

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 28-January-2007

Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

The messengers of God's truth have often had to suffer hostility and rejection. This is still part of the Church's fate today as it continues the work of the prophets. As we struggle for truth we are encouraged by the Lord's words to Jeremiah "I am with you to deliver you."



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

The Power of the Word of God

When Jesus proclaimed the Word of God everybody listened and they "were amazed at the words that came from his mouth." All of us who are baptized, who share in the Eucharistic banquet and claim membership in the discipleship of Jesus Christ have heard and shared in the power of the Word of God. Like the stories we share about ourselves every day that communicate who we are, the proclamation of the Word tells us who we are, anchoring our identity as the people of God. We embrace the Word and let it change us, forming us into more perfect images of God for the sake of our world. Made present to us in the proclamation of the Word, Christ animates our conversations, encourages our hearts, strengthens our minds, and sends us to be ministers of the Word in the world.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal calls readers / lectors to help all of us "develop a warm and lively love for sacred scripture from listening to the reading of sacred texts." These are powerful words and profound challenges for us all. How can we become better listeners of the Word?

Buy a missal containing the Sunday readings, or just log on to <http://www.usccb.org/nab/> where you will find the text of all the readings for any Sunday of the year. Some people like to prepare for Mass by reading the assigned passages. But it is also crucial to remember that Sunday begins and forms us for the week ahead, so look at the readings throughout your week, allowing them to form your disposition. Incorporate them into weekly and daily routines.

If you come to Mass with loved ones, talk about the readings on the way home or at a meal that follows. This is especially helpful with children. This doesn't have to be formal or forced, just look for ways to make connections with what naturally comes up in conversation or the day's other activities. Remember that God can speak to us too, through those around us. The people of Nazareth found this particularly hard to grasp. Not just our ears, but our eyes too need to be open to experience God's Word.

Sean O'Driscoll

Reflection for Parents

How many times do we react to what appears to be the situation? A few times of being wrong slows parents down and teaches us that "things are not always as they seem." It takes time and often forces us to "eat humble pie" (or at least laugh at ourselves), but very often, by the time we "get the story" we recognize that we have come to the wrong conclusion, that the evidence is misleading. We need to show our children that we trust and have faith in them. If our first impression turns out to be correct, then we can take necessary disciplinary steps, but at least our children recognize our faith in them as our first response.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

God is our refuge and our strength. We present our needs with confidence.

Reader

That the Word of God may be preached and heard in our time.

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

That Benedict, our Pope, may be strengthened and blessed in his role as Vicar of Christ on earth.

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

That all world leaders may be guided in their task of governing and reconciling peoples and nations.

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

That Christians who suffer persecution because of their faith may be given inner strength and wisdom.

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

That families may be centres of growth, harmony and security, and that parents may take seriously their role as teachers of the faith.

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

That those who have died may enter into the fullness of everlasting life. We remember especially all our loved ones.

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

Priest

Almighty God, your Word brings life to all. Hear the prayers we make this day and lead us to everlasting life. We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

My lips will tell of your help.

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BAPTISMS

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

Alex Kate Browne, 7, The Lawn, Coolroe Meadows.
Jonathan Patrick Foley, 8, Lime Worth.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Yvonne McCann, Willowgrove.
Kathy Hartnett, Rosewood.
Christine Kelly, Mayfield & Ballincollig.
Frances O'Hegarty, Sandycove, Dublin.

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

Denis, James & Breda O'Donoghue, West Village.
Denis Hegarty, Poulavone.
Joseph Sheehan, Kilcorney.
Sean & Geraldine Daly, Coolroe.
Michelle Hogan, Maglin Vale.
Ellen Hallahan, Ballingulley.
Denis & Mary Collins.
Richard & Joan Murphy, Clash.
Ellen Murphy, Windsor.
Denise Nolan, Glasheen Road.
Mary O'Mahony, Castle Park.
Paddy Lucey, Carriganarra.
Mary Whelan, Rosewood.
Sheila O'Donovan, Rochestown.
James & Catherine O'Dwyer, Co. Limerick.
Tony Florish, Lee View.
Deceased members of Reilly & Hannay families
Martin Murphy, Hodders Villas.
Gerard Spillane, Castle Knock.
Christy & Noreen Deasy, Gerard Street.
Denis Foley, New York & Newcestown.
Eugene & Bridie O'Sullivan, Ballingearry.
Noel Ginty, Inniscarra View.
Jack & Ellen Lucey, Station Road.
Mary O'Sullivan, Carriganarra Road.
Michael O'Mahony, Castle Park.
Jim Green, The Square.
Sheila Murray, Carrighrohane
Timothy & Sheila Dineen, Curraheen.
Patrick & Nancy Manning, Farranree
Kitty O'Sullivan, Turners Cross.
Margaret O'Keefe, Killeens.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Fourth Week In Ordinary Time

28 Sunday Jer 1:4-5, 17-19. Ps 70. 1 Cor 12:31-13:13. Lk 4:21-30. Lect I: 845
29 Monday Heb 11:32-40. Ps 30. Mk 5:1-20. Lect II: 40
30 Tuesday Heb 12:1-4. Ps 21. Mk 5:21-43. Lect II: 42
31 Wednesday Heb 12:4-7, 11-15. Ps 102. Mk6:1-6. Lect II: 45
01 Thursday Rom 12:3-13. Ps 148. Mk 3:31-35. or Lk 11:27-28. Lect II: 1319
02 Friday Mal 3:1-4 or Heb 2:14-18. Ps23. Lk 2:22-40. Lect I: 967 or II: 940
03 Saturday Heb 13:15-17, 20-21. Ps 22. Mk 6:30-34. Lect I: 51

Next Sunday's Readings 04-February-2007
Is 6:1-8. Ps 137. 1 Cor 15:1-11. Lk 5:1-11. Lect I: 849

The Disappeared

The families of the disappeared want to lay their loved ones to rest by giving them a Christian burial. Do you have information, which can bring closure to the families?

- Seamus Wright (Belfast) - Disappeared, October 1972
- Kevin McKee (Belfast) - Disappeared, October 1972
- Columba McVeigh (Donaghmore) - Disappeared, October 1975
- Robert Nairac (England) - Disappeared, May 1977
- Brendan Megraw (Belfast) - Disappeared, April 1978
- Gerard Evans (Crossmaglen) - Disappeared, March 1979
- Danny McIllhone (Belfast) - Disappeared, July 1981
- Charlie Armstrong (Crossmaglen) - Disappeared, August 1981
- Seamus Ruddy (Newry) - Disappeared, May 1985

Do you have information about the location of these bodies?

If you can help, contact the Disappeared Confidential telephone number on 00800 - 55585500 or write to ICLVR, PO BOX 10827, Dublin 2

Independent Commission for the Location of Victims Remains (ICLVR)

All information will be received under the Disappeared Act, which allows individuals to contact the Commission without fear of prosecution.

Tax Rebate

Sincere thanks to each of you for your generous offertory collection each week-end. Thanks also to those of you who have joined the Tax Scheme to-date over 50 families have joined up, this will enable the parish to claim €3150. Brian Cowen assures us there is lots more waiting to be collected.

Fr George

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before your birth I blessed you. I appointed you a prophet to all nations. The will fight you but not prevail, for I am with you.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:31 - 13:13

Love is patient; love is kind. In the end there are only three things that last, faith, hope and love, and the greatest of these is love.

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

Jesus went to Nazareth and taught in the temple. At first the people were amazed at his knowledge but then it occurred to them, he was one of them--a carpenter in their own village! They became very angry with Jesus and planned to throw him bodily from a nearby mountain top. Jesus simply walked through them and left. Some scholars say that the crowd's reaction and Jesus escaping them to continue his teaching and preaching is a foreshadowing of Jesus' death and resurrection and the mission of the Church to continue spreading the Good News.

Bulletin Board

Church Unity Week:

- An Ecumenical Service will be held in the Church of St Mary and St John at 6.00 pm on Sunday 28th January 2007. All welcome.

St Luke's Gospel:

- A talk by Fr. Sean O'Sullivan on St Luke's Gospel will take place on Tuesday 30th January 2007 in the Annex Community Centre. Ministers of the word and fellow parishioners are all invited to attend.

AGM of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place on Monday 19th February 2007 in the Annex Room Community Centre. Any person willing to serve in the parish are more than welcome to come to this meeting.

St Dominic's - February Events

Starting 3rd February - 10.30 am - 12.00 noon

First Saturday of each month

LECTIO DIVINA

Resource morning for leaders of Lectio groups

Joseph Ralph OP

February 3 - Saturday 10.00 am - 4.30 pm

Being in touch with God - Art as a way of Prayer

Allow your soul to be seen and heard through your fingertips by creating your own personal symbols. No artistic skills are necessary.

Gerry Carew

Starting February 9 - Every Friday - 7.30 - 9.00 pm

LECTIO DIVINA - every Friday

Introduction to the method, principles and practice of Lectio Divina.

Joseph Ralph OP

Starting February 14 - Every Wednesday - 7.30 pm - 8.15 pm

Mid-week meditation in St Dominic's choosing silence and stillness to listen to God in the midst of everyday life.

Martina Lehane Sheehan

Mary Immaculate College, The Dominican Biblical Centre and the Presentation Brothers, Cork
Present

Introduction to the Bible

6.30 - 9.30 p.m. in Mardyke House, Cork.
for 9 Thursdays beginning 1st February 2007.

Includes *Lectio Divina Workshop*

by Fr. Brendan Clifford O.P. on three Saturdays from 10 am to 1 pm (24th March, 31st March, 21st April).

This workshop may also be taken independently of the Thursday evening course.

Course can be taken for credit towards an Accredited College Certificate.

Limited places available.

Information from:

Fr. Eamonn Fitzgibbon, Mary Immaculate College.

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49th Cork Ballincollig Scout Group

While all sections are back at their meetings, few activities have been going on. In the Scout section the PLS AND APLS have been to Mount Melleray on crew duty. This is where the lads cook and look after other groups for the weekend. It is not easy work, the washing of endless pots and pans and the bags and bags of chips, which have to be cooked. But they enjoy the place and the freedom.

Once upon a time there were two scouter's. The first was named Smith. He was first class practical Scout. Pioneering, first aid, campcraft, you name it he had it all at his fingertips. In the camp kitchen he was the best. Nothing gave him more satisfaction than to watch his Troop knocking back the delicious meals he set before them. He was devoted to their interests and could never do enough for them. The second Scouter was not in the same class at all. Nobody knew whether he could cook or not, he was only ever seen in the kitchen at meal times to eat, what the troop had prepared for him to eat, nor did they know whether he could tie a knot, but he loved to watch them building bridges, even if some of them fell down! He was never much good at Scouting himself, but showed great interest, when his scouts tried to show him how to do a square lashing. His name was Brown.

One day, worn out by his labours, Smith passed away. After the funeral his troop all transferred to Brown's Troop and they were never bored again.

Decision Time

This time of year Leaving Cert. pupils are busy completing their CAO forms. This is a particularly stressful time for students. Perhaps we could all make an effort to keep these young people in mind and in our prayers this week and indeed in the weeks ahead also.

Adult Faith Foundation

Meeting at West Gate Foundation

Monday 29th January at 8 pm

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Monthly Collection

Next Weekend

3rd & 4th February 2007

Please Support

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Feb-03 & Feb-04-2007

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Sandra Walsh
8:30 am
Niamh Gallagher
10:00 am
Grace Buttimer
Orla Horgan
12:00 Noon
Sean Hennessy

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Michael Greene
11:00 am
Meabh Nic Mheanmain
12:30 pm
Tadhg Buckley
5:30 pm
Marlyn O'Connor

MASS TIMES

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

8:30 am, 10 am, 12 noon & 6 pm	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	8 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 087-2479140

Fr. George O'Mahony P.P. 021-4871206
Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C. 021-4877161
Fr. Sean O'Driscoll C.C. 021-4870434
Fr. Anthony O'Mahony



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Feb-03 & Feb-04-2007

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6.00 pm	Vera Allen Ber Bell Betty Casey Frank Riordan Siobhan Riordan Sr. Martha	8:00 pm	Geraldine Lynch Charlie Vaughan Joan Stephenson
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 Seamus O'Shea 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 Marsie Curling Will Casey Geraldine Graham Catherine Greene	5:30 pm	Patsy Galvin Bernard Curran Clare Curran



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Tuesday	9.30 – 5.00 pm
Wednesday	10.30 – 5.00 pm
Thursday	9.30 – 7.30 pm
Friday	9.30 – 7.30 pm
Saturday	9.30 – 5.00 pm