

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 23-February-2014

Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

*The Lord is Compassion and Love.*

*We cannot celebrate the Lord of love without resolving to be more like him; for we are built into him like stones into a Temple erected to give glory to God. We belong to him.*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

## Perfect

I begin by offering my sympathy to Fr George and his family on the occasion of the death of his Mum Kitty RIP.

On behalf of people from the parish, the community and beyond I extend prayers, thoughts and support. We pray to the Lord for Kitty's repose and God Spirit of comfort and light for the bereaved.

Returning to the relatively lesser task of this week's reflection we continue to hear from THE SERMON. Jesus offers His manifesto to those who follow Him as He said to his disciples:

'Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.'

During the last few days of January I was fortunate to get a short few days on the east coast. As schools were closed this week for mid-term some of you will have managed to use the break to rest, to get away, to study, to pursue interests in sport and other things.

While I was away myself I noticed many of the staff used the word perfect. It seemed that the word Perfect was a word that reflected the Ethos or goal of the place. As I completed my evaluation and comments I tended to agree that many aspects of my stay deserved the word PERFECT.

What stands out for me every time I hear these particular verses of St Matthew's Gospel is the final sentence

"You must therefore be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect."

To focus too much on the Ideal is a pity because being perfect is very difficult if not impossible.

I admit that I am an organized person and I like order. Some might say too much so. I used to be worse. I used to be a perfectionist at all levels of life. I strived for perfection in work, in relationship, in prayer, in the spiritual life, in every aspect of life. But I have with the experience of life that perfection is just about impossible. Rather what is most important is our effort at every level of life is to strive to be and do our best. It is not black and white, in or out. Thankfully, it has been my experience in life, to know and experience God's perfect love, acceptance, tolerance, understanding and even humour mirrored in others.

As his disciple, follower, minister, child, striving towards He who is perfect is the challenge. A call to holiness, the spiritual, the divine is a call to share in a life, in and through God's grace, that allows us in our imperfections and limitations to forgive "our enemies"; to strive to avoid the popular call to revenge.

The ethos of our call is our decision to strive for the Holy, and truly imitate the Model of the Master and Teacher.

Nobody and nothing is perfect.

*Dave O'Connell*

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

### Priest

We accept that together we are the temple of God, and we make our common prayer to the God who crowns our lives with love and compassion.

### Reader

For peace and harmony among Christians of different traditions.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For peace and harmony in countries where the population is made up of different religions and ethnic groups.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the healing of relationships that are strained or that have gone sour.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those who have hurt us in any way, and whom we find hard to love.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For families; that husbands and wives may be devoted to each other and to their children.

**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

Merciful God, fill our hearts with your love. Give us the grace to rise above our human weakness, and keep us faithful in loving you and one another. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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**BAPTISMS**

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

Conor BarryMurphy, Ballyburden.  
 Aidin Doireann Kelly, Waltham Abbey, Old Quarter.  
 Ruby Anne O'Callaghan, Lee View.  
 Saibh Ethel Murray, Rosewood.  
 Ben William Roche, Westbury Heights, Coolroe.  
 Carrie Elizabeth O'Keefe, Oaklands.

**† IN SYMPATHY †**

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

Kitty O'Mahony, Drimoleague.  
 Elma Burke, Carriganarra & Nohoval.  
 Con O'Leary, Dripsey/Canada.  
 Patsy Galvin, Aylsbury.

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

Jim Murphy, Pinewalk.  
 Scot Fitzgerald, Innishmore.  
 Bill & Kitty O'Connell, Ballyphehane.  
 Fred Hutchinson, Barrack Street.  
 Nora Barrett, Coolroe.  
 Patrick & Catherine Howard, Ballinlough.  
 Jim Deasy, Aherla.  
 Nora & Thomas O'Driscoll, Kerry Pike.  
 Mamie Quinn, Powdermills.  
 Annie Drohan, Old Youghal Road.  
 Daniel & Mary O'Leary, Aglish, Farran.  
 Mary O'Mahony, Castlepark.  
 Eugene & Margaret Teahan, Killarney.  
 Stephen Downey, Macroom.  
 Margaret Connelly, Muskerry Estate.  
 Tim & Lily Lucey, Prosperity Square.  
 Sean O'Sullivan, Togher.  
 Pauline Ryan, Turner's Cross & Ballincollig.  
 Michael & Margaret Flaherty, Pouladuff.  
 Helen Lynch, Guarranes.  
 Michael & Dave McCarthy, Union Hall.  
 Kevin & Dave McCarthy, Rosewood.  
 Tim & Eileen Murphy, Bishopstown.  
 Nora Molloy, Tullamore.  
 Con O'Mahony, Ballyvolane.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Seventh Week In Ordinary Time**

23 Sunday Lev 19:1-2, 17-18. Ps 102. 1 Cor 3:16-23. Mt 5:38-48. Lect I: 656.  
 24 Monday Jas 3:13-18. Ps 18. Mk 9:14-29. Lect II: 537  
 25 Tuesday Jas. 4: 1-10. Ps. 54. Mk. 9:30-37. Lect II: 540  
 26 Wednesday Jas 4:13-17. Ps 48. Mk 9:38-40 Lect II: 542  
 27 Thursday Jas 5:1-6. Ps 48. Mk 9:41-50. Lect II: 543  
 28 Friday Jas 5:9-12. Ps 102. Mk 10:1-12. Lect II: 545  
 01 Saturday Jas 5:13-20. Ps 140. Mk 10:13-16. Lect II: 547

**Next Sunday's Readings 02/March/2014**  
 Is 49: 14-15. Ps 61. 1 Cor 4:1-5. Mt 6:24-34. Lect I: 658

**Reflection for Parents**

Jesus tells us how to resolve our problems using love instead of violence. When someone hurts us, it is tempting to hurt them right back; but Jesus gives us another plan. It is a plan that is as unusual for our time as it was for the people of Jesus' time. He said to love the person who hurts us. Love our enemies. We know our friends and understand them. Sometimes it is because we know them that we accept some of the odd or annoying things they do. Jesus says everyone can love and forgive a friend. That part's easy. It is loving our enemy that may be the challenge. Nearly every world religion has a message of this sort . . . now if we could all just live it!

**Blood Donor Clinic**

Due to the impact of recent storms on our Blood Supply, we will be holding a Blood Donor Clinic today Sunday 23rd February

In The GAA Pavilion  
 Ballincollig  
 from 12noon to 4pm

Blood Donation is essential to ensure Hospital Patients get the treatment they need.

One Donation can save up to 3 Lives

**CROWLEY**

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 Pre-Planning Available

**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18  
 The best way to love yourself is by imitating God's holiness. And begin by avoiding sin, especially the hatred which leads to bearing grudges and seeking revenge. It is not in anyone's interest to bottle things up inside. Instead be up front with those who have offended you in order to clear the air. Do not let the sun go down on your anger.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23  
 Human wisdom often seems to suggest that our value depends on what we own. The more belongings we have the more people look up to us. But God's wisdom turns this pattern on its head. Our dignity stems from our belonging to Christ, who in turn belongs to his Father. The Spirit is God's mark of ownership over us. We are no ordinary dwelling place, but temples of the Spirit.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:38-48  
 One disadvantage of a legalistic view of morality is that it can lead to minimalism, an attitude represented by the question, 'How far can I go before I commit sin?' The scribes thought that if they followed certain rules exactly they could claim a right to God's reward. But the call to 'be perfect as God is perfect' is a reminder of the open ended nature of morality. There is always an extra mile to go for others. The saintly person is always eager to go beyond the call of duty. We are to follow the example of the Good Samaritan who not only saved a man's life but was willing to pay the innkeeper to look after him. Jesus goes beyond duty in praying for his persecutor.

**The Joy of the Gospel...  
 What is I saying to us today?**

A talk followed by discussion by Fr Kevin O'Gorman SMA, lecturer in Moral Theology in Saint Patrick's College, Maynooth when he will explore the contents of this latest document from Pope Francis and offer his insights to us and what it means for us in our parishes in Ireland today.

Two dates – two venues:  
 Friday 28th February  
 3:00pm to 5:00pm Clonakilty Parish Centre  
 Friday 7th March  
 7:30pm to 9:30pm Blackrock Parish Centre  
 All are welcome – there is no charge  
 To book places contact: 021 4537474

This is a Faith Development Initiative of the Pastoral Development Office

**The Alliance of the Two Hearts**

All-night Vigil  
 Of Reparation & Adoration  
 on  
 Friday 28th February  
 St. Francis Church  
 Liberty Street, Cork  
 Rosary starts @ 9pm  
 Friday Mass @ 9.30pm  
 First Saturday Mass @ Midnight Friday  
 (come for all or part of it)

**Bulletin Board**

**Mass Diaries**

Mass Diaries to book Mass intentions for Apr, May & Jun will open in both churches on Saturday March 8th at 9.00am. Priority will be given to those booking 1st Anniversary Mass.

**Garda Vetting**

Many thanks to the Ministers of the Eucharist who returned their Garda Vetting forms. Please return outstanding forms without delay, to the Parish Office or Sacristy., the Diocesan Office have requested that all Ministers of the Eucharist are vetted.. Thank you for your co-operation.

**Diocesan Directory**

Diocesan Directory available, up to-date information on Parishes, Mass times, Religious, and Schools.

**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.

Fr. George

**Diabetes Ireland**

Public Education Meeting & AGM  
 This is an opportunity for people with Diabetes to attend 3 separate focused educational meetings.  
 Contact – Charlotte or Pauline on 021 4274229 or sro@diabetes.ie

**Ballincollig Tidy Towns**

Table Quiz  
 Thursday 13th March 2014 @ 8.30pm  
 Treacy's Bar & Restaurant  
 Table of Four: €30.00  
 To Register for Quiz: Call Pat Clarke 087-6348807

**Music Morning**

Ballincollig Library at 11am on Tuesday 25th February, presented by Eileen Hackett from Macroom Gramophone Circle. Cuppa will be served. All are welcome, admission free

**Interested in becoming a Home Sharer?**

We need people like you to share your time and provide short breaks to a child or adult with an intellectual disability involving them in everyday activities with your family at your home. Why not give a child time away from their family in your home, a new environment where you give them fun, independence, the chance to meet new people and build on their social skills. Their parents can recharge their batteries, while all the time knowing their child is with someone they can trust.

Experience is not necessary as training, support and an allowance are provided. If you are interested in making a real difference to the life of a person with an intellectual disability and their family, please contact Clare or Maria at: 086-0449377 or email homesharecork@bocss.org for more information

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Mar/01 & Mar/02/2014

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**  
Rosarie Cotter  
Laura O'Keeffe  
**8:30 am**  
Pat Fennell

**10:00 am**  
Tony Hegarty  
William Green  
**12:00 Noon**  
Tony Lynch / Shane Tully  
Evan Keating

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**  
Nonyi Ebili  
Jennifer Nyagaya  
**11:00 am**  
Jacob Derham

**12:30 pm**  
Cathy Naughton  
Una Lynch  
**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  
Except First Saturday of  
Month

**Saturday**

4:30 pm  
First Saturday of Month

12:45 pm

**Sunday**

**PARISH CLERGY**

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Fr. James McSweeney	021-4873308

**Funeral Pastoral Team Rota**

Week 24th February to 2nd March

Brid Dunne	087 6293601
Sr. Colette O'Leary	086 3557375

**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.

**Cork Scripture Group**

Module 3 of the Diocesan Bible Study Certificate will begin on Monday Feb 24th in SCALA (opposite Blackrock Castle) and will run for six nights. This module will be an introduction to the Gospels and will be presented by Fr Ben Hegarty OP, Marian Mortell & Fr John Newman. There are a limited number of places available on the module. Cost €50.

For information and booking: contact Cork Scripture Group at corksripturegroup@gmail.com or 021-4295144 (Marian or Phil).

**Cuan Mhuire, Farnanes**

Ladies Treatment Centre.

Pancake Fundraiser on Shrove Tuesday, 4th March  
10.30am – 12.00pm.

Join us for pancakes, tea, coffee and raffles.



**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Mar/01 & Mar/02/2014

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

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

**8:30 am** Theresa Lucey  
Rita Murphy / Tom  
Butler  
Mona Holland

**10:00 am** Margaret Bunyan  
Mary Murphy  
Joan Tobin  
Breda Monaghan  
Niamh Nic Gearailt  
Ann McCarthy

**12 Noon** Marie Bowen  
Breda Lenihan  
Jacinta Jeffers  
Rena O'Connor  
Sean Farrell  
Mary Hennigan

**7:30 pm** Sheila O'Connor  
Martin O'Regan  
Brid Healy-Harris  
Kit Cahill

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

**12:30 pm** Eileen Garvey  
Sally Power  
Breda Callanan  
Catherine Freehill  
Betty Walsh / Liam  
Buckley

**5:30 pm** Olan O'Mahony  
Ann-Marie Whelan  
Noel Kelleher

**Young Adults to Lourdes - June 2014**

An invitation is extended to all young adults aged 18-35 to join our diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes from 11th to 16th June 2014 participating in our "come and see & be a helping hand" programme. This includes spending six days assisting with the sick and elderly pilgrims from our diocese, participating in the Masses and liturgies each day, walking in the footsteps of Bernadette, taking time for prayer, for making new friends and for spending time in a spirit of faith with other like-minded young adults from our diocese. Accommodation will include full board at the Hotel Excelsior located within minutes of the sanctuary.

The cost includes flights from Cork Airport.

Further details and booking from  
Sr. Karen Tel: 021 4537601