

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 26-October-2008

## Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

*The Pharisees fault was not gratitude for doing good but contempt for those less successful, a lack of humility before the grace of God. Paul too could 'boast' and give thanks that he had kept the faith, but he recognised that this had not been simply his own doing but because 'the Lord stood by me.' We too should thank God for any good we have been able to do. It is with his help that we do it, and it gives us no grounds for complacency or a sense of superiority.*



Christ Our Light  
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## Vocation Awareness

All of us are members of the mystical Body of Christ and there is no such thing as a member who does not share in the mission of the Body, and in the priesthood of Christ. When we learn to follow God's call to us, the result is joy and fulfilment, whether that vocation is an overtly religious one or not. We are asked this weekend in Ballincollig Parish to reflect on our vocation, on God's personal call to each of us to a particular life.

The idea of letting a call from God (!) determine our way of life is an incomprehensible notion to many of our contemporaries, in contrast to prevailing individualistic value systems. This is especially the case in relation to a religious vocation, which involves a commitment to celibacy, which seems to make no sense at all. And yet in spite of sceptical attitudes, in spite of the decline in priestly and religious vocations, people still follow faithfully and joyfully their religious or lay vocations, enriching their own lives and the life of the Church community to which they belong.

The men and women who are members of religious orders, congregations and societies spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ through a variety of ways including lives of contemplative prayer, education, medicine, social work, development work, counselling, pastoral care, media, ecology, art and culture, farming etc. They work in Ireland and also all over the world. Whatever you want to do in your life you can do as a religious Sister, Brother or Priest. Vocations to the religious life are extremely varied and all can lead to joy and fulfilment.

The ordained priest is to be a fellow disciple and a brother among brothers and sisters in the family of God and at the same time pastor and teacher. The first task of priesthood is to announce the Gospel of Christ. Priests are available to all people, discussing problems and listening to them, fostering maturity and encouraging those whom they advise to live not only for themselves, but also for others. Celibacy in the priesthood is a prophetic sign of the world to come, in which people shall neither marry or be given in marriage. We accept celibacy as a gift, and indeed celibacy cannot be successfully and healthily lived without such an attitude. Priests are called to be apart from the world but not separate from it, the priest's pastoral love for the people whom he serves is derived principally from the Eucharist, the centre and source of his life.

The vocation to a married or single lay life is the norm, and such vocations are the mainstay of the Church. The teaching of the Church in the second Vatican Council recognises the dignity of such vocations and provides that lay people should be encouraged to undertake duties within the Church, and to take initiatives and develop projects of their own (Vatican II, *Presbyterorum Ordinis*).

The Lord has a plan for each of us; he calls each one of us by name. We are called to witness, to love and to serve, vocations for all of us are about following Christ.

A generous response to a vocation is a source of happiness and joy, giving of ourselves we realise and experience that "it is in giving that we receive."

Billy O'Sullivan

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

### Priest

In the First Reading the Lord says, 'I will listen, for I am full of pity'. Let us make our prayers to the Lord in 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 for our country. That it 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 those who are far from God may turn to seek the face of the Lord.

**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 cared for your people in the desert; hear the prayers we place before you today in the name of Jesus, your Son, our Lord.

Amen.

## Novena for The Dead - November 2nd to 10th, 2008

November is a month dedicated to our deceased 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 this weekend in both Churches.**

*I love you, Lord, my strength.*

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**BAPTISMS**

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

Joshua Marvin Philpott Batista, Holly Court Apts, Broomfield, Middleton.  
 Senan James Gleeson, The Stables, Coolroe.  
 Charlie John O'Regan, Old Court, Greenfields.  
 Ellen Mary O'Donovan, Aylsbury Crescent.  
 Niamh Krajewska, Coopers Grange.  
 Jennifer Nyagaya, Castlepark.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Alan Daly, Castlepark.  
 Pat O'Leary, Doneraile.

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

Annie Murphy, Coachford.  
 Kathleen O'Keeffe, Aylsbury.  
 Mary Harrington, Douglas Street.  
 Daniel O'Callaghan, Clash Cross.  
 Peter & Ellen Murphy, Ovens.  
 Gerard Murphy, Westcliffe.  
 Willie & Nora Linehan, Blackrock.  
 Peg & John O'Hanlon, Ballyduff  
 John & Mary O'Regan, Cathedral Road.  
 Jim Deasy, Rosewood.  
 John O'Callaghan, Fr Sexton Park.  
 Billy Kelleher, Fr Sexton Park.  
 Arthur Collins, Carrigrohane.  
 Michael & Catherine Healy, Eyerics.  
 Patrick Hayden, London.  
 Gertie & Michael Riordan, Glasheen Road.  
 William O'Dwyer, Kilmichael.  
 Kathleen & Christy Daly, Mayfield.  
 Jim Curran, Cahirciveen.  
 Eileen Nolan, Borris, Co. Carlow.  
 Dan, Mary & John O'Leary, Doneraile.  
 Jim & Ann Seymour, Friars Walk.  
 Paddy Fitton, Balllyshoneen.  
 John Sexton, Bweeing.  
 Nora O'Callaghan, Carrigrohane.

***Vocation Awareness Weekend***  
**25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> October**

Vocation Sunday 2008 marked the beginning of a 'Year of Vocation' in the Irish Catholic Church and will continue until Vocation Sunday 2009 (3<sup>rd</sup> May). The threefold theme of the year - Called to **Love**, Called to **Serve**, Called to **Witness** - includes all vocations within the Church.

Whatever we do, whoever we are, - whether we are single, or married, young or older, priest or religious it will have something to say to each one of us in our following of Jesus Christ. It will help us deepen and appreciate our belonging to the Church. An important feature of this year is the promotion of Priesthood and Religious Life.

During this weekend 25<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> October we, in Ballincollig parish, are invited to focus on and appreciate our own particular call, asking the Lord to deepen our belonging to Him. There will be a short input on the topic of 'Vocation' at each Mass this weekend and 'Vocation Literature' will be on display in both Churches.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Thirtieth Week In Ordinary Time**

26 Sunday Ex 22:20-28. Ps 17. 1 Thess 1:5-10. Mt 22:34-40. Lect I: 717  
 27 Monday Eph. 4:32-5:8. Ps. 1. Lk. 13:10-17. Lect II: 838  
 28 Tuesday Eph. 2:19-22. Ps. 18. Lk. 6:12-19. Lect II: 1242  
 29 Wednesday Eph. 6: 1-9. Ps. 144. Lk. 13:22-30 Lect II: 842  
 30 Thursday Eph 6:10-20. Ps 143. Lk 13:31-35. Lect II: 844  
 31 Friday Phil. 1: 1-11. Ps. 110. Lk. 14: 1-6. Lect II: 846  
 01 Saturday Apoc. 7:2-4, 9-14. Ps. 23. 1 In. 3:1-3. Mt. 5:1-12. Lect I: 999 or Lect II: 1244

**Next Sunday's Readings** 02-November-2008  
 Is 25:6-9. Ps 26. Rom 5:5-11. Mt 11:25-30. Lect I: 1002

***Scripture Prayer Group***  
***(Lectio Divina)***

Many of the participants at the recent Week of Directed Prayer expressed a desire to join a Lectio Divina group. We already have seven groups operating in the parish but there is room for more. This method of praying the Bible has become very popular in recent years in Ireland and in many other parts of the world. Anyone who is remotely interested in joining a prayer group is invited to attend an Information Meeting on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October at 8 pm in the Annex to the Community Centre. Others in the Parish who may wish to join a prayer group are also invited to attend. Feel free to come along to the meeting for information only. There will be no obligation to join a group.

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**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Exodus 22:20-28

God calls for sensitivity for the needs of others. A social morality is demanded. It singles out those for whom God has a special love, as should God's chosen people; a love for the stranger, widow, orphan, poor. Often these do not enjoy full civil rights and are victims of oppression and exploitation. Members of a truly just society must be compassionate and provide for its weakest members.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

Paul is fulsome in his praise for the Christian community of the Thessalonians. He had come to them with the Good News. With the power of the Spirit and in spite of much suffering they received his teaching with open minds and generous hearts. Their way of life radically changed. They were now an example of the life of love to other Christian communities.

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

Trying to trick Jesus into saying something contrary to Moses, the Pharisees asked Jesus which was the greatest commandment. Jesus responded by saying that we are to love God with all our heart, our soul, and mind. Secondly, we are to love our neighbour as our self.

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29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	2 <sup>nd</sup> Session	The <b>Gift of Salvation</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	3 <sup>rd</sup> Session	The <b>Grace</b> of the Holy Spirit & <b>New Life</b>
12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	4 <sup>th</sup> Session	Preparing to receive the <b>Grace</b> of the Holy Spirit
19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	5 <sup>th</sup> Session	Receiving the <b>Grace</b> of the <b>Holy Spirit</b>
26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	6 <sup>th</sup> Session	Growing in the <b>Holy Spirit</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	7 <sup>th</sup> Session	Transformation in <b>Jesus Christ</b>

Each session will commence with a period of Prayer and Praise and Song and will conclude with Intercession. All are most welcome to attend

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**Bulletin Board**

**Bank Holiday Monday October 27<sup>th</sup>**

9.30 am Mass in St Mary & St Johns.

There is no 8.30 am Mass in Christ Our Light.

**The Feast of All Saints Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November**

**St Mary & St John:**

Vigil Mass Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 8.00 pm

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November 8.30 am & 10:00 am

Vigil as usual for Sunday 6:00 pm.

**Christ Our Light:**

Vigil Mass Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 6:30 pm

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November 12:30 pm

Vigil as usual for Sunday 7:30 pm

**Novena Masses**

There will be two evening Masses during the Novena-

6.30 pm Christ Our Light and 8 pm St Mary & St John.

There will be a Special Mass to remember all our loved ones who died during the past year on November 12<sup>th</sup> at 8.00 pm at St Mary & St John. All those who died from the Parish will be remembered at this Mass. Families who wish to have a deceased family members 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.

Annual Graveyard Masses  
Will take place on Saturday November 8<sup>th</sup> 2008 at 2 pm in St Oliver's Cemetery and Saturday November 15<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm in St. Mary & St. John's Cemetery.

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**Autumn Dues**

Envelopes are currently being distributed to homes throughout the parish of Ballincollig, contribution of the dues is for the support of the priests of the parish. Please return it by placing it in the basket at Mass. Should your home be missed spare envelopes are available from the back of the church.

**Children's Mass**

The Children's Mass continues every Sunday at 11 am in Christ Our Light. The Children of 2<sup>nd</sup> class retire to the crying room at the beginning of Mass where they celebrate Liturgy of the Word in child friendly fashion, do word, colouring and maze searches. Volunteers are welcome and needed to help. Training and practice will be given. Parents are welcome to join their Children, especially Parents of Children who are now preparing for their First Holy Communion. We encourage

**Crying Rooms**

Many Parents and Grandparents to continue to bring their children / grand children to Mass. Christ Our Light has two rooms on the right hand side (as you face the altar). These are used as Children's Crying rooms. Please avail of these facilities especially if your child needs a bit of space and freedom from the church seats. Well done to the Parents who bring their children to Mass.

**Catholic Paper**

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

**Parish Office**

The Parish Office is situated in the Parochial House, next-door to St Mary & St John's church. Office hours are Monday to Wednesday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm and Saturday mornings from 10:30 am to 12 noon. Available at the office are Baptism and Confirmation Certificates. Bookings for Baptisms and appointments with the priests are made. Mass Cards are available and signed. Parishioners are welcome to call or phone 021-4871206.

**Fr. George**

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Nov-01 & Nov-02-2008

**St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**  
Aine Sheehan  
Mark Prendergast  
**8:30 am**  
Niamh Gallagher  
**10:00 am**  
Tony Hegarty  
William Green  
**12:00 Noon**  
Miriam Maunsell  
Evan Smith

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**  
Rebecca Feely  
Jessica Lingard  
**11:00 am**  
Meabh Nic Mheanmain  
**12:30 pm**  
Joseph Manning  
Sorcha Nic Mheanmain  
**5:30 pm**  
Phil O'Connell

**MASS TIMES**

<b>St. Mary &amp; St. John</b>		<b>Christ Our Light</b>
8:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon	<b>Sunday</b>	11 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm
9:30 am	<b>Monday</b>	
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 & 8 pm (Vigil)	<b>Friday</b>	8:30 am & 6:30 pm (Vigil)
8:30 am, 10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)	<b>Saturday</b>	12:30 pm & 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

**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 021-4870434**



**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Nov-01 & Nov-02-2008

**St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light**

<b>6.00 pm</b>	Steve Wills Margaret O'Sullivan Rita Aherne Danny Farrell Jim Walsh Frances O'Brien	<b>7:30 pm</b>	Anne O'Regan Mairead Murphy Finbarr Murray Lettie Kelly
<b>8:30 am</b>	Mary Buckley Rita Murphy Denis Healy	<b>11:00 am</b>	Seamus O'Connell Mary O'Connell Alan O'Riordan Geraldine Keohane Gerard Murray
<b>10:00 am</b>	Christina Walsh Peter Reilly Mary Collins Christy Roche Katie O'Shea Claire Creedon	<b>12:30 pm</b>	Lucy O'Callaghan Jackie Sheehan Mary Green Michael O'Leary J.P.O'Leary
<b>12 Noon</b>	Oliver O'Donovan Barbara Kelly Sean Hennessy Mary McLean Ellen Seymour Nora Hennessy	<b>5:30 pm</b>	Noelle Buckley Mary Breen Siobhan Burke



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