

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



**St. Mary & St. John
Station Road**

Sunday 25-November-2007

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**

Christ the King

The present era encourages all of us, young or not so young to have hero's either in the world of sport, music, drama, politics or any other area you wish to choose. We admire these hero's or role models and of course they also influence how we live and behave. Many of our modern day role models are extremely wealthy and are given huge respect. Centuries ago many of these people would have been Kings, ruling peoples and countries and in control of vast wealth.

The model Christ adopted is that of the shepherd. The model of shepherd seems ridiculous to power conscious bosses. This type of leadership is gentle and caring. The shepherd provides safety, and security and promotes peace and harmony. This model of leadership knows the need for vigilance. Leadership at any level has a lot to learn from this image - even though those they lead may not be sheepish.

Christ also gave us another model, He came to serve and at the Last supper it shocked Peter when Christ came to wash his feet. So not only did Christ come as the suffering servant, He also washed, healed and forgave.

Christ spoke about the kingdom He came to build and promote. The preface of today's Mass outlines the qualities that will distinguish this kingdom. Christ's kingdom is a one of Truth and Life; a kingdom of Holiness and Grace; a kingdom of Justice, Love and Peace.

Lord help us to promote and work for your kind of kingdom in my daily life. Give me some of the courage of John the Baptist and lots of hope from the Holy Spirit.

Sincere thanks to the many hands and minds that enabled the display in both churches to take place during the recent week ends. The displays certainly gave a picture of the involvement of parishioners in this parish and that is important. More than thirty people have expressed an interest in becoming involved with various groups. Well done to every body.

George O'Mahony

Ordination

The parish extends its congratulations to Billy O'Sullivan formerly of Raheen, Ballincollig who was ordained a priest for the diocese of Cork and Ross yesterday at the Church of Our Lady & St. John, Carrigaline. Bishop Buckley performed the ordination ceremony.

Billy will celebrate his first Mass today in St. Mary and St John's Church at 3:00 pm. This promises to be a very special occasion for Billy and his family, may God richly bless you in your ministry

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.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

God raised Jesus to life and made him king of all creation. Let us pray for what we need, confident that our prayers will be answered.

Reader

That the Church may faithfully proclaim the kingship of Christ by teaching and service.

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

That all world leaders and governments may rule with compassion, justice and integrity.

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

That those who suffer from oppression, poverty or unjust treatment may be strengthened by the example of Jesus and the support of their Christian friends.

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

That those who serve their communities in the fields of local government, policing, justice systems and emergency services may be blessed and inspired.

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

That all families may enjoy the protection of Christ our King.

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

For ourselves, that our lives may show that Christ rules our hearts.

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

Priest

O God, you rule your people with love and compassion. Hear our prayers and grant us what we need to live as worthy members of your kingdom. This we ask through Jesus Christ, Our Lord and King. Amen.

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 :

Amy Johanna Heffernan, 58 Old Court, Greenfields.
 Chelsea Maureen Jordan-O'Connor, 45 Castle Park.
 Ruairi Lynch, Bloomfield Cottage, Ballyburden, Waterfall.
 Alex Edward Cotter, 20 The Heathers, Classis Lake.
 William Philip Clarke, 129 Pine Walk, Muskerry Estate.
 Michax Kula, 72 Caislean Drive.

MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Paul Christopher Wood, The Netherlands & Nora Anne Vaughan, Beech Park.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Packie Burke, Connamara & San Francisco.
 Joe Riordan, Cloghroe.
 Nora Fitzgerald, Macroom.
 Hannah Carroll, "Duagh", Listowel.

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

John & Mary O'Connor, Powdermills.
 Pauline O'Callaghan, West Village.
 Deceased members O'Mahony family, Barrack St.
 Tommy Daly, Leemount.
 William & Tadhg O'Callaghan.
 Deceased members Callanan & Naughton
 Jeremiah & Mary Buttimer, Kilmichael.
 Con & Kitty O'Riordan, Inchigella.
 James Mulhern, Mayo & Leeds.
 Paddy Forde, Castle Park.
 Joe & Mona Thuillier, Kinsale.
 Eileen, Frank & Ned O'Donovan, Raheen.
 Kevin McCarthy, Rosewood.
 Kitty, William & Denis O'Mahony, Tudor Grove.
 Jack, Essa & Ursula Lane, Blarney St.
 Timothy Moynihan, England.
 Denis Carroll, Crookstown.
 Dan Murphy, Clash.
 Nora Coughlan, Ballydehob.
 Cornelius McMahan, Model Farm Road.
 Teresa Devane, Annascaul.
 Helen Harrington, Colyduff, Inniscarra.
 Gobnait Crowley, Rosewood.
 Thomas Farrell, Beech Park.
 William & Christina Carroll, Dripsey.
 Kathleen Fitzsimons.

ST Dominic's Retreat Centre

Saturday 1st December - 10.00am - 5.00pm

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Thirty Fourth Week In Ordinary Time

25 Sunday 2 Sam. 5:1-3. Ps. 121. Col. 1:12-20. Lk. 23:35-43. Lect I: 936
 26 Monday Dan. 1:1-6,8-20. Ps. Dan. 3:52-56. Lk. 21:1-4. Lect II: 439
 27 Tuesday Dan. 2:31-45. Ps. Dan. 3:57-61. Lk. 21:5-11. Lect II: 442
 28 Wednesday Dan. 5: 1-6, 13-17, 23-28. Ps. Dan. 3. Lk. 21: 12- 19. Lect II: 444
 29 Thursday Dan. 6:12-28. Ps. Dan. 3:68-74. Lk. 21 :20-28. Lect II: 447
 30 Friday Rom 10:9-18. Ps18. Mt 4:18-22. Lect II: 1279
 01 Saturday Dan. 7: 15-27. Ps. Dan. 3. Lk. 21 :34-36. Lect II: 452

Next Sunday's Readings 02-December-2007

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

South Presentation Convent

Past Pupils Union

42nd Annual Dinner

Ambassador Hotel

Friday November 30th 2007

Tickets available - O'Mahony Printers, Parliament Street

Or by phone at 4876577

Making a Difference with Trocaire's Christmas Global Gifts

'It is more blessed to give rather than receive' (Acts 20:35). If we reflect on this simple Bible quote, it really sums up the concept of Christian giving and sharing with our sisters and brothers wherever they may be.

Trocaire's Global Gifts offer a range of ethical gifts that people can purchase for friends and family this Christmas, which Trocaire will distribute on their behalf to vulnerable families and communities in the developing world. This year's Global Gifts include chicks that will provide eggs for families devastated by HIV and AIDS in east Africa, school packs for Burmese refugees, seeds and trees for families in central Africa, survival kits for refugee families in Uganda returning home having been driven out by war, the gift of care for mothers and newborn babies in Somalia, weaving looms to help women in Guatemala earn a living, the gift of a brighter future for young people in Liberia through skill training, the gift of water to help communities all over the world, and houses for families in India.

It's easy to make a difference this Christmas. To purchase a Trocaire Global Gift log onto www.trocaire.org/globalgiftor call 1850 408 408 or (NI) 0800 912 1200. Trocaire's Global Gifts are also on sale in Veritas and Avoca outlets nationwide, or at Trocaire centres in Maynooth, Dublin, Cork or Belfast

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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.

Bulletin Board

Advent Retreat

Ballincollig Advent Retreat in Church of St. Mary & St. John 3rd, 4th & 5th December 2007. Retreat will be conducted by the Redemptorists.

Catholic Paper

Copies of the Catholic Paper - **The Universe** - are available in both Churches every week.

Parish Pastoral Council

For those who are interested in serving on the Parish Pastoral Council. An open night will be held in the Annex Parish Hall at 8.00 pm Tuesday the 27th November 2007. All members and prospective members are welcome.

Baptism Preparation.

The next Baptism preparation will take place on Saturday December 1st at 1.00 pm, and will be held in the Community Hall, Station Rd. 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?

We recommend parents book baptisms a few weeks in advance in order to give ample time to take part in the preparation.

Tax Rebate Scheme

This time last year parishioners were invited to use direct debits to make their weekly contribution to the offertory collection that supports the running costs of the parish. To date ninety-two families have joined the scheme and a number of families make their annual contribution by cheque. More families are expressing an interest in participating and I therefore remind those considering joining to please do so during the coming week. The bonus benefit for the parish is that once we have record of contributions from PAYE tax payers, this enables the parish to claim a tax rebate from the Dept of Finance (which can be a considerable sum of money) at the beginning of 2008.

Fr. George

Cystic Fibrosis Fund Raising Dance

Ovens

Saturday December 1st 2007

Music by

Patrick O'Sullivan

Dancing 10 pm to 1 am

Admission €10

Scout News.

Every Scout wanting to experience the outdoors must find a balance between Euros and the equipment that is appropriate for the type of activities we plan. Keep in mind that the equipment quality you choose will have a direct impact on the enjoyment level of your experience, having said that there is a happy medium for everyone.

There is a tendency to associate woodcraft with wild and woolly adventures in wild and woolly clothes. That is going to far. For others it is merely a sort of nature study, which is somewhat akin in their minds to a botany class in school. That does not go far enough. Woodcraft consists of being on good terms with the out-of-doors. The relationship makes certain demands and requires a will to learn and a desire to understand. To retain our human friends we must study them, try to see their point of view and at times leave them alone. The same applies to our friendships with bird and tree; knowledge is necessary to ensure the respect that will ripen into friendship.

Some leaders dream of worthy accomplishments, while others stay awake and do them.

Twilight Retreat - Candles and Cushions!

Would you like to spend time in preparation for Christmas? You are welcome to join with other young adults in the Honan Chapel, UCC, on Wednesday 28th November from 5.30 pm to 8.30 pm. All are welcome. For further information contact: Chaplaincy UCC 021 44902700.

Afternoon of Prayer

Invitation to Young Women during Advent

Have you thought about looking for space and time to think and reflect? Would you like the support of others as you pray? Are you searching for meaning and direction in life? You are invited to come and join other young women in an Afternoon of Prayer on Sunday 9th December, from 3 pm to 6.00p m. Venue: Ursuline Convent, Blackrock, Cork. For information, please contact Jean on 087 9391669 or email irishursulines@eircom.net

Society of St. Vincent De Paul

We are urgently seeking collectors to assist with our Church gate collections at St. Mary & St. John's, Christ Our Light and Ballinora Churches at each Mass on the first Saturday / Sunday of the month. If you are willing to help us please phone Grace at 4874626.

The Irish Heart Foundation

The Over 60's Show featuring past winners will take place at the Cork Opera House
On Sunday November 25th at 8.00 p.m.
Proceeds to the Irish Heart Foundation
Tickets: €15, €18 and €20
From the booking office at Cork Opera House.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Dec-01 & Dec-02-2007

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Michael Fitton
Paul Kearns
8:30 am
Triona Collins
10:00 am
Grace Buttimer
Orla Horgan
12:00 Noon
Declan Chalmers

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Pauline Baston
11:00 am
Alex Hatsigrigoriou
Alison Henchion
12:30 pm
Margaret Healy
5:30 pm
Phil O'Connell

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	8 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. Ted Sheehan	021-4876171



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Dec-01 & Dec-02-2007

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

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

8:00 pm Anne O'Regan
Mairead Murphy
Finbarr Murray

11:00 am Seamus O'Connell
Mary O'Connell
Alan O'Riordan
Geraldine Keohane
Gerard Murray

8:30 am Mary Buckley
Rita Murphy
Mary O'Keefe

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

12 Noon Oliver O'Donovan
Barbara Kelly
Sean Hennessy
Mary McLean
Ellen Seymour
Nora Hennessy

5:30 pm Noelle Buckley
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Siobhan Burke



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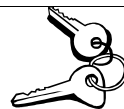
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