

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



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

**Sunday 25-September-2011**

**Twenty Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

*It takes at least two to make a friendship. God loves us, but there is no relationship between him and us unless we return his love. In this relationship there can be no pretence nor living on the past. Our response to God must continue every day to be real, just as his love for us is a daily reality.*



**Christ Our Light  
Innishmore**

## *The Two Sons*

The prophet Ezekiel and Matthew's gospel deal with the same theme -- personal responsibility. Today, as at the time of the prophet Ezekiel we tend to off load our personal responsibility to others. The people of prophet Ezekiel's time believed that the child was punished for the shortcomings and sins of their parents. They had a popular saying to reinforce this belief. "Parents eat sour grapes and their children's teeth are set on edge." There is a tendency today to take responsibility away from the individual. Today in our modern world we like to blame others for our behaviour or neglect -- our companions, our parents, our friends, our environment and so on. We are of course influenced by our environment, our culture and our upbringing. However there comes a time when I must accept responsibility for my actions. My sins are my own; no one else has to answer before God for them. It is refreshing to hear someone say "I am to blame", but how seldom we hear that.

The story of the two sons develops this point. One son gave his word that he would go and work in his father's vineyard, but in actual fact did not go. He may have said to himself "they will be fine without me, there is plenty there today." He abdicates his responsibility. The other son refused to go, thought about it and changed his mind. This son is not held up as a model for us, true he changed his mind but there is no suggestion he had a change of heart. A change of mind is a good thing but a change of heart is much deeper and better.

A change of heart is a conversion at the deepest level of our being. A change of heart is brought about by love. We are all called to a change of heart and conversion. Jesus sought a change of heart in people and brought it about in most unlikely people. We need the Lord to touch our hearts with his love and compassion so we can prepare for his kingdom, a kingdom of love.

*George O'Mahony*

## *On Next Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2011*

### *The Catholic Church in Ireland celebrates 'our' Day for Life.*

In his 1995 Encyclical Letter, *Evangelium Vitae (The Gospel of Life)*, the late Pope John Paul II proposed that "a day for life be celebrated each year in every country". The primary purpose of this day should be "to foster in individual consciences, in families, in the Church, and in civil society, a recognition of the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition" (EV #85). The Bishops of Ireland responded to this invitation by announcing an annual celebration of the Day for Life. Since 2001, the bishops have published a Pastoral Letter every October celebrating a different theme for each Day for Life.

The theme for Day for Life 2011 is 'A call to solidarity and hope in difficult times'. Day for Life this year reflects on what it means to lead a full and happy life.

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

### **Priest**

When we pray we are confident that God will remember his mercy and the love he has shown from of old.

### **Reader**

For Christians: that they may show forth in their lives the faith they profess with their lips.

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

For all who hold public office: that they may be faithful in carrying out their responsibilities.

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

We pray for those who have been the victims of broken promises.

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

We pray for ourselves: that we may never allow words to take the place of deeds.

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

We pray for those who are sick or in pain, for all who suffer because of neglect or violence, and for in the medical and caring professions.

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

For our own special 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 this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

***Remember your mercy, Lord.***

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**BAPTISMS**

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

Robyn Sadie O'Dwyer Kerins, Castlepark.  
 Charlie David McCarthy Sheehan, Westgrove.  
 Dylan Finbarr McCarthy Sheehan, Westgrove.  
 Dylan Thomas O'Neill, Pine Walk Muskerry Estate.  
 Lui Tomas O'Hanlon, The Heathers, Classes Lake.  
 Ellie Jane Moore, Leslies Arch, Old Quarter.  
 Olive Claire Marie Theresa O'Driscoll, Fern Walk, Greenfields  
 Benjamin Richard Santry, Queen Elizabeth St. London.  
 Teddy Joseph Kenneally, Highfield Park.  
 Ryan Michael Kingston, Island Way, Muskerry Estate.  
 Orlaith Mary Nyhan, Pullerich, Crookstown,  
 Kayleigh Daniella Campion, Castle Road.  
 Orin Deasy, Ballyleigh, Waterfall.  
 Isabelle Maeve Wood, Romania.  
 James Denis Archbold, The Crescent, Old Fort Road.  
 Tadhg Anthony Kelleher, The Cloisters.  
 Patrick John O'Leary, Leslie Arch, Old Quarter.  
 Carleigh Rose O'Leary, Curraheen Village, Ballinora.  
 Joshue John Concannan, Wyndham Downs.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †  
**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :**

Christy Feeney, Beech Road, Muskerry Estate.  
 Ann Mc Sweeney, Coolyduff, Inniscarra.  
 Margaret Brosnan, Killarney.  
 Catrina Horgan Heaphy, Castlepark.

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

Willie Kavanagh, Raheen.  
 Louis O'Sullivan, Ballincollig.  
 Maureen Cuddihy, Coolroe  
 Michael Eager, Glanworth.  
 Patrick & Jo Linehan, Courtbrack.  
 Tom Murphy, Muskerry.  
 Noreen Nyhan, Inniscarra View.  
 Sean (Jack) Lynch, Kilmurry.  
 Agnes Murphy, Bishopstown.  
 Cecelia Pauline Leahy, Leeview, Carrigrohane.  
 Kathleen Murray, Carrigrohane.  
 Rose & Paddy Wall, Navan.  
 Brendan Lynch, Greenfields.  
 Michael O'Regan, Carrigrohane & Birmingham.  
 Nell O'Connell, O'Connell's Avenue.  
 Dec Members of the O'Connor family, Carriganarra.  
 Kathleen Horgan, Castlepark.  
 Nuala Delaney, Inniscarra View.  
 Noel Canning, Church View.  
 Josephine Murphy, Castle Avenue.

**Reflection for Parents**

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.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Twenty Sixth Week In Ordinary Time**

25 Sunday Ez. 18:25-28. Ps. 24. Phil. 2: 1-11. Mt. 21:28-32. Lect I: 705  
 26 Monday Zech. 8:1-8. Ps. 101. Lk. 9:46-50. Lect II: 337  
 27 Tuesday Zech. 8:20-23. Ps. 86. Lk. 9:51-56. Lect II: 339  
 28 Wednesday Neh. 2: 1-8. Ps. 136. Lk. 9:57-62. Lect II: 341  
 29 Thursday Dan. 7:9-10, 13-14 or Apoc. 12:7-12. Ps. 137. Jn. 1 :47-51. Lect II: 1205  
 30 Friday Bar. 1: 15-22. Ps. 78. Lk. 10:13-16. Lect II: 346  
 01 Saturday Bar. 4:5-12 27-29. Ps. 68. Lk. 10:17-24. Lect II: 348

**Next Sunday's Readings 02-October-2011**

Is. 5:1-7. Ps. 79. Phil. 4:6-9. Mt. 21:33-43. Lect I: 708

**Ballincollig Parish  
 Bereavement Support Group**

A Bereavement Support Programme will commence in Ballincollig on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 provides a safe place where all who are grieving the loss of a loved one will have the opportunity to share their own personal grief and experience the support of others. For further details please contact: **Sr Colette at 086 3557375**

**"Mothers' Prayers"**

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

**Wednesdays 10.30 a.m at Meeting Room at Christ our Light Church**

or

**Thursdays 10.00 a.m at Library Room, Parish Community Hall**

**The Coeliac Society of Ireland**

Cork support Group, are holding a meeting on the first Tuesday in October

**Date:** Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2011  
**Venue:** SMA Centre, Wilton, Cork  
**Time:** 8 pm  
**Topic:** Update and review after summer months  
 Dietician talk  
 Cooking/Baking tips  
 Refreshments will be provided.  
 All Welcome, €4 entrance fee

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**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28  
The prophet Ezekiel listens to God's word and has his views challenged.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11  
St Paul pleads for unity in the church at Phillippi.

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32  
Jesus pointed out to chief priest and elders that they had not believed John nor had they changed their hearts after seeing Jesus. They were like the son who said "yes" to his father's request to work in the vineyard. Even though he said he would, the son did not work. The father's second son (representing sinners) said "no" to his father's request, but went to the vineyard and worked after all. Jesus said it would be those who are like the second son who would enter the Kingdom first.

**Let the Healing Begin**

An Evening of Healing for all who have been wounded by the reality of abuse

**When?** Sunday, 16 October 2011 at 3.00 pm.  
**Where?** SMA Hall, Wilton, Cork.

Those who have been affected by sexual or other abuse, in all its manifestations, within the family, in institutions, in the church or in any other setting as well as their families, their carers and supporters are welcome to attend.

The evening is carefully designed and focused so as to respond to the need for healing and renewal. It includes appropriate chant, singing, music, dance, readings, ceremonial and symbolism. It is structured so that those who participate will leave with a sense of hope in their own worth as individuals and as valued members of the community.

**The Organising Committee includes the following:**

- Dave Dineen** Founder of Lámh Healing Foundation (www.lamhhealingfoundation.com) and initiator of this Healing Event.
- Fr. Liam O' Driscoll** Director of Safeguarding, Diocese of Cork and Ross.
- Michael Joyce** Psychotherapist.
- Josephine Fitzgibbon** Psychotherapist.
- Redempta Furney** A parish Safeguarding Representative.
- Jim Connolly** A former parish Safeguarding Representative.

**"The Psalms and Christian Prayer"**

Presented by Fr. Charles Conroy MSC  
Professor of Old Testament Studies  
Sacred Heart Centre, Western Road, Cork  
7.30 pm – 9.00 pm  
Tues. Oct 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup>,  
Please bring your Bible.

**Gramophone Recital**

Musical morning in the Ballincollig Library from  
**11.00 am on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2011**  
This month's musical choice is presented by Philip Brennan  
Admission free all are welcome.

**Society of St. Vincent De Paul**

Monthly Collection  
Next Weekend 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2011  
Please Support

**Bulletin Board**

**Mass Book**

Dates available in Church of Christ Our Light to book Mass Intentions for October, November and December.

**Children's Mass**

The Children's Mass continues each Sunday *in the Church of Christ Our Light*. The children of 2<sup>nd</sup> class go to the crying room at the beginning of Mass there they celebrate Liturgy of the Word in a child friendly fashion –word searches, colouring and maze search are some of the methods used. Volunteers are welcome and needed to help. Training and practice will be given. Parents are welcome to join their Children for the celebration of the Word of God. I am inviting Parents of First Holy Communion Children to please try and bring your Child to this Mass. Bringing your Children to the Sunday Mass is an important preparation for your Child's First Holy Communion.

**Ballincollig Parish Choir**

New adult members welcome to join the Parish Choir, Church of St Mary & St John. Please come along and join existing choir members. **Practice Thursday evenings in Church of St Mary & St John at 7pm - 8pm.**

**Accord**

Pre Marriage Course is being organised by Accord at Oriel Court House Hotel Friday ( 7pm – 9pm) 18<sup>th</sup> November and Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November, Booking 027 50272 or www.accord.ie

**Priesthood Education**

**Annual Envelope Collection this Weekend.**

The Annual Collection for the Education of Students for the Priesthood takes place this weekend. The Diocese currently has six men in training for the Priesthood. Five of these students are in Saint Patrick's College, Maynooth and one is in the Irish College in Rome. This year, Anthony Buckley, was ordained and is now serving in Skibbereen. This month, two men commenced their studies in Maynooth for the Diocese, where they will join the other three who are at various stages of their formation. This Collection is the principal source of funding for the education of our students. This collection has also been used to subvent a number of lay people from the Diocese, who are involved in their parishes and are studying Theology.

**Fr. George**

**Catechesis for Adults and Youth**

Many of us can find no real answer to questions like:  
Where is your life leading?  
Why are there difficulties in your life?  
Do you think that God has forgotten about you?  
The Church faithful to the Gospel  
of Christ does have an answer.

**Come! Listen!**

Starting Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September @ 8pm,  
and continuing Wednesdays and Sundays  
in St.Mark's Centre (opposite Christ Our Light Church)  
Innismore, Ballincollig

**Cork v Monaghan**

Best of luck to all in today's  
All Ireland Ladies Senior Football Final.

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Oct-01 & Oct-02-2011

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**  
Adrian Cotter  
Alan Murphy  
**8:30 am**  
Tom McDonagh

**10:00 am**  
Ciaran Noonan  
Shannon O'Brien  
**12:00 Noon**  
John Dorgan  
Noella Ngenwie

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**  
Niamh Murray

**11:00 am**  
Maebh Nic Mheanmain

**12:30 pm**  
Brian O'Donoghue  
Chidera Ebili  
**5:30 pm**  
Emily Hardman

**MASS TIMES**

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

8:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon	<b>Sunday</b>	11 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm
9:30 am	<b>Monday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Tuesday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Thursday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Friday</b>	8:30 am
10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)	<b>Saturday</b>	7:30 pm (Vigil)

**CONFESSIONS**

After 10:00 am Mass & before 6:00 pm Mass **Saturday**

**BAPTISMS**

4:30 pm	<b>Saturday</b>	4:30 pm
Except First Saturday of Month		First Saturday of Month
12:45 pm	<b>Sunday</b>	

**PARISH CLERGY**

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<b>Fr. James McSweeney</b>	<b>021-4873308</b>

***The Sacraments - Life-Giving***

An opportunity for a closer look at the sacraments, their meaning in our lives, and how they lead us to a deeper encounter with Jesus and one another.

With Fr. Christy Fitzgerald and Anne Francis. Five Monday nights, September 26<sup>th</sup> – October 24<sup>th</sup>. 8.00-9.30 pm, Frankfield parish centre, contribution €5 per night.

Details, bookings,  
liturgy@corkandross.org  
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**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Oct-01 & Oct-02-2011



**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

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

**8:30 am** Mary Buckley  
Rita Murphy  
Denis Healy

**10:00 am** Christina Walsh  
Peter Reilly  
Mary Collins  
Christy Roche  
Katie O'Shea  
Claire Creedon

**12 Noon** Oliver O'Donovan  
Miriam Maunsell  
Sean Hennessy  
Mary McLean  
Ellen Seymour  
Nora Hennessy

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

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

**12:30 pm** Lucy O'Callaghan  
Jackie Sheehan  
Mary Green  
Michael O'Leary  
J.P.O'Leary

**5:30 pm** Noelle Buckley  
Mary Breen

Parish Office, The Presbytery, Ballincollig is open Mon - Wed from 9 am - 1 pm & 2 pm - 3 pm.  
Sat 10:30 am - 12 Noon. Phone No. (021) 4871206, Office Secretary Catherine Crowley.



A new Ballincollig Parish *Alpha* course begins in October. This is an opportunity to explore the meaning of life in an informal, fun and friendly environment. The course starts on Wednesday October 12<sup>th</sup>, and continues in Coláiste Choilm on Wednesday evenings from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm for ten weeks, ending before Christmas.

*What is the point of life?*

*What happens when we die?*

*What relevance does Jesus have for our lives today?*

*How do we deal with guilt?*

**Alpha**

If you would like to explore any of these questions, then Alpha is for you. *Alpha* considers some basic aspects of the Christian faith, including - Who is Jesus? Why Did Jesus Die? How does God guide us? and What about the Church?

Contact: Sr. Colette, at 086- 3557375

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