that "buying friends" is a possibility. Even we adults use our resources to entertain friends. How often do we do things with our friends that we think will build our relationships by spending money either on food, entertainment, or gifts? The point of this Gospel is to help us remember that the most important way we can use our resources is in the service of others. From time to time, as we see our children selecting elaborate birthday gifts for a friend, or wanting to include friends in an expensive form of entertainment, we may need to remind them and ourselves of the message in today's Gospel.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us now bring our needs before God, whose help is near to those who turn to him with trust and humility.

Reader

For Christians: that their weekday lives may bear witness to the faith they profess on Sundays.

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

For all those in the position of responsibility: that they may use their power for the good of all.

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

For the children of darkness: that they may see the error of their ways.

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

For ourselves: that we may live always as children of the light.

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

For those who have died: that they may reach the light that never fades.

**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

God of power and love, confirm us in your service and help us to bear witness to you in the society in which we live. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

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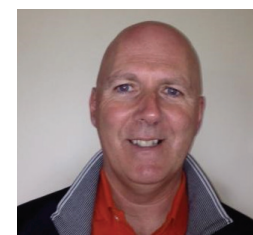
BAPTISMS

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

- Kayla Fionna O’Sullivan, Willowfields.
- Daniel Patrick O’Leary, Grange Manor, Ovens.
- Alana Kate Corcoran, Kilmainham, Dublin.
- Jack Aidan Mac Sweeney, The Mews, Lee Road.
- Emma Catherine O’Farrell, Leslies Arch, Old Quarter.
- Kail Franciszek Borecki, Time Square.
- Cillian Michael Scallan, Cranford Pines .
- Faolan Gearoid McAuliffe, Carrigdenne.
- Anthony John O’Leary, The Circle, Coolroe Meadows.
- Colin James O’Brien, Leslies Arch, Old Quarter.
- Kacper Okon, The Quadrants.
- Shay Paul McGillicuddy, Coolyduff, Inniscarra.
- Joe Jeremiah Long, Greystones.
- Rebecca Molly O’Keeffe, Manor Hill.
- Ava Patricia Sexton, Clash Road, Carrigrohane.
- Michael Johns Ekonwie Tah, Granary Court, The Maltings.
- Leina Naomi Grevieve Tah, Granary Court, The Maltings.
- Maya Zofia Cymerkiewicz, An Caislean Close.
- Adam David Sheehan, Leslies Arch, Old Quarter.

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

- James & Evelyn McSweeney, Cloghroe.
- James O’Callaghan, Galway.
- John Walsh, College Square, College Road.
- John & Ellen Beamish, Clonakilty.
- Jim & Katie-Ellen O’Grady, Sligo.
- Patrick & Joan Linehan, Courtbrack.
- Tom Murphy, Mossgrove.
- Katrina Horgan, Castlepark.
- Michael Cosgrove, Galway.
- Breda Mac Sweeney, Beech Park.
- Michael O’Regan, Carriganarra/Birmingham.
- Timothy Joseph Murphy, Castle Avenue.
- Michael Gaffney, Castle Avenue.
- John Forrest, Ballygarvan.
- Brendan Lynch, Old Court.
- Fr. Sean Murphy, Station Road.
- Eileen O’Connell, Turners Cross.
- Catherine & Joseph O’Beirne, Glasheen.
- James O’Leary, Curraheen.
- Cecelia Pauline Leahy, Lee View, Carrigrohane.
- Nan & Maurice O’Flynn, Curraheen & Mullingar.



Special Mass

Today the 12.30pm Mass in Christ Our Light will be offered for the repose of the soul of the late Fr. Sean O’Driscoll. Fr. Sean died on August 3rd following a brave battle with cancer. Deepest Sympathy is expressed to his Mother Nellie, brother Pat, sisters Bernie and Martina, relatives, Diocesan Community and his many friends.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Twenty Fifth Week In Ordinary Time

- 22 Sunday Am. 8:4-7. Ps. 112. 1 Tim. 2: 1-8. Lk. 16: 1-13. Lect I: 910
- 23 Monday Ezra 1:1-6. Ps. 125. Lk. 8:16-18. Lect II: 325
- 24 Tuesday Ezra 6:7-8.12.14-20 Ps 121 Lk 8:19-21 Lect II: 327
- 25 Wednesday Ezra 9:5-9. Ps. Tob. 13:2-8. Lk. 9: 1-6. Lect II: 329
- 26 Thursday Hag. 1:1-8. Ps. 149. Lk. 9:7-9. Lect II: 331
- 27 Friday Hag. 1:15-2:9. Ps. 42. Lk. 9:18-22. Lect II: 333
- 28 Saturday Zech. 2:5-9,14-15. Ps. Jer. 3:10-13. Lk. 9:43-45. Lect II:335

Next Sunday’s Readings 29/September/2013

Am. 6:1, 4-7. Ps. 145. 1 Tim. 6:11-16. Lk. 16:19- 31. Lect I: 914

**Ballincollig Parish
Bereavement Support Group**

A Bereavement Support Programme will commence in Ballincollig on Tuesday 8th October. It continues each Tuesday night for 8 weeks (7.30 to 9.30 pm). It is held in a small group setting and is open to anyone who is experiencing the grief and loss of a loved one. It also provides the opportunity to share one’s own personal grief and experience the support of others in a confidential setting. For further details please contact:

Sr Colette at 086.3557375

**“Mothers’ Prayers”
Continue**

Every Wednesday @ 10.30 a.m
Meeting Room at Christ our Light Church
Every Thursday @ 10.00 a.m
Parish house - ‘Sonas’ - Station Road
(almost opposite Parish Community Hall)

We welcome all Mothers, Grandmothers, God-mothers to join us in prayer for our children and the youth of our parish on one of these mornings.

Musical Morning

Musical morning will resume in the Ballincollig Library ay 11am on Tuesday September 24th .Musical choice will be presented by Denis O’Callaghan.

All welcome. Admission free.

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7
We are called to act with justice.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8
Paul reminds us to think of others and to pray for them.

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13
At first, it would seem that this Gospel passage praises dishonesty, but in fact, it gives credit for a clever and quick response. There was a man who managed the land for his master. What his misdeeds were not quite clear, but something had gone wrong in their relationship and the manager was about to be fired. Not physically able to dig ditches and too proud to beg, the manager worried about how he would live. In a quick response, he went to all the people who owed his master produce and had them change their bills to reflect a lesser amount. In this way, the people who saved money would welcome the manager into their homes once he had been fired. The master wasn't rewarding the manager for his dishonesty, but for his cleverness and quick thinking. The point Jesus wanted to make with this parable was to let the crowd know that they should be wise in their use of the world's goods, because if they are used selfishly, they will fail us. However, if we share our resources with others, true wealth will await us in the Kingdom. The final point of Jesus' words was that we cannot serve two masters, God and money.

An International Gathering Conference hosted by the Pioneer Association will take place in All Hallows College, Dublin, on the 28th and 29th September.

The theme is
'The Spirit that sets us free' - Overcoming Addiction.

For more details contact the Pioneer Association,
27 Upper Sherrard Street, Dublin 1. Tel: 01 8749464.

Email: pioneer@jesuit.ie Website:
www.pioneerassociation.ie

Talks on addiction and spirituality, open forum discussions, a celebratory service for healing and wholeness, lunch, dinner and evening entertainment on the Saturday. The Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated by Dr Diarmuid Martin, Archbishop of Dublin on the Sunday. €70 per person.

DOCUMENTS of VATICAN II.

Continuing our series on The Documents of Vatican II
Our theme this week is,

The People of God.

Though there are many nations there is but one people of God, which takes its citizens from every race, making them citizens of a kingdom which is of a heavenly rather than an earthly nature. All the faithful, scattered though they may be throughout the world, are in communion with each other in the Holy Spirit.

Vatican II, Dogmatic Constitution on the Church
Lumen Gentium, 13.

**National Legion of Mary
Pilgrimage to Knock**

Will take place on Sunday, 29th September with the coach leaving from St. Patrick's Quay at 7.30 am. sharp. If interested please ring 4364474 or 086 1929263.

Bulletin Board

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place on **Saturday 21st September, 2013 at 12.00 noon** 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.

Children's Mass

The next Children's Mass for children in second class preparing for their first Holy Communion will take place on Sunday 6th October, 2013 at 11.00am in Church of Christ Our Light. The Parents of children who are seven and eight are asked to bring them to this Mass. Preparation with the children commences in the main body of the church at 10.45am. The children retire to the crying room where they celebrate the Liturgy of the Word in a child friendly fashion. They will return to the main church at the start of the offertory procession.

Coeliac Host

Coeliac Host available at all Masses in both churches. Generally the Priest celebrating the Mass has the Coeliac Host. To help the Celebrant you might please let him know before the Mass.

Envelope collection for the Priesthood Education.

The Annual Collection for the Education of Students for the Priesthood will take place on Saturday and Sunday September 21st / 22nd

Firstly, and fortunately, we have been blessed with a reasonably number of students in recent years. After one Ordination in June, we have four seminarians in Maynooth and a further two at the Irish College in Rome. While we are delighted that we have so many students, it must be remembered that the cost of educating each student can be as much as €28,000 per year. We expect the Education of Clerical students this year to reach 156,000.

This September the Diocese is also fortunate in that six men are commencing a preparation year for the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese. The cost of this venture will be €12,000, with an increased amount in future years, should these candidates continue.

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.

Accord

Pre Marriage Course is being organised by Accord at Oriel Court House Hotel on 18th & 19th October, 2013. Bookings phone 027 50272 or www.accord.ie

Fr. George

Gougane Barra

Annual Mass in Gougane Barra Church will be celebrated on Sunday 29th September at 2pm.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Sep/28 & Sep/29/2013

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)

Sean Collins
Katie Collins
8:30 am
Triona Downey

10:00 am
Grace Buttimer
Orla Horgan

12:00 Noon
Chloe Dalton O'Connor
Katie Tobin

7:30 pm (Vigil)

Jessica Lingard

11:00 am
Chidera Ebili
Kristian Calvert

12:30 pm
Adaugu Ebili
Caterina Nugent
5:30 pm
Siobhan Keane-Hopcraft

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
Except First Saturday of
Month

Saturday

4:30 pm
First Saturday of Month

12:45 pm

Sunday

PARISH CLERGY

Priest on Duty

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021-4871206

Fr. Dave O'Connell C.C.

021-4876171 or frdaveoconnell@gmail.com

Fr. James McSweeney

021-4873308

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.

Ballincollig Tidy Towns

We wish Ballincollig Tidy Towns all the best next
Friday when the results of The Entente Florale will
be announced in Belgium—All hoping for GOLD.



Living with Suicide Day

Lough Derg, Wednesday 25th September. A day dedicated to
anyone who has been affected by suicide, including those who
minister and provide support. It is a guided day with three ex-
pert speakers as well as time for peaceful reflection and prayer
on the Island. Booking essential, contact Maureen 071

9861518/028 6862391

or email info@loughderg.org.

Full details on www.loughderg.org

Saturday Workshops

Brú Columbanus, Wilton.

10.15 am to 4.30 pm

Personal Development: 28th September

€50 per Workshop

Details: Mary: 087 4187447

or email corkcpd@gmail.com

www.corkpersonaldevelopment.com

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Sep/28 & Sep/29/2013

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm

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

7:30 pm

Anne O'Regan
Mairead Murphy
Finbarr Murray
Lettie Kelly
Mary Murphy

8:30 am

Mary Buckley
Rita Murphy
Denis Healy / Tom
Butler

11:00 am

Seamus O'Connell
Mary O'Connell
Alan O'Riordan
Geraldine Keohane
Gerard Murray

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
J.P.O'Leary

12 Noon

Oliver O'Donovan
Miriam Maunsell
Sean Hennessy
Mary McLean
Ellen Seymour
Nora Hennessy

5:30 pm

Noelle Buckley
Mary Breen

Mind Our Men

This campaign is calling on the women and men of Ireland
to look out for the men in their lives. Together we can help
reduce the rate of male suicide. For every 10 suicides in
Ireland, 8 of them are men - we want you to reach out and
look out for the men closest to you.

Spot the signs. Save a life.

Pieta House

**The Centre for the Prevention of
Self-Harm or Suicide**

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E: mary@pieta.ie | **W:** www.pieta.ie

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.