

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 24-November-2013

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

We belong to the rule of Christ who rules not by being served but by his service of people, a service so radical that it led to his death. The cross is Christ's throne: on the cross he is lifted up and makes peace between God and humankind. Those who follow his rule of service will share in his kingdom of peace.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Loss and Bereavement - Part 4 of 4

This week I seek to bring to some kind of conclusion my thoughts on bereavement and the process of Grief. I've suggested that there are the five different stages in the process of Grief and these being Denial - Anger - Bargaining - Depression - Acceptance.

So far I've touched on Denial, Anger and Bargaining.

Denial protects us from the full impact of a loss and allows us to absorb it a little at a time and only as much as we can bear.

Anger can consume us when the truth begins to sink in.

Let there be no judgment on the presence of anger but we are responsible in how we let it manifest itself. There's a kind of craziness until this stage passes and people seem to pull themselves together and begin to recollect their good selves.

They are then ready to bargain.

In Bargaining we tend to make extravagant commitments that are unrealistic. At this stage we see that the situation is irreversible, and that our wishes, promises, prayers, have little or no effect on matters of life and death. It is a sobering and depressing reality.

(D) Depression

Some people confuse sadness and depression. Sadness is what we see at the beginning of grief. Tears flow, voices choke up, and emotions are right on the surface. Depression runs deeper and comes later in the process. Depression almost always follows hard on the heels of the realization that things will never be the same that life will not return to "normal". Depression may be the hardest time. The numbness has worn off and you feel the full weight of your loss. Your supporters have gone back to their own lives. Getting out of bed is a major effort. Getting it all together is unthinkable. It is important to be patient with yourself, to tune out people who are grimly determined to cheer you up. Make time to be alone and to be with people who understand where you are. When this time passes, and it will, you will be through the worst of it. You will have made peace with the situation, and you'll be ready to live again. Depression lifts gradually - an hour or two at first, then half a day or a little longer. You begin to enjoy things that used to give you pleasure. Something new catches your eye; your interest in life begins to revive.

(E) Acceptance

Almost imperceptibly your perspective alters and the fog lifts. Life without the person who has died begins to seem "normal."

We call this stage "acceptance." Accommodation might be a better word. It is nearly impossible to accept the loss of someone you love and to say "goodbye" forever. There will always be an empty space: you will always be sorry he or she has died. But you can make peace with it, and this is what happens in the final stage of grief. But when? Just as relationships take time to build it stands to reason that the restructuring will also take time. When that work of restructuring and disengaging is done, you will be a different person. Grieving is a lonely business even when other people in your family are grieving too. There are some things you can do to keep from feeling quite so alone and to keep the process flowing. Acknowledge your right to grieve. You needn't have lost a child or parent, or a spouse to be a "legitimate" mourner. If the person who died meant something to you, you have every right to mourn - and you need to. Find someone who has had a similar loss. You need someone who understands your grief, who won't minimize it or try to talk you out of it. Some people can share easily with their families. Other people welcome the extra help of counseling or a support group. Don't wait to get this help.

May the Risen Christ always shed His light upon all our moments of life, death, and resurrection.

Dave O'Connell

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us pray to our heavenly Father who has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son.

Reader

Let us pray to our heavenly Father who has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For our political leaders: that they may strive to build a just and peaceful society.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who do not acknowledge Christ as their Saviour and King: that they may discover him in his followers.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for all who are in prison or in detention, that they may not lose heart.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For grace that we may not be afraid to profess our faith in Christ before an indifferent and sometimes hostile world.

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, may we do with loving hearts what you ask of us and come to share the life you promise in the Kingdom of your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

I rejoiced when I hear them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'

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BAPTISMS

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

- John Patrick McAleer, Hodders Villas.
- Hannah Mai Symth, Prospect Lawn.
- Maeve Eloise O'Riordan, The Groves, Wyndham Downs.
- Louis Peter Sheehan, Waltham Abbey, Old Quararter.
- Ella Jane Oldman, Prospect Lawn.
- Blake Charles Hugh, Oak Drive, Classes Lake.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

- Maud Crowley, Beech Park.
- Kathleen Houlihan, Elm Lawn.
- Michael Collins, Ballinlough.
- Philomena Powell, Roman Street.
- Hannah O'Flynn, Turners Cross.
- William O'Sullivan, Raheens.
- Dr. Dan O'Donoghue, Blarney & Cahersiveen.

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

- Martin Mulhern, Coolroe Heights.
- Tom Daly, Leemount.
- Michael O'Donovan, Aghabullogue.
- Charlie, Julia & Sean Dunne, Willow Drive.
- James Cooney, Stocton on Tees.
- Maggie Hackett, Skibbereen.
- Tom & Nora Ryan, West Village.
- Aoife Barry Kelly.
- Ada O'Leary, Poulavone.
- Denis Woods, Lady's Bridge.
- Theresa & Timmy Devane, Annascaul.
- Rita Whelton, Glendower Court.
- Maura & Ber Horgan, Popes Road.
- Mary Buckley, Carrigrohane & Beech Park.
- Ann O'Leary, Ballincollig & Bandon.
- John Herlihy, Inchigeela.
- John C Buttimer, Ahakeera.
- Denis & Jack O'Mahony, Douglas.
- Mick Hennigan, Station Cross.
- Denis Carroll, Cloughduv.
- Noreen O'Driscoll, Castlepark.
- Pat O'Driscoll, Castlepark.
- John Lucey, Macroom.
- Eddie McDermot, Poulavone.
- P. J. Holly.
- Thomas Farrell, Beech Park.

Reflection for Parents

Today's children are not considered outcasts, but if you ask most children, they'll tell you they don't think adults really value their opinion. Jesus always reached out to the people that society generally found unimportant and that is a good thing for us to remember as parents. Even while he hung on the cross, Jesus preached the Good News to the criminals hanging with him. Sometimes we find ourselves living, witnessing, and teaching the Gospel message to our children even when the majority view is different. Jesus' words in today's Gospel give us the courage to share our faith with our children even when society doesn't count their input for much and even when the Gospel message is not the majority viewpoint.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Last Week In Ordinary Time

- 24 Sunday 2 Sam. 5:1-3. Ps. 121. Col. 1:12-20. Lk. 23:35-43. Lect I: 936
- 25 Monday Dan. 1:1-6,8-20. Ps. Dan. 3:52-56. Lk. 21:1-4. Lect II: 439
- 26 Tuesday Dan. 2:31-45. Ps. Dan. 3:57-61. Lk. 21:5-11. Lect II: 442
- 27 Wednesday Dan. 5: 1-6, 13-17, 23-28. Ps. Dan. 3. Lk. 21: 12- 19. Lect II: 444
- 28 Thursday Dan. 6:12-28. Ps. Dan. 3:68-74. Lk. 21 :20-28. Lect II: 447
- 29 Friday Dan. 7:2-14. Ps. Dan. 3. Lk. 21 :29-33. Lect II: 449
- 30 Saturday Rom. 10:9-18. Ps. 18. Mt. 4:1 8-22. Lect II:1279

Next Sunday's Readings 01/December/2013

Is. 2:1-5. Ps. 121. Rom. 13:11-14. Mt. 24:37-44. Lect I: 3

Advent Carol Service

Will be held on Sunday, 1st December at 7 p.m. in the Church of the Descent of the Holy Spirit, Dennehy's Cross. Music, Scripture Readings and Ritual in preparation for Christmas with the Choir of the church, conducted by Organist & Musical Director, Mr. Patrick Killeen, who will celebrate 37 years as Organist in the church on that day.

Ballincollig Community Forum

If you are living, working, or have an interest in Ballincollig, then by definition you are already a member of Ballincollig Community Forum. If you would like to become an active member, would like to represent your club or organisation, or would just like to see what the Community Forum is about, you might have an idea for a community project and you're not sure where to start why not come to the AGM on Tuesday 26th November at 7.30pm in the Oriel House Hotel. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Gala Concert

Presented by the Barry Collins circle of friends.
Ovens GAA Pavilion
Friday November 29th
Commencing at 8pm.
Admission: Adults €10 Children €5

Prayer is not a burden, but a gift; it is not a constraint, but a freedom; it is not a millstone round our neck, but a source of joy.
Pope John Paul II

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3

David was anointed King; he was designated as ruler by a solemn act of pouring oil on his head. The word "Messiah" means the "Anointed One." For this reason, David is a figure of Jesus Christ, his descendant.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:12-20

Paul speaks of the ways in which Christ is our King. In all the aspects of his rule, Christ is spoken of in his human nature, as a man.

Gospel: Luke 23:35-43.

Associated with Jesus' passion, today's Gospel brings us to the scene of the crucifixion. Jesus, on his own cross, is flanked by thieves on either side. One of the thieves jeers and taunts Jesus calling him a king and wondering why a king cannot save himself and them as well. Jesus responds telling the thief that his royalty is not like that of earthly kingdoms. He has no material wealth or armies. The second thief asks Jesus to remember him when he comes into his kingdom. We know today that he is with Jesus in heaven.

Cuan Mhuire, Farnanes

Change of date Sunday 8th to Saturday 7th

Annual Christmas Fare is now taking place on Saturday 7th December from 2pm-5pm. Home-baking, preserves, Christmas wreaths, gifts, raffles and much more and all in aid of a good cause

Cuan Mhuire, Farnanes women's addiction treatment centre.

Songs of Faith

A celebration of teen talent and Christian faith

A warm welcome awaits all parishioners on Sunday 24th November at 5pm in Christ the King Church, Turner's Cross as we mark the closing of the Year of Faith by joining with our young people as they sing their songs of faith. They will be joined by Dan Twomey, tenor; Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann and members of the Cork orchestra.

There is no charge – all are welcome!

Viatores Christi

For those interested in overseas volunteering, Viatores Christi lay missionary association is currently recruiting and will hold an information and recruitment session on Saturday 30th November at 11.30am in the Metropole Gresham Hotel, MacCurtain Street, Cork

Tel. 01-868 9986 apply@viatoreschristi.com

www.viatoreschristi.com

Christmas Open House 2013.

At DJ Murphy Bride Park Cottage
Killumney, Ovens, Co Cork.

Thursday 21st November	6 p.m. to 10 pm
Friday 22nd November	6..p.m to 10 pm.
Saturday 23rd November	12 noon to 8 pm.
Sunday 24th November	12 noon to 8 pm.
Thursday 28th November	6 pm to 10 pm.
Friday 29th November	6 pm to 10 pm.
Saturday 30th November	12 noon to 8 pm
Sunday 1st December	12 noon to 8pm.

In aid of Marymount Hospice
and Our Lady of Good Counsel School Ballincollig.
Admission €10 refreshments served.

Bulletin Board

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place on Saturday 7th December, 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.

Special Collection

Trocaire have announced a Special National Collection in aid of relief in Syria and victims of the Philippines Typhoon. For the Diocese of Cork & Ross this Special Collection will take place at all Masses this weekend, November 23rd and 24th.

Advent Retreat

Church of St. Mary & St. John

2nd 3rd & 4th December, 2013

Mass 7am, Prayers, Homily & Liturgy 8pm

Mass Diary

Diaries to book Mass intentions for January, February & March 2014 will open in both Churches on Saturday 14th December at 9.am.

Priority will be given to First Anniversary Masses.

Autumn Dues

The Priests of the Parish would like to thank you for returning your Autumn Dues. Your continued support and generosity is greatly appreciated.

Fr. George

Weekly Contribution – Tax Rebate

Helping Ballincollig parish financially without dipping into your pocket. Weekly many people contribute at least five euro to the offertory collection. This contribution could be enhanced by claiming from the Dept. of Finance the income tax paid by the donor on five euro a week. This tax rebate (can be claimed by organisations with charitable status which Ballincollig parish has) would amount to at least €40 per eligible donor. I need your help to further implement this scheme.

The Dept. of Finance will need a record to be kept locally verifying the contributions. The simplest method to implement this, is for Parishioners to record the number on their offertory box.

Please contact me, Fr. George, or office (phone 021 4871206) to record the number of your weekly offertory envelope (box).

Looking forward to hearing from you.

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*

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Nov/30 & Dec/01/2013

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Karen Sheehan
Padraig Graham
8:30 am
John Healy
Kerry O'Leary
10:00 am
David O'Brien
Debra Daly
12:00 Noon
Oliver O'Donovan
David Drohan

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Jessica Lingard
Morgan Smith
11:00 am
Jacob Derham

12:30 pm
Kay Carew
Jane O'Leary
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	Saturday	4:30 pm
Except First Saturday of Month		First Saturday of Month
12:45 pm	Sunday	

PARISH CLERGY

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Fr. Dave O'Connell C.C.	021-4876171 or frdaveoconnell@gmail.com
Fr. James McSweeney	021-4873308

Bag a Bargain at the Ballincollig Bazaar

The annual Ballincollig Scouts Bazaar and Auction takes place on Sunday, December 1st in the Community Hall, Ballincollig at 2.00pm.

The Bazaar is always filled with bargains, Christmas cheer, toys, fun, games and much more. Now in its 29th year the annual Scouts Bazaar has become an essential part of Christmas in Ballincollig and the wider area.

"There is something for everyone at the Ballincollig Bazaar. We have great prizes for the legendary 'Spin the Wheel' this year. There is always a great festive atmosphere at the Bazaar and many people come to pick up unusual Christmas gifts, rare CDs, reasonable priced toys, second hand books and more. Our auction at the end of the day always offers up some fantastic bargains and great fun as the bidding heats up. The Bazaar is the main fundraiser for the scout group and all the proceeds will go directly to support the 160 scouts of all ages and to keep the bus on the road and maintaining the scout hall. Everyone is welcome to the Bazaar and we're looking forward to seeing everyone turn out again this year." said Oran O'Connell, Leader, Ballincollig Scouts Group.

Books, Cakes, Toys, Plants, Bric a Brac, Games, Spot Prizes and Hampers will all be available to buy or win at this years Bazaar.

Santa Clause will visit the Bazaar to meet all the excited children. Face Painting, Balloons and Lollipops will make the Ballincollig Bazaar a very memorable day for children.

The Bazaar is always worth a visit. It's a great place to meet friends to pick up some early Christmas gifts and to support a very worthy cause.

Sunday, December 1st, Ballincollig Bazaar at 2.00pm in the Community Hall – Don't Miss It!!

All the proceeds of the Bazaar go directly to the Ballincollig Scout Group.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Nov/30 & Dec/01/2013



St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Michael Maher
Bernadette Bell
Betty Casey
Frank Riordan
Siobhan Riordan
Pauline Quane

7:30 pm Geraldine Lynch
Charlie Vaughan
Joan Stephenson
Bernie Bowen

8:30 am Mary Buckley
Theresa Lucey / Triona Collins
Mary B. Murphy

11:00 am Neil Jeffers
Eileen O'Donoghue
Bridie Hanrahan
Catherine / Hugh Moran
Padraig Fleming

10:00 am Anne Cahill
Cathy Horgan
Claudine Tiendioh
Betty Flavin
Anne Spillane
Betty Sheehan

12:30 pm Denis O' Mahony
Christine O'Mahony
Tom Murray
John O'Regan
Gerard Dunne

12 Noon Helen Plunkett
Seamus O'Donovan
Eleanor Knowles
Catherine Greene
Joan Barrett
Frances Hogan

5:30 pm Bernard Curran
John Canty

SONAS

Study the Bible again
or for the first time

Wednesdays

7:30 to 9:15

Contact Ger @ 085 1555000
Or Terry @ 086 2596448



Bazaar

Today Sunday, 24th November,
SMA Hall, Wilton.
2 - 5.30 p.m.

All proceeds in aid of Down Syndrome Cork.