

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 27-January-2008

Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

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

Diocese of Cork and Ross

Since our pastoral plan called Pilgrim Steps was launched in 2005, parishes have been setting up and consolidating their pastoral councils, parish assemblies and parish finance committees. I thank all those involved in this work and I know that it will bear much fruit.

I now think it is necessary to move on to the next stage, as proposed in that document - the creation of pastoral areas. This is a process whereby neighbouring parishes plan and work together in a way that is truly co-operative.

Moving towards co-operation and sharing of resources between parishes is all the more imperative as the number of priests decreases. The scarcity of priests is taking hold and we have to respond to it in practical ways.

Last year, I established a working group to assist me in developing further the concept of pastoral areas. Solutions to many of the questions need to be found by all of us working together and sharing our gifts and talents. It is my hope that during this year we can make significant progress in developing pastoral areas in the diocese.

I am convening an initial meeting for clergy, religious and parish representatives which will take place on Sunday March 9th, 2008 in Cork. At this meeting, we will outline and discuss the first steps involved in setting up pastoral areas in the diocese, in other words, in helping each parish to plan and work more closely with its neighbours.

It is my aim to keep everyone informed of developments as we progress in this important work. Please keep this work in your prayers..

+ **John Buckley.**
Bishop of Cork and Ross.

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 com-

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

The Lord is our light and our help. We present our prayers with confidence.

Reader

For our Holy Father, Pope Benedict, that he may continue to lead the Church along ways of faith and hope and love.

Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For harmony among nations and for an end to violence.

Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who are discouraged, that they may find new hope.

Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For the sick and for all who suffer, that they may experience healing and relief.

Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For parents, teachers, catechists and all who are involved in teaching and witnessing to the faith, that their work may bear fruit in the lives of those they instruct.

Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For the needs of this community and for all here present.

Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

Priest

Most loving and faithful God, you constantly care for your people. Hear the prayers we present to you this day in the name of Jesus, your Son, Our Lord. Amen.

The Lord Is My Light And My Help.

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BAPTISMS

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

Leona Maire Dineen-Bradley, 9 Innishmore Square.
 Katie Margaret Lordon, 24 Tuairin Glas.
 Atina Reahna Munir, 58 Castle Ave, Muskerry Est.
 Michael Thomas Joseph Delaney, 27 The Green, Coolroe Meadows.
 Alex James Roche, 9 Maglin View.
 Cathy May Dorney, Valley View, Killnaglory.
 Tina Patricia Fleming, Castle Ave. Muskerry Est.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

John O'Brien, Kilbrin.
 Norah Lynch, Carriganarra.
 William Shanahan, Lixnaw Co. Kerry & Oriel House.
 Ellen Deasy, Killbarry Hse Dublin Hill & Bandon.
 Tony Keohane, Ballincollig.

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

Eileen & Bernie O'Connor, Wicklow.
 Margaret McCarthy, Rosewood.
 Paddy O'Donoghue, Bishopstown.
 John & Hannah Corkery, Aherla.
 Jack Seymour, Evergreen Road.
 Michelle Hogan, Maglin Vale.
 John & Mary Kelly, Kilmichael.
 Joseph Guerra, Portugal.
 Sean & Geraldine Daly, Coolroe.
 Denis Lucey.
 Fr. Michael Kelleher.
 Deceased members of the Lucey family.
 Josephine Boylan, Maple Lawn.
 Michael Whelan, Muskerry Est.
 Bridie O'Mahony, Carrigrohane.
 Mary Whelan, Rosewood.
 Bill Cronin, Model Farm Road.
 James & Catherine Dwyer, Co Limerick.
 Denis & Mary Desmond, French's Villas.
 Deceased members of the Reilly & Hanney Families.
 Dan & Teresa Scully, The Lough.
 Joe & Mary Kate Campbell, Galway.
 Gerard Spillane, Castleknock.
 Jack & Ellen Lucy, Station Cross.
 Timothy O'Keeffe, Shamrock Drive.
 Mairead Boyce, Milford.
 Des O'Brien, Bishopstown.
 Mary O'Mahony, Castle Park.
 Dan Mary O'Leary, Aglish, Farran.
 Mary O'Mahony, Clash.
 Bob & Michael O'Sullivan, Castle Park.
 Mary Ellen Kelleher, Maglin.
 Timothy & Sheila Dineen, Curraheen Cross.
 Patrick & Nancy Manning, Faranree.
 Danjoe Kelleher, Ballinora.
 Sonny & Sheila O'Mahony, Dunmanway.
 Kitty O'Sullivan, O'Connell Ave, Turners Cross.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Third Week In Ordinary Time

27 Sunday Is. 8:23-9: 3. Ps. 26.1 Cor. 1:10-13, 17. Mt. 4:12-23. Lect I: 644
 28 Monday 2 Sam. 1-7, 10. Ps 88. Mk. 3:22-30. Lect II: 484
 29 Tuesday 2 Sam. 6; 12-15, 17-19. Ps 23. Mk. 3:31-35. Lect II: 486
 30 Wednesday 2 Sam. 7:4-17. Ps. 88. Mk. 4:1-20. Lect II: 488
 31 Thursday 2 Sam. 17:18-19, 24-29. Ps. 131. Mk. 4:21-25. Lect II: 490
 01 Friday Rom. 12:3-13. Ps. 148. Mk. 3:31 -35 or Lk. 11:27-28. Lect II: 1319
 02 Saturday Mal. 3:1-4. Ps.23. Heb. 2:14-18. Lk. 2:22-40. Lect II: 940

Next Sunday's Readings 03-February-2008
 Zech. 2:3; 3:12-13. Ps. 145.1 Cor. 1:26-31. Mt. 5: 1 -12. Lect I: 647

Inviting Young People

Young people are invited to come and pray with Poor Clare Sisters at Poor Clare Chapel, College Road, Cork on 10th February 2008 2.30 pm -3.30 pm.

First Friday

Friday the 1st February is the first Friday in the month of February. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in t. Mary and St. John from 10 am to 7:30 pm, you are invited to come and spend time with the Lord that day. There is an evening Mass in St Mary and St. John on Friday evening at 8 .00 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.

Society of St. Vincent De Paul

Monthly Collection
 Next Weekend 2nd & 3rd February 2008
 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

Msza Św. Mass in Polish

w języku polskim w Ballincollig
 16 luty - 16 February
 sobota – 19:00 - Saturday 19:00
 Zapraszamy Powiadom znajomych

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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.

Bulletin Board

Geraldine's Retirement

Bishop Buckley will concelebrate 6 pm Mass Saturday 26th January. This weekend is Geraldine's final weekend before her well-deserved retirement. For almost thirty years Geraldine has been Sacristan at St Mary & St John and during her roll she has welcomed many people and prepared the church for many sacraments as well as paying attention to the every day cleaning and maintenance. Geraldine took great pride in her work and position as Sacristan and deserves a sincere Thank You on all our behalf. Bishop Buckley will make a presentation to her at the end of Mass.

Baptism Preparation.

The next Baptism preparation will take place on Saturday February 9th at 1.00 pm, and will be held in the Community Hall, Station Rd. 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? We recommend parents book baptisms a few weeks in advance in order to give ample time to take part in the preparation.

Vigil Mass Christ Our Light – Time Change

Effective from Saturday 2nd February the Vigil Mass at Christ Our Light changes from 8 pm to 7.30 pm. This Mass time change has been approved by Bishop John Buckley following adoption of the proposal by the Parish Council and the views of parishioners who attend this Mass.

This Week's Calendar

Monday 28 – St Thomas Aquinas, priest and doctor of the Church (1224-1274). Thomas taught that Christian revelation and human knowledge are aspects of a single truth and cannot be in conflict with one another. One of the greatest theologians, he is patron of schools, universities, students and booksellers.

Tuesday 29 – Weekday (3rd in Ordinary Time).

Wednesday 30 – St Aidan, bishop. A native of Cavan, Aidan studied under St David of Wales before returning to his native Ireland to set up a monastery at Ferns in Wexford. His fame spread as a pastor and preacher. He died in 626.

Thursday 31 – St John Bosco, priest (1815-1888). Born in Italy into poverty, he devoted his life to the education of the poor, especially the young. He founded two religious congregations to continue his work – the Salesians and the Helpers of Mary. He is patron of the youth and Catholic publishers.

Friday, 1 February – St Brigid, Secondary Patron of Ireland. She founded a monastery at Kildare and is renowned for her generosity and care of the sick. She died in 524. She is known as Mary of the Gael.

Saturday, 2 February – The Presentation of the Lord. This feast is 'a combined remembrance of the Son and the mother.' It is a festival of light, honouring Christ, the light of the world. It is also celebrated as a Day for Consecrated Life.

Fr. George

Scout news

Last Sunday the Scout Group braved the wind and rain to go climbing in the Knockmealdown's. When we arrived on the hills the weather had worsened and visibility was very bad. With a group of 25 we decided it would be safer to have an old fashioned hike around the valley. The Patrol leaders took control and off we set to the bottom of the valley, we had to cross a fast flowing river, which most did successfully and dry. We took to forest roads and back roads where all you could hear was wind and rain, a break came in the weather and as we climbed out of the valley, you could see across the valley, the cloud sitting on the Gal tee's. We found a nice spot to eat lunch and afterwards the assistant Patrol leaders (Apl) took over the map and navigated us along the by roads, We were on the homeward leg when we came to two roads, we could see the bus on the other side of the valley,(human nature as it is) , one of the roads a by road marked on the map and showing a circler way around to the bus, the other road a forestry road (not on the map)looked to go straight towards the bus , but you could see a bend in the distance . Mind over sense the Apls' took us on the forestry road down hill to the bend, when asked where we were going they very confidently assured us that there would be a another bend which would bring us straight to the bus. They were mistaken and we had to retrace our steps back up the hill and take the circler route, we did get back to the bus and another lesson hard learned. A good day was had by all regardless of the weather.

We all should enjoy ourselves; these are the good old days we are going to be longing for in a few years time

A Celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life

Topic: "Woven by the Word; Weaving the Word"
(Reflection on Scripture)

Speaker: Fr Ned Gould

Date: Sunday, 3rd February 2008

Time: 2.30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Venue: Ursuline Secondary School, Blackrock, Cork
All welcome!

An Introductory Course to the Synoptic Gospels

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St. Dominic's Retreat Centre

February 2nd – Saturday 10.00 am - 5.00 pm
MEDITATION

The Silence of Heaven is the essence of our being

Presenter: Pat Murray SCA

Cost €30 (includes light lunch: soup & roll)

Commencing February 6th – Wednesday 7.30 - 8.30 pm
(7 Wednesdays during Lent)

Mid-week meditation using scripture guided input

Led by: Martina Lehane Sheehan

Donation €5

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Feb-02 & Feb-03-2008

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Carmel Keane
8:30 am
Susan Fennell
10:00 am
Margot Twomey
Jordan Crowley
12:00 Noon
Sean Hennessy
Shane Lehane

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Rosarie Cotter
Louise McGrath
11:00 am
Cormac Manning
Marie Ni Niada
12:30 pm
Bernard Valley
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 & 8 pm

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. Ted Sheehan

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Feb-02 & Feb-03-2008



St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Michael Maher
Ber Bell
Betty Casey
Frank Riordan
Siobhan Riordan
Sr. Martha

8:00 pm Geraldine Lynch
Charlie Vaughan
Joan Stephenson
Brid Healy-Harris

8:30 am Mary Buckley
Theresa Lucey
Triona Collins

11:00 am Marie Ui Chrualaof
Neil Jeffers
Eileen O'Donoghue
Bridie O'Donnell
Bridie Hanrahan

10:00 am Anne Cahill
Pat Lee
May Delaney
Cathy Horgan
John O'Donovan
Betty Flavin

12:30 pm Con O'Connell
Denis O' Mahony
Christine O'Mahony
Tom Murray
John O'Regan

12 Noon Joan Barrett
Sheila Carroll
Seamus O'Donovan
Joe Coghlan
Geraldine Graham
Catherine Greene

5:30 pm Patsy Galvin
Bernard Curran
Clare Curran



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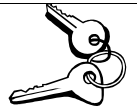
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