

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



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

Sunday 25-October-2009

Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

The giving of sight in today's gospel, might also be described as the confirmation of faith. Most of us have the faith to turn to Christ when we are in need, but our faith often has to survive the negative voices around us, that would make out that he is indifferent to our needs. We see him today as the Saviour, who cares for our immediate as well as our ultimate needs.



**Christ Our Light
Innishmore**

Eyes of Faith

The Mass readings for this thirtieth Sunday of ordinary time speak of salvation, of Jesus who saves, of the promises of God, promises of comfort, restoration and life. And they speak of faith. There have always been examples of weak faith (most of us, perhaps), deep faith and no faith, but nowadays we see open opposition to faith and a manifest and honest struggle between faith and scepticism in many people. We no longer live in an age of faith.

We need to call out from our pain, but to whom? We pray for the grace given to Bartimaeus to recognise our salvation when Jesus of Nazareth is close by. Bartimaeus called out from the margins of poverty, helplessness and blindness, a nobody and an embarrassment to those nearby. The blind man looked to Jesus with eyes of faith. And as we cry to God from the spiritual margins, from our lack of faith or weak faith and ask for mercy, we too will be heard. We remind ourselves that our faith is not merely a question of intellectual assent; it is a relationship with the risen Jesus, with Jesus who said to Bartimaeus "your faith has saved you." Faith can be transforming, it can change us for the better and give us joy, as well as give us hope in the most difficult times in our lives.

Jesus our High Priest has a real sympathy for us and identifies with us. We call to him from our spiritual blindness and poverty, calling over the negative voices which surround us and which deny faith, deny hope and deny life. "Your faith has saved you," we ask for the faith that saves. The Holy Spirit assures us that in the end, all will indeed be well. God's promises will be realised, promises of comfort and consolation, of restoration of all we have lost. We will be led to streams of living water. As we call out to God we are in turn called by God to share in the priesthood of Christ and we are sent to the lost, to those who have lost their faith. With Bartimaeus we follow Jesus on the road to Jerusalem, seeing him and other with the eyes of faith, eyes of love.

Billy O'Sullivan

Ballincollig Parish Council

Nominations are invited from Parishioners for membership to the Ballincollig Parish Council. The Council meets 5/6 times a year. The Council Members deal with a wide range of activities in the parish. They discuss the needs of the parish faith communities as well as dealing with ongoing parish liturgies and various programmes. Volunteers are also welcome.

Nomination forms are available in both churches; please note closing date is 31st October 2009.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

'I will call on you God for you will answer me.' Let us make our prayers to the Lord with confidence.

Reader

For the leaders of the Church. May they guide their flock along the path of wisdom and truth.

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

We pray that our country may always be a place where the stranger feels welcome.

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

We pray for vocations. That all people who hear the call, 'follow me' will answer positively.

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

We pray that we may become more and more a community that actively cares for and protects the most vulnerable members of our society.

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

We pray that our community may be a shining example for others and that we may be proud to boast in the Lord.

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

We pray for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, that they may receive their heavenly reward.

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

Priest

Heavenly father, God of love and compassion, you guard us under the shadow of your wings; hear the prayers we place before you today in the name of Jesus, your Son, our Lord.

Amen.

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Neil Orchard, Dripsey.

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

Breda, James & Denis O'Donoghue, West Village.

Annie Murphy, Coachford.

John Cremin, Inniscarra.

Padraig O'Callaghan, Oaklee.

Dan & May Dwyer, Leo Murphy Terrace.

Mary Downey, The Lough.

Patrick & Nora Riordan, Ballingearry.

Peter Murphy, Ovens.

Jim Deasy, Rosewood.

John Buttimer, Ahakeer, Dunmanway.

Arthur Collins, Carrigrohane.

Dan McSweeney, Cooladuff, Inniscarra.

Patrick Hayden, London.

Deceased members of the O'Leary Family, Doneraile.

John Lucey, Macroom.

Adrian Walsh, Carrigrohane & Noonans Road.

Dan O'Leary, Rosewood.

William O'Dwyer, Kilmichael

Michael Gaffney, Castle Ave, Muskerry Estate.

Pat O'Leary, Doneraile.

Padraig O'Callaghan, Carrigrohane.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Thirtieth Week In Ordinary Time

25 Sunday Jer 31:7-9. Ps 125. Heb 5:1-6. Mk 10:46-52. Lect I: 817

26 Monday Rom. 8:12-17. Ps. 67. Lk. 13:10-17. Lect II: 388

27 Tuesday Rom 8:18-25. Ps 125. Lk 13:18-27. Lect II: 390

28 Wednesday Eph. 2:19-22. Ps. 18. Lk. 6:12-19. Lect II: 1242

29 Thursday Rom. 8:31-39. Ps. 108. Lk. 13:31-35. Lect II: 394

30 Friday Rom. 9: 1-5. Ps. 147. Lk. 14: 1-6. Lect II: 396

31 Saturday Rom 11:1-2, 11-12, 25-29. Ps 93. Lk 14:1, 7-11. Lect II: 397

Next Sunday's Readings 01-November-2009

Wis. 11 :22-12:2. Apoc 7:2-4, 9-14. Ps 23. 1 Jn 3:1-3. Mt 5:1-12. Lect I: 999

CURA

Would you be interested in becoming a volunteer?

CURA the organisation which caters for people with crisis pregnancy is in the process of recruiting new volunteers for their service in 34, Paul Street, Cork.

Tel. No. 021 4277544 or email cork@cura.ie.

Information meetings will be held in 34 Paul Street on

Monday, 2nd. November

Morning – 10.30 a.m.

Evening – 7.30 p.m.

No experience necessary as full training will be given.

St Dominic's Retreat Centre

November

"Morality – knowing right from wrong".

Who knows? Who cares?

What difference does it make?

4 Mondays in November – 7.30 pm (2nd 9th 16th and 23rd)

Holy Souls

"A Time to Remember" with prayer and ritual our loved ones who have gone before us.

Thursday – 5th November – 7.30 - 9.00pm

Benedict Hegarty O.P./Martin Lehane Sheehan

Healing Day for the Bereaved

Saturday – 14th November – 10.00am-5.00pm

This reflective day in the form of a workshop will hopefully afford you the opportunity to honour the space you now find yourself in as you grieve the death of a loved one and indeed as you grieve within yourself.

Frank Downes O.P.

Booking Essential: Tel. 021 4502520 or

E-mail Ennismore@eircom.net

Rediscovering Mercy

An invitation to reconnect Faith and Mercy.

A four night reflection and conversation in Frankfield/Grange Parish Centre, located directly behind the Parish Church, from 8.00 pm to 9.30 pm each night (including tea/ coffee) on the

Thursday evenings of November 2009.

All are welcome

Table Quiz in aid of Cork Simon Community.

Table Quiz in aid of Cork Simon Community will be held in NEMO GAA Club on Friday the 30th of October at 8pm. Tables of 4 at €40 per table. For more information call Nora on 021 4929410 or email nora@corksioncommunity.ie

Muskerry Local History Society

A lecture on the 125 years of the Gaelic Athletic Association and the Ballincollig connection will be delivered by local press correspondent and Muskerry Board member Aubert Twomey at the Ballincollig RFC Hall on Tuesday next October 27th.

The talk is part of the Muskerry Local History programme for the season and will commence at 8 pm. The presentation is open to the public and the entrance fee is €

Society of St. Vincent De Paul

Monthly Collection

Next Weekend 31st October & 1st November 2009

Please Support

Would you like to speak, in complete confidence, to a member of the St.Vincent de Paul Society?

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or SVP Tuckey St., Cork: 021 4270444

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

Today's reading tells us to exult, that God has gathered and saved his people.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6

We are told of the selection of the Priest as mediator between God and man.

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

Today's gospel the restoring of his sight to the blind beggar. His sight is restored to Bartimaeus but just as important he becomes the symbol of "those who dwelt in darkness and in the shadow of death". Bartimaeus expresses his conviction by his repeated cries, by his leap of faith which makes him reject every support and takes him towards the one who calls him and is going to heal him. No sooner is he cured than Bartimaeus gets ready to follow Jesus on the way, his cure leads him to conversion and type of model disciple.

Scout News

This year's summer camp was held in Cappanalea Kerry. The weather wasn't the best but it did not affect the programme. On the Saturday the scouts built their sites and pitched their tents. Over the week the scouts took part in some of the centre's activities, they canoed, rafted, went sail boarding and abseiled down the side of a cliff all with the help of the centre's qualified staff.

Because of the weather the scouts went to the new pool in Killarney and the aqua dome in Tralee, while they did venture to the beech in Rossbeigh they spent their time playing games in the sand dunes, rather than dipping their toes in the sea. We did a lot of hiking as well, we climbed all the small hills around the area in the evenings and on the Thursday the Scouts took on Brandon. All in all the camp was very successful and every one enjoyed themselves.

All sections are now back in full swing, both the Maccoimh sections went to high jinks in Farran Woods where they took part in loads of different bases. We have opened a new scout section on a Wednesday night and they are going very well, they went on their first hike last Sunday to Fota scout camp-site. The Thursday night scouts went on their first hike of the year to Mullinhassig, and they also went on their first overnight to Mount Melleray Scout Centre last Friday night, where they went on a night hike and watched the stars, seeing the plough, shooting stars and we think the space station. *Education will broaden a narrow mind, but there is no known cure for a big head.*

Silver Jubilee Christ Our Light Church

Request for Photos / Mementos

On 22nd November we celebrate the Silver Jubilee of Christ our Light Church. We are presently looking for any mementos / photographs of the opening of the Church in 1984 so as to put them on display at the Church in November. If you have any memorabilia of this occasion which you would like to donate or loan, we would be very grateful if you'd please hand them in to the Parish Office as soon as possible. Thank you!

St. Aloysius School

Thanks to all who visited School on Open Night on 7th October. Please return application forms to the school by Monday 9th November 2009. Enquiries to School Office at 021-4316017 or by email to stals.ias@eircom.net.

Bulletin Board

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place **Saturday 31st October, 2009 at 1.00 pm** 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.

Novena for the Dead – November 2nd to 10th, 2009

November is a month dedicated to our dead relatives and friends. It is the time of year when we are asked to pray for our dead and thank God for their efforts and goodness to us. Christ's prayer to his Father is "I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, so that they may always see the glory you have given me."

We encourage everyone to make a special effort to come to daily Mass during the Novena for the Dead and maybe even keep up the effort for the month of November.

Envelopes are available in both Churches

There will be two evening Masses (morning Masses as usual) during the Novena- 6.30 pm Christ Our Light and 8 pm St Mary & St John.

Special Mass

There will be a Special Mass to remember all our loved ones who died during the past year on **November 11th at 8.00 pm in St Mary & St John**. All those who died from the Parish will be remembered at this Mass. Families who wish to have deceased family members (who died during the past twelve months) included in this Mass are invited to hand in their names to the Sacristy or Parish Office during the week and please include a contact name and an address.

Mission Collection

Many thanks for your generosity in last week's Mission collection.

Parking

Parking spaces for the disabled are available in both churches. Other drivers please respect these spaces and leave them to people who need them.

Annual Graveyard Masses

Mass in St Oliver's Cemetery Saturday 14th November at 2 pm
Mass in St Mary & St John's Cemetery Saturday 21st November at 2 pm

St Oliver's Cemetery

The new extension to St Oliver's Cemetery is now open. The Co. Council are now selling plots, anybody interested please contact Mr Lane the caretaker at St Oliver's phone 021 4873709.

Fr. George.

Are you looking for more from your marriage?

A Winning Investment

Whether you have been married one year or forty years, it is possible to recharge the batteries of your marriage. Like everything else in life, marriage goes better if it receives a little care and attention, but, with the pace of modern life, we find it difficult to take time out for our marriage.

We assume things will always be well between us and perhaps they are. It may also mean sweeping things under the carpet and hoping they will go away. But that is settling for good when we have the opportunity to have a great marriage.

Marriage Encounter runs weekend events for couples that really deliver the goods. The next weekend will take place in the **Lake Hotel Killarney on the 13th – 15th November '09**. You could find out more by looking at their website www.marriageencounter.ie, or by contacting 064 6644319, 086 8334382 087 6670418. If you have the wisdom to invest in your most important relationship it will provide an excellent return.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Oct-31 & Nov-01-2009

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Muireann Nelligan
8:30 am
Pat Fennell
Susan Fennell
10:00 am
Sean Collins
Katie Collins
12:00 Noon
Sean Hennessy
Shane Lehane

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Michael Greene
11:00 am
Sorcha Nic Mheanmain
Maire Buckley
12:30 pm
Margaret Healy
Adaugu Ebili
5:30 pm
Tom Reck

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

Priest on Duty 087-2479140
Fr. George O'Mahony P.P. 021-4871206
Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C. 021-4877161
Fr. Billy O'Sullivan C.C. 021-4876171
Fr. James McSweeney 021-4873308



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

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St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

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

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

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
Barbara Kelly
Sean Hennessy
Mary McLean
Ellen Seymour
Nora Hennessy

5:30 pm Noelle Buckley
Mary Breen



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