

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 26-January-2014

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday within Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

God has given to each of us a potential to be developed.
There is a promise in us yet to be fulfilled. Jesus came to
bring this fulfilment to everyone and it will be ours when we
follow like Peter and the others who lived in Galilee.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

'The Lord Is My Light and My Help'

(Catholic Schools Week)

In both the first reading and in the Gospel we hear those hopeful and encouraging words spoken by Isaiah: "The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone". The Gospel speaks of the beginning of Jesus' ministry. He travels across Galilee, and he preaches. "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." If, today, someone would travel through the streets of our city or town, saying "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand", how would we react?! Our world desperately needs the light of Christ and as members of the Body of Christ we can be that light for others. Jesus called the twelve by name. He called them to be his representatives, to live as he did, caring for and loving others. Just as Jesus called his first disciples, so he has called each of us. We are sent by God to represent Him wherever we are today. Life is God's gift to me. What I do with my life is my gift to God.

This week we celebrate Catholic Schools Week. It is an opportunity for us to focus on the Catholic schools in our Parish and a reminder that a school is not just a place where lessons are taught, but that it is a place of faith, where the school community builds up and becomes the body of Christ. The theme of Catholic Schools week is Catholic Schools-Places of Faith and Learning. The schools in our parish are places where the life of the child and young adult is enriched; where their spiritual life is nourished and where they learn of the presence of Jesus Christ in their lives. We think of our dedicated and committed teachers who bring knowledge and enlightenment to their pupils. We are all part of the work of Catholic Education - the home; the school and the parish - to make God known and loved.

On 6th January, Feast of the Epiphany schools reopened after the Christmas holidays. People have spoken of the wonderful witness and reverence of the children who participated at Masses in both of our Churches that morning. Schools being open on Feast of Epiphany also generated some mixed discussion that day on the Liveline Programme on RTE Radio1! A woman from our Parish phoned in and spoke of being at the 10 a.m Mass here and how beautiful it was to see so many children there and how prayerful they were in their participation, saying 'it added to the occasion of the day!' Let us pray this week for all the pupils and staff of our schools.

Sr. Colette

TAIZÉ PRAYER

at Christ our Light Church
on Friday 31st January at 7.30 p.m.
You are all very welcome to join with our Taizé group
for some quiet reflective prayer with the Songs of Taizé

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

With Christ's shining light on us, let us bring our needs into the presence of God.

Reader

That all Christians may strive to walk in the light of truth and goodness.

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

That the light of Christ may guide the nations of the world into the way of peace.

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

That the light of Christ's comfort may shine on those who are in the darkness of grief.

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

That the light of Christ's love may shine on the sick and the lonely.

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

That our departed relatives and friends may enjoy the light of eternal life.

**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

Almighty God, may the radiance of your glory light up our hearts, and bring us safely through the shadows of this world until we reach our homeland of everlasting light. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord is my light and my help.

Visit Our Website: www.ballincolligparish.ie

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Third Week In Ordinary Time

26 Sunday Is. 8:23-9:3. Ps. 26. 1 Cor. 1:10-13, 17. Mt. 4:12-23. Lect I: 644
 27 Monday 2 Sam 5:1-7, 10. Ps 88. Mk 3:22-30. Lect II: 484
 28 Tuesday 2 Sam 6:12-15, 17-19. Ps 23. Mk 3:31-35. Lect II: 486
 29 Wednesday 2 Sam. 7:4-17. Ps. 88. Mk. 4:1-20. Lect II: 488
 30 Thursday Sam. 7:18-19,24-29. Ps. 131. Mk. 4:21-25. Lect II: 490
 31 Friday 2 Sam 11:1-10, 13-17. Ps50. Mk 4:26-34. Lect II: 493
 01 Saturday Job 31:16-20, 24-25, 31-32 or Eph 3:14-21. Ps 106. Lk 6:32-38.
 National Proper

Next Sunday's Readings 02/February/2014

Mal. 3: 1-4 or Heb. 2: 14-18. Ps. 23. Lk. 2:22-40. Lect I: 967 or II: 940

The Social & Health Education Project (SHEP)

SHEP is offering a Spring 2014 programme of short 20 hour courses, many of which are at no charge, in topics Men's Health, Managing Stress, Women's Health, Effective Communication for Better Relationships, Introduction to Personal Development, Seasons for Growth – Living with Grief, Loss & Change, Intercultural Awareness, and Family Communication. If you wish to enquire further please call Geraldine Flanagan or Liam Mc Carthy on 021-4666180.

Carpe Diem Tours

Cordially invites you to the...
 2014 SEASON LAUNCH
 Thursday Feb. 13 from 6pm. Cork School of Music
 Address 7.30pm. Mark Patrick Hederman,
 Abbot of Glenstal
 Information and Booking for Pilgrimages to the Holy
 Land, Krakow and Russia
 Cultural Tours to Skellig Michael, Blasket Islands
 and The Burren
 Competitions, Tour Highlights and much more
 Music: John Gibson R.S.V.P.
 For enquiries, contact Mícheál at 086-8337681

Get Help Getting Active

Over 50? Need to get active? **FITLINE** has the answer. Our **FREE** service gives information, advice and motivation to get moving. We know what physical activity is available all over Cork city and county. For more information free phone Go for Life on 1800 303 545.

CROWLEY

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BAPTISMS

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

Eimear Oonagh McGibney, The Brambles, Classes Lake.
 Adam John O'Mahony, Willowgrove, Coolroe Heights.
 Colm Denis O'Mahony, Willowgrove, Coolroe Heights.
 Lilah Ellen Lucey, Highfield.
 Amelia Lilly O'Driscoll/O'Sullivan, Carriganarra.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Kathleen Creedon, Old Youghal Road.
 Nora Carroll, Castlepark.
 Dermot McNamara, Wyndham Downs.
 Leah Whyte, Derry.
 Kathleen Collins, Dundrum, Dublin.
 Phil Madden, Model Farm Road.
 Hannah Kelly, Belfast

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

Dec. members of the Ring family.
 John J Deasy, Beech Road.
 Paudie O'Shea, Ventry.
 Mary O'Mahony, Ballyshonneen,
 Catherine O'Sullivan, Kilmichael.
 Bride Delaney, Currabeg, Ovens.
 Bernard O'Brien, Hawthorne Avenue.
 Mary Ellen Kelleher, Maglin.
 Dec. Members of the O'Donovan family.
 Mamie Kavanagh, East Gate.
 Mary Ellen Kavanagh, Maglin.
 Dec members of Donovan family, West Village.
 Bernard O'Brien, Hawthorn Avenue.
 Denis & Mary Desmond, French Villas.
 Mary Forrest, Ballygarvan.
 Mary Whelan, Rosewood.
 Donal Coughlan, Schull.
 Mary Chaplin, Schull.
 Philip Walsh, Turner's Cross.
 Liam Walsh, Wolverhampton.
 Shelia O'Donovan, Rochestown.
 James & Catherine O'Dwyer, Limerick.
 Mary Hourihane, Skibbereen.
 May & Willie Murphy, Blarney.
 Dec. members of the Reilly & Hanney families.
 Sean Coakley, "Hillview" Muskerry Estate.
 James Collins, Dundrum & Mayo.
 Donncha O'Buachella.
 Catherine O'Donnell, Drimoleague.
 Sean Dunne, Willow Drive, Muskerry Estate.
 Connie Jim O'Sullivan, Castletownkenneigh.
 Connie Jack O'Sullivan, Castletownkenneigh.
 Sean Dunne, Willow Drive.

Music Morning

Music morning will resume in the Ballincollig Library on this Tuesday January 28th at 11am.
 This month's music choice will be presented by Philip Brennan.
 All welcome. Admission free. Cuppa will be served

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 8:23 - 9:3
 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Those who lived in the land of gloom now have joy, for the yoke that burdened them God has smashed.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17
 Paul wrote to the people of Corinth: let "there be no divisions among you, ... be united in mind and in the same purpose." I have heard "that there are rivalries among you. . . . Is Christ divided?"

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23
 The reading today from Matthew's Gospel takes place early in Jesus' ministry. Several ideas are clear. First of all, Matthew strived to connect his Gospel for the early Christians to their Jewish heritage. He made several references in his Gospel like the one today in which prophecies of old are fulfilled in Jesus. The second thing was that Jesus learned of John the Baptist's arrest and resolved to begin his ministry away from Herod. Finally, Jesus called with some urgency, his first four disciples. The common thread to all this was that God's Kingdom was at hand.

**Ballincollig Parish
 Bereavement Support Group**

A Bereavement Support Programme will commence in Ballincollig Tuesday 18th February. It will continue each Tuesday night for 8 weeks (7.30 to 9.30 pm). It is open to anyone who is experiencing the grief and loss of a loved one. It is held in a small group, confidential setting.
 For further details please contact: Sr Colette at 086 3557375

**"Mothers' Prayers"
 Continue**

Every Wednesday at 10.30 a.m
 At Meeting Room at Christ our Light Church
 Every Thursday at 10.00 a.m
 At Parish house - 'Sonas' - Station Road
 We welcome all Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers to join in prayer for all our children and the youth of our parish on one of these mornings

**An opportunity to explore the Bible
 Letter To The
 Hebrews**

For 8 weeks at Sonas House Ballincollig
 In an informal, fun and friendly environment
 Starting 22nd January 2014 @ 7:30 – 9:15PM
 Contact Ger @ 085 1555000
 Or Terry @ 086 2596448

Bulletin Board

Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord.

Sunday 2nd February the feast of the Presentation of Our Lord candles will be blessed at the 10.00am Mass

Special Collection for Diocesan Needs.

The collection for Diocesan taken up at all Masses last weekend amounted to €3213. Thank you for your generosity

Prayer for Christian Unity 2014

Sunday 2nd February 2014 , St Luke's Church of Ireland, Douglas at 7pm. All Welcome.

Garda Vetting

Many thanks to the Ministers of the Eucharist who returned their Garda Vetting forms. Please return outstanding forms without delay, to the Parish Office or Sacristy. Thank you for your co-operation.

Car Parking at Church of St Mary & St John and Christ Our Light

Please keep to left hand side as you approach the car parks. This is important from a health and safety point of view. Please also be careful of pedestrians who walk to Mass or from their cars to the church. Take care also not to obstruct entrance and exit to the car parks and church doors.

Coeliac Host

Coeliac Host available at all Masses in both churches. Generally the Priest celebrating the Mass has the Coeliac Host. To help the Celebrant you might please let him know before the Mass.

Fr. George

Reflection for Parents

There are few people in the world who understand the immediacy of today's Gospel like a parent does! The demands of the day are genuinely important, from the first stirrings of the morning, into the commitment-filled day, to the evening and bedtime routine. A huge part of our day requires an on the spot reaction from us. Many things we do on the spur of the moment are important, but have we thought today how the urgency of our day-to-day decisions compares to the urgency of Jesus calling his disciples? With what urgency do we call our children to discipleship? How do they recognise us as disciples of Jesus?

The Alliance of the Two Hearts

All-night vigil of Reparation & Adoration
 On Friday 31st January
 St. Francis Church
 Liberty Street, Cork
 Rosary Starts @ 9pm
 Friday Mass @ 9.30pm
 First Saturday Mass @ Midnight Friday
 (Come for all or part of the night)

Catholic Schools Week 2014 - 'Places of Faith and Learning'

Catholic Schools Week 2014 will begin on today Sunday 26 January and will conclude on 1 February. The theme for Catholic Schools Week this year is 'Catholic Schools – places of faith and learning'. This year's theme was chosen to highlight that all learning takes place in a values context. Catholic Schools Week is an occasion to celebrate the work and achievement of Catholic Schools in Ireland, north and south. Resources have been provided to all primary and post-primary schools to assist with the celebration of CSW.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Feb/01 & Feb/02/2014

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)

Sandra Walsh
Brayden Peck

8:30 am

Eadaoin O'Leary
Gerard O'Leary

10:00 am

Louise McCarthy
Robert Noonan

12:00 Noon

Catherine O'Sullivan
Emer Wiseman

7:30 pm (Vigil)

Pauline Collins
Niall Cronin

11:00 am

Tomas Buckley
Alison Henchion

12:30 pm

Aisling Dore
Clara Herdman

5:30 pm

Brian O'Donoghue

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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Week 27th January to 2nd February

Joan Barrett

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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

Feb/01 & Feb/02/2014

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm

Patsie Murphy

Pat Moore

Mary Walsh

Marie Healy

Margaret Kearney

Nora Barry

7:30 pm

Sheila O'Connor

Martin O'Regan

Brid Healy-Harris

Kit Cahill

11:00 am

Carmel Ryan

Eileen Byrne

Bernadett Spillane

Angela Cunningham

Laurence Cunningham

10:00 am

Margaret Bunyan

Mary Murphy

Joan Tobin

Breda Monaghan

Niamh Nic Gearailt

Ann McCarthy

12:30 pm

Eileen Garvey

Sally Power

Breda Callanan

Catherine Freehill

Betty Walsh / Liam

Buckley

12 Noon

Marie Bowen

Breda Lenihan

Jacinta Jeffers

Rena O'Connor

Sean Farrell

Mary Hennigan

5:30 pm

Olan O'Mahony

Ann-Marie Whelan

Noel Kelleher

Age Action

Age Action operates a busy information service on older people's issues and services throughout Ireland. Trained information officers provide information or referrals to the appropriate organisations. The service responds to queries from individuals and organisations about:

- Entitlements: pensions, carer's allowance,
- Accommodation issues: nursing homes, sheltered housing and living alone allowances.
- Safety and security issues: grants for personal alarms.
- Health concerns: accessing community services like home help or occupational therapy. We advocate with the HSE on behalf of Older People.
- Employment issues: age discrimination
- Leisure: social activities, arts activities, sports activities carers: respite facilities, carer's courses, entitlements
- Information on Travel Insurance and financial services.

The information service is open from 9:30am-1:00pm and 2.00pm - 5.00pm Monday to Friday.

Tel:(01) 475 6989 or Lo Call - 1890 369369

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