

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

150 Years



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 25-October-2015

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

"Lord That I May See"

In today's Gospel we hear the story of Jesus leaving Jericho with his disciples; and of Bartimaeus, a blind beggar man, sitting at the side of the road, who hears that Jesus is passing by and who calls out, "Jesus, son of David have pity on me." Some of Jesus' followers try to silence him, but he shouts all the more believing that he would be healed. Having heard his plea, Jesus tells the people to bring Bartimaeus to Him and then asks him: 'What do you want me to do for you?' He replies: "Master, let me see again". His prayer is an act of Faith in Jesus who responds saying: "Go, your faith has saved you". God not only healed his physical blindness but Bartimaeus recognizes what is more important in life and responds by becoming a follower of Jesus.

Maybe we can see a bit of ourselves in today's story! We may think 'I am not blind', but there are different kinds of 'blindness'. We may be 'blind' to seeing the needs of those around us; we may close our eyes to seeing the goodness in other people....So often we, may find ourselves in a 'dark place'; looking for someone to simply remove or lighten the burdens we face in life. Like Bartimaeus we may be waiting "by the roadside" for the right person or circumstances to come along to give us encouragement and a sense of hope.

Our first call out of 'darkness' is at our Baptism when we begin our own Journey of Faith.

Like Bartimaeus we become followers of Jesus. As members of a Christian community, Jesus calls us to imitate him in helping those in need on the way. No one is excluded. But sometimes we may not recognize Him in others. If Jesus asked us today "what do you want me to do for you?" What would be my response?.....

We pray: "Lord, let me see again." We thank you for the gift of faith and sight. Help us to see what is important in our lives and to be faithful to You. Help us to see and respond to the needs of others. We remember the many suffering in our world today that feel helpless and live in darkness for one reason or another.

Sr. Colette

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We have a vacancy for a caretaker under the above Community Employment Scheme. If you are interested and are eligible for Community Employment please forward CV to the above address or email CV to above email address.

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

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Jesus heard the humble but persistent cry of Bartimaeus. The example of Bartimaeus encourages us as we turn to God in our need.

Reader

For Christians: that we may see with the eyes and heart of Christ.

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

For those in positions of power: that they may be sensitive to the needs of those in their charge.

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

For the poor, the special needs, the lonely, and all those who are on the edge of life: that Christians may show them respect and love.

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

For those who live in the darkness of unbelief: that they may be granted the light of faith.

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

For ourselves: that we may use well the wonderful gift of sight and for our departed relatives and friends: that they may see the light of God's glory.

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

For grace to bring our needs before God, in silence and in trust.

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

Priest

Lord God, let your light shine on us so that we may walk without stumbling along the road to your kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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BAPTISMS

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

Siobhan Robyn Russell, Beech Park.
 Madeline Caitlin Russell, Beech Park.
 Dylan Pdraig O'Brian, Cherry Walk, Muskerry Estate.
 Emma Mary Lyne, The Heathers, Classes Lake.
 Cian Allan Pickup, Leevew.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Rita Ahern, Clash.
 Raymond Hickey, Monaghan.
 Finbarr Mulroy, Farmers Cross & Castlepark.
 Kitty Forde, Drimoleague.
 Margaret Linehan, Silverwood.

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

John & Mary O'Connor, Powdermills.
 Michael & Mary Harrington, Douglas Street.
 Liam Horgan, Pine Walk, Pine Walk.
 Charlie, Julia & Sean Dunne, Muskerry Estate.
 Deceased members of the Legion of Mary.
 Pdraig O'Callaghan, Oakley.
 Denis Calnan, Youghal.
 Jim & Lily McDonnell, Blarney Street.
 Brid Hogan, Wilton/Ballincollig.
 Timmy Goggin, Goleen.
 John O'Flynn, Westcourt/Powdermills.
 Gerry O'Leary, Knockburden.
 Marie O'Flaherty, Coolroe Meadows.
 Dan, Julia & Billy Desmond, Farran.
 James Murphy, Glounthane.
 Peter, Ellen & Pat Murphy, Windsor.
 Joseph & Mary O'Byrne, Glasheen.
 Adrian Walsh, Carrigrohane.
 Margaret Masterson, Castlepark.
 Mary Downey, The Lough.
 Shelia Collins, The Lough.
 John & Nora Leach, Beech Park.
 Kathleen Brown, Friars Walk.

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/2015

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 or II:

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.

Music Morning

Monthly Music Morning Ballincollig Library Tuesday next October 27th at 11am. Joan Kennelly will present her programme. All Welcome. A free cuppa will be served.

Live Broadcast

The Children's Mass at Christ Our Light on 13th December will be broadcasted on Long Wave 252 & RTE Radio 1 Extra from 11am.

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Our Favourite Psalms

Psalm 39 (A Prayer heard)

I waited patiently for the LORD,
who stooped down to me,
and heard my cry.

God drew me up from the desolate pit,
Out of the miry clay.
And set my feet upon a rock,
making my footsteps firm.

The LORD put a new song into my mouth,
A song of praise to our God.
Happy are those
who have placed their trust in the LORD.

Aleppo September 2015

Letter from Fr. Irbahim to Ballincollig Parishoners

I am thankful to you, for what you are trying to do for all of us: to be the “good Samaritan” (Jesus), for the suffering brethren in Aleppo.

So you can understand our daily situation, I’ll try to explain to you what is happening here in these days. I shall start from the basic needs of the people and families-- needs that for a long time have not found an adequate response.

Let me tell you what happened in the last three days. A bomb fell right behind our Church of St. Francis, in the district of Azizieh, in a densely populated area, crowded with people resting or walking quietly through the streets in the afternoon.

The next day I went out to visit the houses damaged by the explosion and saw an immensity of ruins and debris. We have to thank the Lord because the damage was mainly limited to houses and only a few people were injured slightly.

I perceived a lot of pain and sadness in people’s hearts, so much fear and desperation. I prayed with them in their damaged houses, blessing everyone and everything with holy water.

As soon as I went back to the convent, I started providing help for the reconstruction of the houses, all support was immediately delivered to the families in need.

Without a moment’s respite, I came to know of other atrocious bombings in various parts of Aleppo from families coming to the monastery, desperate and begging for our help. A father confessed to me that he had already repaired his house that had been damaged by bombs twice. But this third time he could not take it anymore, He could not even think to start over with a new repair. So he ran with all his family, wife and children, finding refuge at his in-laws, even though their home is very small.

May God bless you all!

Father Irbahim, Parish priest of the Latin Community in Aleppo (Sirya)

(Letter continued next week, full letter on our website www.ballincolligparish.ie)

Bulletin Board

Bank Holiday Monday October 26th

Morning Mass 9.30am in the Church of St Mary & St John.

Directed Prayer

Commencing 8th – 13th November inclusive. Last year people who took part were delighted and enriched following participation. This is an opportunity to deepen and enhance our prayer life.

Novena for the Dead – November 2nd to 10th, 2015

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 may be even keep up the effort for the month of November.

There will be evening Mass (morning Masses as usual) in both Churches during the Novena- 6.30pm Christ Our Light and 8pm 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 Wednesday November 11th at 8.00pm 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, phone number and an address.

Cemetery Masses

Mass in St Oliver’s Cemetery Saturday November 7th at 2pm
Mass in St Mary’s & St John Cemetery November 14th at 12 noon

Alter Servers

Young boys and girls who have made their First Holy Communion and who are interested in serving at Mass are ask to hand in their names and addresses to the Sacristy. You will serve at a Mass of your choice and training will be given.

Advent Retreat

Will take place from November 30th to December 2nd Church of St. Mary & St. John. Conducted by Fr. Dave Hannon.

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place on Saturday November 28th 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.

Fr. George

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Oct/31 & Nov/01/2015

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Sandra Walsh / Emma O'Connor
Brayden Peck
8:30 am
John Healy
Kerry O'Leary
10:00 am
Jordan Crowley
Fergal Monahan
12:00 Noon
John Dorgan
Roisin Crewe

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Fiona Feely
11:00 am
Kristian Calvert
Amy Ni Chearbhaill
12:30 pm
Adaugu Ebili
Caterina Nugent
5:30 pm
Christine O'Brien

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	No Mass
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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Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

Week 26th Oct to 1st Nov

Laurence Cunningham
Virginia Harrington

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.



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Oct/31 & Nov/01/2015

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
Mary B. Murphy

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

10:00 am Cathy Horgan
Betty Flavin
Anne Spillane
Betty Sheehan
Ann O'Connell
Con O'Connell

12:30 pm Tom Murray
John O'Regan
Gerard Dunne
Sylvia Manley

12 Noon Seamus O'Donovan
Eleanor Knowles
Catherine Greene
Joan Barrett
Frances Hogan
Mary O'Leary

5:30 pm Bernard Curran
John Canty

Cantairí Mhuscraí - John Rutter's Requiem

The Ballincollig based choir, Cantairí Mhuscraí, will perform John Rutter's acclaimed Requiem at the Church of St. Mary & St. John, Ballincollig, at 7.30pm on Sunday 22nd November. This performance of the Requiem coincides with the 150th Jubilee Year of the Church of St. Mary & St. John and appropriately takes place during November, the Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory. This wonderful and very accessible work was written by the composer John Rutter who celebrates his 70th birthday on 24th September this year. It is a musical setting of parts of the Latin Requiem with added psalms in English and was first performed 30 years ago in October 1985. It has since become a mainstay of the choral world being recorded many times and performed all over the globe. Classic FM says of the composer "John Rutter unashamedly composes instantly memorable tunes. In a world where so many composers believe music is no longer primarily about melody, Rutter stands out as someone who defiantly bucks that trend."

Tickets @ €20 will be on sale from choir members from early October.
Telephone 0876658021, 0872514816 or 0862998239 or any choir member for further details.

Tickets also available from Catherine in Parish Office.

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