

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 27-February-2011

Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

*We are cherished by the tremendous love of God,
tender and forgiving above every human love.*

*We pray that we may be able to surrender to this
love in perfect trust.*



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Priority

Jesus tells us that no one can serve two masters, that God and money are incompatible priorities. A divided heart is not at peace. If we set our hearts on purely material things, things that don't last, we will experience disappointment and a sense of futility. Jesus' advice to us in today's gospel reading is to have a realistic sense of priority. Even before we consider the eternal realities, we know that when we come to the end of our lives what will matter to us will be the core human values of family love, connectedness and friendship. We are made for relationship with one another, not with things.

Material things are part of God's creation and are good in themselves, what we are warned against is a disproportionate attachment, a wrong set of priorities. For a lasting sense of meaning in our lives we need to set our hearts first on the kingdom of God and his goodness, only then will we find real peace. A wrong set of priorities will prevent us from developing into the joyful generous people God made us to be. A true sense of priority will give us peace, and realisation of God's love for us will lead to trust in him. And that peaceful trust in God brings joy into our lives, even in the midst of our legitimate worries about security and employment. Let us set our hearts on what will satisfy and will last, rather on what does not last and does not give lasting satisfaction.

God loves us with an everlasting love, and tells us in today's reading from Isaiah that he will never forget us: "does a woman forget her baby at the breast?" This is one of the most tender images of God's love for us in the Old Testament. We are called to respond to that love by trusting him to look after us as we seek his kingdom. Our mission as Christians is to let the light of Christ be seen in the world. We are immersed in a world of material priorities which sets its heart on things that do not last, a world at present of economic preoccupation. We pray we will witness to a deeper meaning of human life as we live lives of love and joy and experience the peace of Christ, a peace that the world cannot give.

Billy O'Sullivan

Reflection for Parents

Without satellite navigation or day planner, birds know when to migrate. They haven't planned their trip weeks in advance nor have they packed their belongings. They don't buy travel insurance in case something goes wrong. They just know to go. If we plan a big trip like that, we may find ourselves worrying about all the possible scenarios and take precautions to avoid problems. When we worry about things, we use a lot of energy that exhausts us and may not have been necessary in the first place. But what if there are really dangers lurking ahead? Ask yourself: What possible good can come from the situation if it works out in the way I worry that it will? What gift might God have for me if

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

With great confidence and trust let us make our needs known to our heavenly Father.

Reader

For the Church: that through its ministry people may experience the tender, steadfast love of God.

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

For all parents: that they may love their children in good times and in bad.

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

For our own parents: who first gave us an experience of love.

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

For all those who are burdened with problems and worries: that they may know the strength that comes from trust in God.

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

For the grace to place our special needs before God.

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

For those who have died; that they may find their eternal rest in the kingdom of heaven.

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

Priest

Heavenly Father, grant us in all our tasks your help, in all our doubts your guidance, in all our weakness your strength, in all our dangers your protection, and in all our sorrows your consolation. We ask you this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

In God alone is my soul at rest.

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BAPTISMS

WE WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY ALL THOSE WHO WERE BAPTISED RECENTLY :
Tyler George Todd, Waltham Abbey, Old Quarter.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :
Kathleen Murray, Carrigrohane Road.

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

- Sean McGeough, Muskerry Estate.
- Patrick & Kathern Howard, Ballinlough.
- Fred Hutchinson, Barrack Street.
- Ted & Rose Moylan, Earlwood Estate.
- Mary Cronin, Kilnamartyra.
- Mary O'Brien, Classes, Ovens.
- Joseph & Mary Kearney, Beech Park.
- John & Eileen O'Sullivan, Glanmire.
- Timmy Fitzmaurice, Banna.
- Jim Deasy, Aherla.
- Patrick O'Donovan, Church Hill, Carrigrohane.
- John & Mary Lucey, Coolroe.
- William & Mamie Kavanagh, East Gate.
- Eileen Murphy, Rosewood.
- Paddy Murphy, Inniscarra.
- Shelia Walsh, Castlepark.
- Tim, Catherine & Kieran McCarthy, Dunmanway.
- Mary Jo Schwartu, Midleton.
- Tim Cagney, Gardiners Hill.
- Lucy & Paddy Doyle, Mallow.
- John, Nora, & Joseph Fleming, Mallow.

Introducing the Gospel of Matthew. An evening to open up the Matthew's Gospel for everyone. Two opportunities: The Crypt, Dennehy's Cross, Thursday, 3rd March or Ovens parish centre, Thursday 10th March, 8.00-9.30pm. With Fr. Seán O'Sullivan. All Welcome. Cost €5

Living Eucharist Today. A series of four evenings exploring the Mass and our lives today. Blackrock parish centre, March 21st, 28th, April 4th, 11th, 8.00-9.30pm. With Fr. Christy Fitzgerald and Dr. Anne Francis. All welcome. Cost €20 for the four nights.

Information and bookings
Anne Francis, 087-228-2134,
abfrancis@eircom.net.

Ballincollig YMCA

is looking for volunteers to apply to become a mentor to a young person on the STEP training course. A few hours a month could help a young person succeed in their chosen career option. By giving some of their time to provide support to young people during and after the course, a Mentor can provide the support needed to progress them towards their own personal, educational and vocational goals. Please read the information below and if you wish to apply to become a mentor please contact James on 021 4814060 in the YMCA office or download an application form from www.ymca-cobh.org

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Eight Week In Ordinary Time

- 27 Sunday Is 49: 14-15. Ps 61. 1 Cor 4:1-5. Mt 6:24-34. Lect I: 658
- 28 Monday Eccles. (Sir) 17:24-29. Ps. 31. Mk. 10:17-27. Lect II: 94
- 01 Tuesday Eccles. (Sir) 35:1-12. Ps. 49. Mk. 10:28-31. Lect II: 96
- 02 Wednesday Eccles. (Sir) 36:1, 4-5, 10-17. Ps. 78. Mk. 10:32-45. Lect II: 98
- 03 Thursday Eccles. (Sir) 42:15-25. Ps. 32. Mk. 10:46-52. Lect II: 100
- 04 Friday Eccles. (Sir) 44:1, 9-13. Ps. 149. Mk. 11:11-29 Lect II: 103
- 05 Saturday Eccles. (Sir) 51:12-20. Ps. 18. Mk. 11:27-33. Lect II: 105

Next Sunday's Readings 06-March-2011

Deut 11:18, 26-28, 32. Ps 30. Rom 3:21-25, 28. Mt 7:21-27. Lect I: 661

Autism Awareness

The Fourth Annual World Autism Awareness Day is being held on April 2nd, 2011.

April is Autism Awareness Month.

Irish Autism Action is celebrating this by holding a series of national collection days and running unique fundraising activities throughout the month of April in the 26 counties around Ireland. If you have any of the following days Free April 1st, 8th, 14th and 29th Please join us!

Get behind our Patron Keith Duffy and come out and collect for your county to help raise much needed funds for local families affected by Autism. We would love to hear from you regarding how you would like to get involved - contact us directly on 087 - 2496068

Something from Long Ago!

Trams and trains of bygone days will be featured in a slide show presentation, under the auspices of the South Parish Historical Society, on Wednesday March 2nd at 7.45 p.m. Highlighted will be the Cork City tram era, the Muskerry Tram, the Cork to Macroom railway as well as pictures from the West Cork and Cork to Crosshaven systems. The venue for the presentation is St John's College, Sawmill Street (near the South Parish Community Centre.)

Neighbourhood Retreat

A seven week retreat in small groups for Lay People.

This retreat aims to promote a deeper understanding of God and of each other. Introduction to the New Testament and different ways of praying. It will offer an opportunity to slowdown, to listen and to pray.

Continues every Thursday to April 7th

Time: 7:30 pm

Venue: Community Hall (Annex)

Contact : Louise 085 7542490 / Breda 085 7475971

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 49:14-15

One of the desert fathers is reported as saying that 'Forgetfulness is the root of all evil'. This sounds a bit extreme. Surely to forget someone's birthday or anniversary is not so serious. Memory lapses are understandable in busy lives, especially as we grow older. This reading shows how serious forgetfulness is in linking it with the notion of abandonment. To forget may be to abandon someone. God has perfect memory. He never abandons his creation.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

The 'iceberg theory' of morality warns against reducing morality to external acts and urges us to explore the human heart. This reading stresses the role of the 'secret intentions of men's hearts' in moral judgement. We may fool other people by hiding our real motives for acting, but God's searchlight judgment is infallible. May this light illumine our fallible consciences.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 6:24-34

This text is surely related to the beatitude of the pure of heart, which is concerned with single-mindedness, putting God first and resistance to idolatry. Anthony Bloom once used the image of Gulliver in the land of Lilliput to illustrate this point. Having being washed ashore unconscious, Gulliver awakes, but can't get up because the little folk have tied him down by each of his strands of long hair. The cumulative effect of the worries mentioned in the gospel, immobilise us and prevent us from achieving the liberation associated with God's Kingdom and belief in his providential care. Every desire of the heart must be subordinated to firm belief that in God alone 'all shall be well'.

Where in God's Name is God?

Fresh Insights for People and Communities of Faith.
Continue every Thursday Night up to March 10th

Presentation Brother's, Mardyke House, Cork (7.30 - 9 pm)

Lecture Outline

- 3rd March God's presence and action:
looking for the signs
Dr. Thomas Grenham
- 10th March Discerning God's presence in all things
Dr. Eugene Duffy

This series of lectures creates an opportunity for thought and discussion among members of the various church communities that need to 'think out loud'. The lectures provide an opportunity for much needed reflection and thought provoking discussion.

Catechesis for Adults and Youth

"This is my gift to you, a peace which the world cannot give you" (Jn. 14:27)

Come and Listen...

On many occasions and in different ways, Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI highlighted the abundance of fruits the Neocatechumenal Way brings in the life of the people, of the families, of the parish communities, and the wealth of vocations which it inspires to the priestly and religious life, manifesting itself as "an itinerary of Catholic formation, valid for our society and for our times".

The catechesis take place at 8 pm on Sundays and Wednesdays, starting Sunday 20th February, 2011, and continues for 6 weeks at St. Mark's Centre, (opposite Christ Our Light Church), Innishmore, Ballinacollig.

Everyone Welcome

Bulletin Board

First Friday

Friday March 4th is the first Friday of the month. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St Mary & St John from 6.30 pm to 8 pm, you are invited to come and spend some time with the Lord. There is Mass in St Mary & St John on Friday evening at 8 pm. The priests of the parish visit the sick of the parish on the first Friday of each month; please let us know if you have a family member or neighbour who is sick or housebound.

Mass Book

Diaries to book Mass Intentions for April, May, & June, 2011 will open in both churches on Saturday 12th March at 9 am.

Car Parking

St Mary & St John and Christ Our Light
Please enter the car parks to both churches from the left hand side. 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.

Eucharist Ministers

Thanks to all the Ministers who attended the talks on Saturday 19th February, 2011 given by Fr. Finbarr O'Halloran. Hopefully you found it helpful for your own lives and for your work in the parish. Copies of Fr. Finbarr's notes are available in the Sacristy of St Mary & St John and copies have been sent out to the Eucharist Ministers in Christ Our Light.

Envelope Collection

Bishop's Commissions collection will be take up at all Masses next week end 5th & 6th March, 2011

Lenten Retreat

Ballinacollig Parish Lenten Retreat will take place on Sunday March 20th and will continue until Tuesday 22nd March at 7.30 p m. The theme will be the Eucharist. During the retreat there will be Mass Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday at 7.00 a m. The retreat will take place in Church of Christ Our Light

Masses during Lent

For the duration of Lent there will be evening Mass in Church of **Christ Our Light at 6.30 pm** and Church of **St Mary & St John at 8 pm.**

Fr. George

World Day of Prayer International & Interdenominational

Church of Christ Our Light

Friday March 4th 2011 at 10.30 am

Service prepared by Christian Women of Chile
Speaker Ruth Hockey.

Trocaire

We are asking people to 'Give It Up' for the charity on 4th March and raise valuable funds to support some of the world's poorest people. You can give up anything you want for the day - food, mobile phone, internet - and get family and friends to sponsor you. To order an information pack or set up an online sponsorship page log on to www.trocaire.org/giveitup or call 1850 408 408

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Mar-05 & Mar-06-2011

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Brendan Collins
Michael Collins
8:30 am
Tom McDonagh

10:00 am
Ciaran Noonan
Shannon O'Brien
12:00 Noon
Miriam Maunsell
Christine Coakley

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Fiona Feely

11:00 am
Jacob Derham
Paul Donovan
12:30 pm
Bernard Valley
Colm Walsh
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

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

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Fr. Billy O'Sullivan C.C.

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Fr. James McSweeney

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Society of St. Vincent De Paul

Monthly Collection

Next Weekend 5th & 6th March 2011

Please Support

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

Please Phone: SVP Ballincollig 086 3202182
or SVP Tuckey St., Cork: 021 4270444

**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.**

Rites of Sending and Election (Catechumens)

Good News for Ballincollig Parish.

On the first Sunday of Lent, in cathedral churches all over the world, adults who wish to be baptised are presented to their Bishop by the parish groups who have come to know them. This ceremony is called the Rite of Election. This year there are three people preparing for Adult Baptism in our parish, Neil Wyllie, Jeffery Ogromo and Altin Rexha. At the 6 pm Mass Saturday March 5th, we as a parish community will formally send them, with our blessing, to be presented to Bishop Buckley on Saturday March 12th and they will be accompanied by their godparents and companion group (RCIA).

We congratulate them on entering this final stage of preparation to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.

Please continue to pray for Neil, Jeffery and Altin, that in these final weeks, the Holy Spirit will lead them to a deep awareness of God's loving plan in their lives as they are called to full unity with Christ in the Church.

We pray too, during Lent, that Christ's light will shine on every part of our lives and our parish community so that we will be able to renew our Baptism with faith and joy at Easter.



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Mar-05 & Mar-06-2011

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Patsie Murphy
Joan Barrett
Mary Walsh
Marie Healy
Margaret Kearney
Nora Barry

7:30 pm Sheila O'Connor
Martin O'Regan
Brid Healy-Harris
Kit Cahill

8:30 am Theresa Lucey
Rita Murphy
Mona Holland

11:00 am Bernadette Spillane
Angela Cunningham
Laurence Cunningham
Eileen Byrne
Carmel Ryan

10:00 am Tadgh Murphy
Mary Murphy
Joan Tobin
Eileen O'Connell
Niamh Nic Gerailt
Seamus O'Shea

12:30 pm Eileen Garvey
Sally Power
Breda Callanan
Catherine Freehill
Betty Walsh

12 Noon Marie Bowen
Breda Lenihan
Jacinta Jeffers
Rena O'Connor
Sean Farrell

5:30 pm Maire McCullagh
Olan O'Mahony
Ann-Marie Whelan