

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 23-September-2012

Twenty Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

The following of Christ is not for the ambitious and selfish. Christians will inevitably find their goodness, gentleness and love put to the test. They will survive the test only if their life is based on trust in God as his Father.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Service to Others

The Word of God this weekend especially the Gospel according to St. Mark and the first reading on Wednesday of the Twenty Fourth week from St Paul challenge us to use our minds and hearts to discover how we are being asked to behave as followers of Christ. St. Paul boldly announces "be ambitious for the higher gifts, and I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them." At Capernaum, Christ asks the disciples "what were you arguing about on the road? They said nothing, because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. He sat them down and taught them, "Anyone who wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all". St James says "wherever you have jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done."

We, the followers of Christ are expected to listen to the Word of God and to apply it to our Christian living. The signposts are not clearly visible in these readings and the Lord has blessed us with intellects to help us plot our way following Christ. Jesus did not abolish ambition but rather redefined it. For ambition to rule others he supplied ambition to serve others. For ambition to have others doing things for us he substituted ambition to do things for others.

Jesus goes on to teach that true greatness is to be found in being the servant of others, especially the weaker members of our community. Serving the little ones from whom we can expect little reward is the real test. Christ reminds us in Mt. 25:46. "As long as you did it to one of these, the least of my brethren, you did it to me." Service implies that I am not there for myself but for others. A servant has to get used to being taken for granted.

George O'Mahony

Thought for Today

It may be difficult for parents of our time to think of children as "non-persons." They are probably the most important people in our lives! Parents in ancient times loved their children just as parents do today. While children in our time are protected by many laws, still very few children carry any authority or power in our culture. So the difference is not in children and parents of two different times, rather the point is how children are unencumbered by status. Their love for God is fresh and uncomplicated. This is a quality in our children we should consciously observe and emulate.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Those who serve are the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Let us pray to God for our own needs and those of the Church and the world.

Reader

For the Pope and the bishops that they may give an example of humble and loving service to their brothers and sisters in the Church.

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

For those in positions of authority in society: that they may put the service of others before personal ambition.

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

For those who are suffering in the cause of right.

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

For those who do menial jobs: that they may receive a just reward for their labours.

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

For all in this congregation: that as followers of Christ we may be as willing to give as to receive.

**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, grant that what we have said with our lips, we may believe with our hearts, and practise with our lives. We make all our prayers through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord upholds my life.

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BAPTISMS

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

Jenna Nary Deane, Oldcourt.
 Stacey Rose Isabelle O'Driscoll, The Sycamores, Classes Lake.
 Matthew Marcelo Jones, The Elms Classes Lake.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Dorothy Cross, Aylsbury.
 Esme Dwyer, Cork.
 Ann Carroll, Ballincollig and late of Clashanure, Ovens.

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

Willie Kavanagh, Raheen.
 Patrick & Joe Linehan, Courtbrack.
 May Dennehy, Kilmichael.
 Cathal O'Connor, Bishopstown.
 Willie & Nora Linehan, Blackrock.
 Maureen Cuddihy, Coolroe.
 Tom Murphy, Muskerry Estate.
 Michael Eager, Glanworth.
 Dec. members O'Callaghan family, Castlerea, Co. Roscommon
 Fr. Sean Murphy, Station Road.
 Agnes Nora Murphy, Bishopstown.
 Ceclia Pauline Leahy, Carrigrohane.
 Kathleen Murray, Carrigrohane Road.
 Monica Fitton, Kilnaglory.
 Timothy & Josephine Murphy, Castle Avenue.
 Daniel & Margaret Murphy, Knockburden.
 Dan Murphy, Bray.
 Kate & Patrick Cosgrove, Galway.
 Michael & Kathleen Healy, Beara.
 Brendan Lynch, Greenfields.
 Nell O'Connell, Turners Cross.
 Patrick & Mary O'Mahony, Newcestown.
 Dec members of the O'Mahony Family, Newcestown.
 Dec members of the Keating Family, Caherciveen.
 Nuala Delaney, Inniscarra View.

The Pavilion Garden Centre Ballygarvan

Is hosting a Plant Fair next weekend 29 & 30 Sept 12-5 pm, free workshops, music & artisan food.
 All funds raised go to Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind.
 All welcome. 021 4888134, www.thepavilion.ie

Muskerry Local History Society

Will launching its 2012 - 2013 lecture season on Tuesday September 25th, with a presentation on
The Titanic Story: Selection & Survival
 Presented by Dr Michael Martin.
 The lecture will take place in The Ballincollig Rugby Club (Tanner Park) Clubhouse at 8.00 pm.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Twenty Fifth Week In Ordinary Time

23 Sunday Wis 2:12, 17-20. Ps 53. Jas 3:16-4:3. Mk 990-37. Lect I: 802

24 Monday Prov 3:27-34. Ps 14. Lk 8:16-18. Lect II: 776

25 Tuesday Prov 21 :1-6,10-13. Ps 1 18. Lk 8:19-21. Lect II: 778

26 Wednesday Prov 305-9. Ps 1 18. Lk 9:1-6. Lect II: 780

27 Thursday Eccl 1:2-11. Ps. 89. Lk 9:7-9. Lect II: 782

28 Friday Eccles (Qoh). 3: 1-11. Ps. 143. Lk. 9: 18-22. Lect II: 784

29 Saturday Dan 7:9-10, 13-1 4. or Apoc 12:7- 12. Ps 137. Jn 1:47-51. Lect II: 1205

Next Sunday's Readings 30-September-2012

Num 11:25-29. Ps 18. Jas 5:1-6. Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48. Lect I: 804

Baptism

Preparation for the sacrament of baptism resumed in Ballincollig last Saturday. At present there are three parishioners involved in the presentation. That team could be increased by at least two adults as hospitality is part of each preparation. I am inviting more adults to volunteer for this ministry with a view to having two teams involved to share the task and give witness to their faith, preparation will be provided in advance.

To remain silently in God's presence is like breathing deeply after we had lacked sufficient air

Brother Roger of Taizé

"Mothers' Prayers"

Continue

Every Wednesday at 10.30 am

Meeting Room at Christ our Light Church

Every Thursday at 10.00 am

AT NEW PARISH CENTRE (SONAS) STATION ROAD

(almost opposite Parish Community Hall)

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

(Please note change of venue for Thursday mornings!)

Chocolate Sale.

Butler's Chocolate Bars will be on sale after 11.00 am
 Mass in Christ Our Light on October 7th.
 This collection is in aid of the Hope Foundation. Profits will go directly to helping the street children of Calcutta.
 All support is greatly appreciated.

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Wisdom 2:12. 17-20
 People just don't like a prophet. Someone who speaks up, telling the truth, may well be rejected. Holiness does not always lead to happiness. Sometimes, it leads to pain and suffering and death.

Second Reading: James 3:16-4:3
 The early Christians were not better than we are. They were just as envious, just as resentful, and just as bitter. Listen now, and hear the remedy.

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37
 Who is the greatest; Celebrity farm had a winner; some win many medals, others set records of all kinds, many have the most recent model and biggest car in the range, many achieve fantastic results in the Leaving and Junior Cert exams; well done to all the high achievers in our midst.

Christ however is looking for a different kind of achievement. Jesus asks us "When you wish to be first make yourself last; When you wish to be great make yourself little; When you want to be the masters make yourself the servant." Christ asks to live this kind of life; He lived as the Suffering Servant, washed people feet, mixed with the outcasts and made time for the small people (the people that are rarely noticed) Lord when we ask the question Who is the greatest may we remember to look to you for guidance in our answer.

An Invitation to Remember...

A Service of Remembrance will be held by Cork University Maternity Hospital on Sunday 14th October at 4 pm in Sacred Heart Church, Western Road.
 All who have experienced pregnancy or infant loss are welcome to attend

**Ballincollig Parish
 Bereavement Support Group**

A Bereavement Support Programme will commence in Ballincollig on Tuesday 9th October and will continue each Tuesday night for 8 weeks (7.30 to 9.30 pm). This programme is held in a small group setting. It is open to anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. It 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

**Walk the Camino of Cork
 Walk from Kealkill to Gougane Barra**

On Gougane Sunday, 30th September, join pilgrims as they hill walk along the ancient way of Saint Finbarr from Kealkill to Gougane Barra.
 Bus will leave from the Sacred Heart Church, Western Road at 8:00 am to bring pilgrims to Kealkill - Cost €6.
 Suitable walking gear essential!
 More information or book place on the bus contact Fr Alan Neville MSC 086 7857955

Bulletin Board

Children's Mass

The Children's Mass will resume this Sunday September 23rd in Christ Our Light at 11 a. m. This Mass, is especially **for children in second class preparing for their first Holy Communion**, has been organised by dedicated parents for several years in the parish. The children find this helpful and the parents are delighted to help them. To enable this to continue for children, parents are invited to volunteer to help their children. To this end parents are invited to a meeting in the crying room immediately after the 11a.m Mass in Christ Our Light on September 23rd. We hope that parents will support this effort by giving their time. Looking forward to seeing you there. Volunteers' support is much appreciated.

**Envelope collection
 For the Priesthood Education this weekend**

The Annual Collection for the Education of Students for the Priesthood will take place this weekend September 22nd/23rd. The Diocese currently has five men in training for the Priesthood. These students are in Saint Patrick's College, Maynooth. This Collection is the principal source of funding for the education of our students. This collection has also been used to subsidize a number of lay people from the Diocese, who are involved in their parishes and are studying Theology.

Altar Servers

We invite volunteers to serve as altar servers in both churches, volunteers together with parents please contact any priest after Mass or directly to parish office on telephone 021 4871206.

Accord

Pre Marriage Course is being organised by Accord at Oriel Court House Hotel on October 12th & 13th
 Bookings phone 027 50272 or www.accord.ie

Dates for your Diary

Novena for the dead 2nd – 10th November in both churches
Mass for the recently deceased
 Monday November 12th at 8 pm
 in Church of St Mary & St John
Mass in St Oliver's Cemetery
 Saturday November 3rd at 2 pm
Mass in St Mary & St Johns Cemetery
 Saturday November 10th at 12 noon
Advent Retreat December 3rd 4th & 5th
Penitential Service - December 17th at 8 pm

Fr. George.

Musical Morning

Musical morning will resume in the Ballincollig Library at 11 am on Tuesday September 25th.
 Musical choice will be presented by Denis O'Callaghan.
 A cuppa will be served during the interval.
 All welcome.
 Admission free.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Sep-29 & Sep-30-2012

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
DaNniel McAuliffe
Laura O'Keeffe
8:30 am
Eadaoin O'Leary
Gerald O'Leary
10:00 am
Eileen O'Connell
Diandra Buckley
12:00 Noon
Declan Chalmers
Niamh Keelan.

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Fiona Feely
11:00 am
Sorcha Nic Mheanmain
Maire Buckley
12:30 pm
Kay Carew
Jane O'Leary
5:30 pm
Marlyn O'Connor



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Sep-29 & Sep-30-2012

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

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

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

8:30 am Mary Buckley
Rita Murphy
Denis Healy

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

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

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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

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Need to Talk?

We are there 6 days a week.

Unplanned pregnancy can be hard to take. Also when baby is born coping can be difficult. We are there to listen and support you.

Call CURA at 021 427 7544

Troubled by someone else's drinking?

Try Al-anon. Local Meetings S V de P Centre Station Road
Thursdays 8.30 pm. Phone: 021 4311899.

Age Action's Care & Repair Programme

Free Odd-Job/DIY Service for Older People

Are you 65+ years of age? Do you have a small repair job that you would like to have done? Age Action's Care & Repair service uses a pool of trustworthy volunteer handypersons to carry out minor repairs and odd jobs for older people who find it difficult to do these jobs themselves.

Some of the jobs that our volunteers can do include changing light bulbs, tacking down carpets, minor painting and decorating, hanging curtains, minor gardening, minor carpentry and installing smoke alarms.

The service is free; you only pay for the materials used. For bigger jobs that are beyond the scope of our volunteers, we maintain a register of reliable and honest tradespersons whose contact details we can provide. We can also arrange regular social visits to older people.

All volunteers are Garda vetted and carry official Age Action identification cards. To arrange to have a job done for you, simply call 021-4536554 and we will arrange to have local volunteers contact you.

Age Action is Ireland's leading charity for older people. We believe that Ireland should be the best place in which to grow older. We work to fight discrimination, promote positive ageing and improve policies and services for all older people.