

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 29-June-2014

Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

*Peter the apostle and Paul the teacher of the Gentiles have brought us to know the law of the Lord.*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

## **Saints Peter and Paul**

Peter and Paul were dominant characters in the infant church after the resurrection and ascension of Christ. Both came to know Christ in different ways. The gospel of John 1: 40 relates that “early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, we have found the Messiah – which means Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. (Who is Andrew in my life) Jesus looked hard at him and said, you are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas. “

Jesus gave great attention to Peter and went on to appoint him leader of the twelve “ thou art Peter, on this rock I will build my church” Today’s gospel John 21: 15 Jesus poses the question “ Simon Peter do you love me more than these others do “? Yes Lord “You know I love you” .Jesus said to him” Feed my Lambs”. Later in the dialogue Jesus added “follow me”. This passage reveals the affection and trust Jesus has for Peter. Jesus also points to shepherding as the primary task of church leaders.

Paul on the other hand is a Pharisee who in his early years attacked the early converts at every opportunity. Paul’s conversion is very dramatic and from then on he became a totally committed believer. Paul suffered for his beliefs but continued to preach the good news. Paul’s letters give us an insight into his character and faith. Paul continually gives thanks, indeed to think for Paul is to give thanks. Cor 8; 9 “You know the generosity of our Lord, though rich He became poor, so that you may become rich“

Peter and Paul two great personalities who had their faults and made many mistakes but remained focused on the Christ.

*George O’Mahony*

## **Thought for Today**

Peter said: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus answered: You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church. We should ask Jesus to help us to fulfil our part of his mission every day, in the daily events of our lives and in the place we have been called to be. We need this guidance because it is easy for ambition and egocentrism to drive us towards claiming a dramatic and highly visible role. There can also be a temptation to take over other people’s roles and neglect our own. Some understanding of our particular role in the bigger mission helps guard against these temptations, as does the daily attention to the small tasks .

## **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

### **Priest**

“I sought the Lord and he answered me” says the psalmist; with confidence we present our needs, the needs of our community and the needs of the world before the Lord.

### **Reader**

We pray for all who spread the gospel; may they be inspired by the examples of Peter & Paul to be fearless in the proclamation of the Gospel.

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

We pray for all who are persecuted for their faith; may they be rewarded for their actions and inspire others by their witness.

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

We pray for our parish community; may our sharing in this Eucharist keep us united in the love of the Lord.

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

We pray for vocations; that those the Lord chooses may have the generosity and the courage to answer that calling.

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

We pray for those who are sick at home or in hospital; may they receive the comfort and healing that comes from the Lord.

**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**

Father in heaven, you gave Saints Peter and Paul as witnesses to the faith. Hear our prayers today and grant us what we need. We make these and all our prayers, in the name of Jesus the Nazarene. Amen

*The angel of the Lord rescues those who revere him.*

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Thirteenth Week In Ordinary Time

29 Sunday Acts 12:1-11. Ps. 33.2 Tim. 4:6-8, 17-18. Mt. 16: 13-19. Lect I:981 or Lect II: 1082

30 Monday Amos 2:6-10, 13-16. Ps. 49. Mt. 8:18-22. Lect II: 616

01 Tuesday Am 3: 1-8, 4: 11-12. Ps 5:5-8, R/ v 9. Mt 8:23-27. Lect II: 618

02 Wednesday Amos 5:14-15, 21-24. Ps. 49. Mt. 8:28-34. Lect II: 620

03 Thursday Eph. 2: 19-22. Ps. 116. In. 20:24-29. Lect II: 1087

04 Friday Amos 8:4-6, 9-12. Ps. 118. Mt. 9:9-13. Lect II: 624

05 Saturday Am 9:11-15. Ps 84:11-14, R/ v 9. Mt 9:14-17. Lect II: 627

Next Sunday's Readings 06/July/2014

**St. Oliver Plunkett 01-July-2014**

St. Oliver Plunkett came from Irish nobility whose family supported King Charles I. Ordained in Rome in 1654 he became a Professor of theology from 1654 through 1669. He was appointed Archbishop of Armagh in 1669. He was forced to conduct a covert ministry during the suppression of priests. He was arrested and tried at Dundalk in 1679 for conspiring against the state. It was seen that Oliver would never be convicted in Ireland, and he was moved to Newgate prison, London. St. Oliver Plunkett was found guilty of high treason "for promoting the Catholic faith," and was condemned to a gruesome death. He was martyred 1 July 1681 at Tyburn by hanging, disembowelling, quartering and beheading. He was the last Catholic to die for his faith at Tyburn, and the first of the Irish martyrs to be beatified. His body was initially buried in two tin boxes next to five Jesuits who had died before; his head is in Saint Peter's Church at Drogheda, Ireland; most of his body is at Downside Abbey, England; some relics in Ireland.

*Make all the friends you can.  
Keep all the friends you make.  
And when you meet a stranger,  
give his hand a hearty shake.  
For all the countless treasures  
which in time may come your way,  
there'll be nothing quite as precious  
as the friends you make today.*

Ernest Sidwell

**BAPTISMS**

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

Esme Bridget Lordan, Woodbine Lawn, Inniscarra View.  
Sarah Louise McGough, Barley Grove, The Maltings.  
Cara Kathleen O'Donovan, Brisbane, Australia.  
Cullen Nigel Windle, Shamrock Drive, Muskerry Estate.  
Ciaran Peadar o'hUrnai, Sweetbriar Lane, Inniscarra View.  
Aaron James O'Donovan, Distillery Court The Malting's  
Joshua Christopher Finn, Leslies Arch, Old Quarter.

**† IN SYMPATHY †**

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

Noel Lynch, Daffodil Fields.  
Joan Daly, Ballyburden.

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

Pat & Isma O'Hare, Wyndham Lawn.  
Rory & Christian O'Donoghue, North Mall.  
Martin O'Leary, Fairhill.  
Mary Geaney, Bweeng.  
John O'Mahony, Hamilton, Canada.  
Timothy & Josephine Murphy, Castle Avenue.  
Bridget Keohane  
Elizabeth & John Ryan, Dublin & Ballincollig.  
Joan Davidson, Inniscarra View.  
Joan & John O'Keeffe, Old Black Road.  
Philip & Lollie Sullivan, Beaumont Drive.  
Joan Twomey, Macroom.  
Michael O'Sullivan, Carriganarra Cottage.

*Blood Donor Clinic*

Ovens – Eire Og GAA Hall  
6.00pm – 900pm  
Thursday 3rd July 2014

***Troubled by someone else's drinking?***

Try Al-anon. Local Meetings S V de P Centre Station Road  
Thursdays 8.30 pm. Phone: 087 6651707.

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**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading - Acts 12: 1-11

The first part of today's first reading reminds us that right from its early days the Church did not have a smooth sailing, things were difficult and the church suffered persecution. King Herod had James the brother of John beheaded and then arrested Peter and put him in prison. We sometimes tend to believe that since we are doing God's work, God should make things easy for us and yet in the history of the Church we see that discipleship necessarily implies the cross. If we are not ready to accept the crosses along the way of life we cannot really follow in his footsteps.

Second Reading - 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 17-18

In the second reading from the letter of Paul to Timothy, Paul describes his vision of what it means to follow Jesus in life and in death. He is clear in his vision and thinking and knows that following Jesus demands that his life has to be lived not for himself but for others. As he nears his end he knows what is coming and is prepared not because of his own power and strength but because he believes in the mercy and power of the Lord Jesus Christ. "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race. I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of glory...not only for me but for all who longed for his coming." Paul was very much aware of his own frailty, while at the same time fully aware of the presence of the Lord in his life. "The Lord stood by me and gave me strength. To him be glory for ever..."

Gospel Reading - Matthew 16: 13-19

Today's gospel centre's on Peter's confession of faith. Peter had been chosen to lead the apostles so it was fitting that he should be the first to proclaim his faith in the Lord. What was important to Peter was not his failings and weaknesses but rather his faith in the Lord Jesus. Faith was not his acquisition but rather a gift given to him and hence he could openly confess and proclaim the Lord Jesus. When Jesus asked: "Who do you say that I am?" He did not hesitate to answer on behalf of others, "You are the Christ, the son of the living God." Upon Peter's confession Jesus made it quite clear that 'flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven.' After accepting Peter's profession of faith, Jesus affirms Peter and gives him his mission: "You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it. I give you the keys of the kingdom..."

Like Peter each and every one of us has to answer that question: "Who do you say that I am?" Who is Jesus to you and me? Our answer cannot be what we have read or heard about Jesus, what others have told us about him, but what we have discovered in the depth of our heart.

**Cancer Risks, Did you know?**

- ◆ Ireland has among the highest skin cancer rates in Europe.
- ◆ Two-thirds of Irish people have a higher risk of developing Skin Cancer because of their skin type.
- ◆ 90% of all skin cancers are preventable
- ◆ Damage to the skin by the sun is permanent. In later life this can lead to skin cancer.
- ◆ For the majority of the population, 10-15 minutes daily exposure of the face and hands to the sun and adequate diet provides a sufficient level of vitamin D.
- ◆ Skin damage is caused by exposure to ultraviolet rays, which are strongest from 11 am to 3 pm.
- ◆ The number of skin cancer cases is rising every year.

*Data courtesy of Irish Cancer Foundation*

**Bulletin Board**

**Mass Diaries**

Mass Diaries are now open in both churches to book Mass intentions for July, August & September. Priority will be given to those booking 1st Anniversary Mass.

**Peter's Pence Collection**

The annual Peter's Pence collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend.

**First Friday**

Friday July 4<sup>th</sup> is the first Friday of the month. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St Mary & St John from 6.30pm to 7.45pm, you are invited to come and spend some time with the Lord. There is Mass in St Mary & St John on Friday evening at 8.00pm. 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.

**Eucharistic Procession**

Thanks to all those who took part in the Eucharistic Procession last Saturday, the Committee and volunteers who helped to arrange and make it a successful occasion, the Altar Servers, Choir, First Holy Communion Children, Sacristan, Scouts, Ballinora Red Cross, those who led us in the Rosary, thanks also to the Gardai.

**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**

**A prayer to Christ the Healer**

In the comfort of your love  
 I pour out to you my saviour,  
 The memories that haunt me,  
 The anxieties that perplex me,  
 The fears that stifle me,  
 The sickness that prevails upon me,  
 And the frustration of all the pain that weaves about within me.  
 Lord help me to see your peace in my turmoil,  
 Your compassion in my sorrow,  
 Your forgiveness in my weakness,  
 And your love in my need.  
 Touch me, O Lord, with your healing power  
 and strength. Amen.

**Thank You**

The editorial team of the Parishioner would like to thank our advertisers and contributors for their support during the year. Publication of the Ballincollig Parishioner will resume after the summer break on Sunday 14th September 2014.  
 To all our readers have a safe & wonderful summer  
 Con, Tom, Pat & Karen

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Jul/05 & Jul/06/2014

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**

Aine Sheehan  
Michael Collins  
**8:30 am**  
Triona Downey

**10:00 am**

Margot Twomey  
Kaylyn Lordan

**12:00 Noon**

Oliver O'Donovan  
Seamus Monahan

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**

Pauline Collins  
Niall Cronin  
**11:00 am**  
Cormac Manning

**12:30 pm**

Joseph Manning  
Caterina Nugent  
**5:30 pm**  
Marlyn O'Connor

**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

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**Wednesday**

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**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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Fr. George O'Mahony P.P.  
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**Funeral Pastoral Team Rota**

Week 30th June to 6th July

Tim Murphy  
Siobhan Glavin

**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**

Jul/05 & Jul/06/2014

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6.00 pm** Steve Wills  
Margaret O'Sullivan  
Danny Farrell  
Jim Walsh  
Frances O'Brien  
Eileen Coughlan

**7:30 pm** Anne O'Regan  
Mairead Murphy  
Finbarr Murray  
Lettie Kelly  
Mary Murphy

**8:30 am** Mary Buckley  
Rita Murphy  
Denis Healy / Tom Butler

**11:00 am** Seamus O'Connell  
Mary O'Connell  
Alan O'Riordan  
Geraldine Keohane  
Gerard Murray

**10:00 am** Christina Walsh  
Peter Reilly  
Mary Collins  
Christy Roche  
Katie O'Shea  
Claire Creedon

**12:30 pm** Lucy O'Callaghan  
Jackie Sheehan  
Mary Green  
Michael O'Leary  
J.P.O'Leary

**12 Noon** Oliver O'Donovan  
Sean Hennessy  
Mary McLean  
Eleanor Seymour  
Nora Hennessy

**5:30 pm** Noelle Buckley  
Mary Breen

**Common Sense about Prayer**

In a big or a small way, most of us have had the experience of not being properly dressed for an occasion. You know the kind of situation. You haven't had your hair done for ages, and you have an appointment with the hairdresser for tomorrow. But today the doorbell rings. You take off the soiled apron and throw it on a chair and you answer the bell. There standing at the door is a cousin you haven't seen for years. And she is done up to the nines! You feel like something the cat carried in after dark. You invite her in, trying to hide the apron before she sees it, and you long for just a minute or two to straighten yourself out. Meantime you can hardly take in a word she is saying. Of course it could be worse. You could turn up to a classy party in an off-the-peg little number, and discover too late that everyone else is wearing the latest in designer elegance. It is a moment for the ground to open and swallow you up. It is a question of being dressed up properly for an occasion and of feeling like a misfit or a fool if we are not. We sense that the only way to respond to quality is with quality, To elegance is with elegance. And to holiness is with...

Coming before God to celebrate the Eucharist we are likewise conscious of 'the state I am in'. In his holy company we have an overwhelming sense of our own sinfulness. We want a moment to put on a bit of spiritual make-up, to tidy ourselves up spiritually. This is what we do at the beginning of Mass when we acknowledge our sins and beg the Lord for his mercy. We are trying to get ourselves presentable, trying to lessen the dreadful confusion and embarrassment of being sinners in God's awesome presence.