

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 30-October-2005

Thirty First Sunday In Ordinary Time.
God is full of mercy: he waits patiently for our conversion. No matter how much we may have failed him, he still calls us and encourages us towards goodness.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Dear Priests and People,

October 26th, 2005.

The people who have been hurt directly by the Church must be foremost in everyone's mind when we reflect on the news of the past week. They have first call on our concern. Families, communities, priests, religious and people of all ages have been affected deeply.

This betrayal of trust "of not practising what we preach", as in today's Gospel, has caused great suffering to innocent people. We must make every effort to help repair the harm and restore trust.

We are all very sorry that the events described in the Ferns Report happened. It is also terribly sad that the Church's systems in the past did not deal effectively with the problems. We must do our best to ensure that this will never happen again. We must never again be complacent about child-protection.

Organisations, which work with children, have put in place new ways of working to try and protect children and their rights. A new extensive policy and programme with regard to child protection has been accepted by the Irish Church. This will be implemented in our diocese. The diocese is committed to working with everyone who has the interest of children at heart.

Already in this diocese, our procedures for dealing with allegations comply fully with the guidelines of the Church and the State.

Any person, who approaches the diocese for help regarding a difficult experience, either in the distant or the recent past, has and will receive a full and sympathetic hearing. I want to assure people that it is my approach, as bishop, to respond urgently to complaints of this nature when they come to my attention and to do all I can to help the people concerned.

The diocese has and will continue to assist people in finding independent professional help and support. This practice, which has been in place for many years, is a sign of our concern for people's well-being.

I also invite you to join with me in prayer for all who are hurt and upset by these events. I pray that, in time, all who have been hurt may be healed by the grace of God, working through and with each one of us.

+ John Buckley

**+John Buckley,
Bishop of Cork & Ross**

Child Protection

Ballincollig Parish Council has discussed Child Protection issues on a number of occasions during the past two years. The **CHILDREN FIRST** document published by the Department of Health and Children is a vital resource to help us become more aware of our responsibility to provide a safe environment for children involved in parish activities; we have adopted a policy to ensure the safety of children and also to give guidelines to adults working with children. This policy is reviewed annually with a view to updating same and adopting best practice.

The following guidelines are in place in the parish of Ballincollig:

- ◆ Before a child (person under eighteen years) is accepted as an Alter Server or Reader, the written permission of his/her parents or guardian is received.
- ◆ Parents or guardians are asked to bring their child (Alter Server or Reader) to church in good time and to collect them immediately after Mass or other Service.
- ◆ When an Alter Server or Reader is not collected by parents or guardian, adults have the responsibility to ensure the safety of the child.
- ◆ Adults are to ensure that at least two adults are present when working with children.
- ◆ An attendance record is maintained for Alter Servers.
- ◆ All organisations availing of the Parish Hall or other Parish facilities furnish a copy of their Child Protection Policy to the Parish Hall Committee on an annual basis.
- ◆ Parents are invited to become involved in the children's Mass at 11.00 am in Christ Our Light and are also welcome to come along and observe the children's liturgy in the Crying Room.

Fr. George O'Mahony, P.P.

Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.

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BAPTISMS

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

Ryan Joseph Lawson, 167 Rosewood, Ballincollig, Co. Cork.
 Luke Jeremiah Williams, 9 Mossgrove, Classis Lake, Ballincollig, Co. Cork.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Robert Scanlon, Florida. Mourned by Betty Griffen, Beverley.
 Barbara Brennan, Midleton. Mourned by Frank & Mary Brennan, Ovens.
 Eileen Crowley, Glasheen Road & Madonna House, Ballincollig.
 Kathleen Burrows, Lower Road, Cork.
 Nicholas Tarrant, Inniscarra View & Millstreet. Mourned by his wife Margaret and daughter Mary.
 Oscar Murphy, Douglas Road. Mourned by his parents Philip & Eva and brothers.

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

Kathleen O'Keefe, Aylsbury Downs.
 Patrick Kelleher, Innishmore Square.
 Sean Nolan, Wellington Road.
 Con & Bridie O'Sullivan, Westcourt.
 O'Sullivan Family, Bonane, Kenmare.
 Peter & Mary Downey, Waterfall.
 Tom Ryan, West Village.
 Sheila & Tim Coakley, Castlehaven.
 Noelle Wrenne.
 Deceased members O'Shea & Wrenne families.
 Jim Butler, Inniscarra.
 Joseph LeBlanc, Ballincollig.
 Goretti LeBlanc, Innishannon.
 Con Murphy, Healy's Bridge.
 Arthur Collins, Carrigrohane.
 Deceased members of Ballincollig Credit Union.
 Pat McGrath, Glasheen.
 Deceased members of the Gilleran Family.
 Joan Sheehan, Crookstown.
 Dan & Eileen Buckley, Kinsale.
 Cecelia Pauline Leahy, 12 Leevew, Carrigrohane.
 Josephine Murphy, Muskerry Estate.
 Con & Maureen Cremin and son Con, Glasheen.
 Billy Kelly, Fr. Sexton Park, Ballincollig.
 John & Agnes Handley, Dublin & Mayo.
 Michael McCarthy, 6 Lisnahone, Dripsey.
 Dan O'Callaghan, Clash Cross.

Reflection for Parents

Few people can humble us as quickly as our children. They might embarrass us by their public behaviour, or they might make reference to our age or choice in clothing style. What will our response tell them about us? When we try to maintain our position of authority over them, we are likely to heighten the confrontation. We know from experience that we gain little ground. Often humour is the best antidote. It may require some wit on our part to respond lightly to their criticism or public behaviour, but usually another time will present itself to share with them how we were really feeling at the moment. Their respect for us will develop as they continue to see us model appropriate responses without using our weapons of power and authority.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Thirty First Week In Ordinary Time

30 Sunday Mal. 1:14-2:2, 8-10. Ps. 130. 1 Th. 2:7-9:13. Mt. 23:1-12. Lect I: 719

31 Monday Rom. 11: 19-36. Ps. 68. Lk. 14: 12-14. Lect II: 400

01 Tuesday Apoc. 7:2-4, 9-14. Ps. 23. 1 Jn. 3: 1-3. Mt. 5: 1-12. Lect I: 999 or Lect II: 1244

02 Wednesday Readings are chosen from Masses for the Dead. Lect III: 849 - 890 (or Lect I: 1002)

03 Thursday Rom. 14:7 -12. Ps. 26. Lk. 15: 1-10. Lect II: 406

04 Friday Rom. 15: 14-21. Ps. 97. Lk. 16: 1-8. Lect II: 408

05 Saturday Rom. 16:3-9, 16, 22-27. Ps. 144. Lk. 16:9-15. Lect II :410

Next Sunday's Readings 06-November-2005
 Wis. 6:12-16. Ps. 62. 1 Thess. 4:13-18. Mt. 25:1 13. Lect I: 722

Annual Cemetery Masses

St. Oliver's

Will take place on Saturday 5th November 2005 at 2 pm

St. Mary & St. John's (adjoining cemetery)

Will take place on Saturday 12th November 2005 at 2 pm

Children's Mass in Christ Our Light

The 11:00 am Mass in Christ Our Light welcomes children of 2nd and 3rd class. Before the readings, the children are invited to the Crying Room. Parents prepare and present the Liturgy of the Word in an appropriate way. Parents are welcome to come along and observe the Liturgy and take part in it.

Autumn Dues

Envelopes have now being distributed to each household in 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.
 Spare envelopes are available from the back of the Church.

First Friday

Friday 4th November 2005
 Church of St. Mary & St. John
 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following 9.30 am mass.
 Rosary 6.45 pm. Directed prayer 7.00 pm.
 Benediction 7.45 pm. Holy Mass 8.00 pm.

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Malachi 1:14 - 2:2, 8-10
The first reading is a call to return to the Lord in sincerity of heart.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13
St Paul expresses his thanks to early Christians because they have taken the gospel to heart.

Gospel: Matthew 23: 1-12
Some, not all, of the Jewish leaders wanted people to recognise them for the high position they held. They wanted to sit in the best seats at banquets and in the synagogues. They wanted people to make a fuss over them when they met, so they were certain to wear clothing and items that would distinguish their high position. Jesus assured these leaders that the only way they would truly be exalted would be to be humbled.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

All Soul's Day

Is a day of remembrance for friends and loved ones who have passed away. This comes from the ancient Pagan Festival of the Dead, which celebrated the Pagan belief that the souls of the dead would return for a meal with the family. Candles in the window would guide the souls back home, and another place was set at the table. Children would come through the village, asking for food to be offered symbolically to the dead, then donated to feed the hungry.

The day purposely follows All Saint's Day in order to shift the focus from those in heaven to those in purgatory. It is celebrated with masses and festivities in honour of the dead. While the Feast of All Saints is a day to remember the glories of Heaven and those there, the Feast of All Souls reminds us of our obligations to live holy lives and that there will be purification of the souls of those destined for Heaven.

The Christian holiday of All Soul's Day pays respect and remembers the souls of all friends and loved ones who have died and gone to heaven. The living pray on behalf of Christians who are in purgatory, the state in the afterlife where souls are purified before proceeding to heaven. Souls in purgatory, who are members of the church just like living Christians, must suffer so that they can be purged of their sins. It is a time to pray for their souls that they may be received into heaven.

Upon death, it is believed that souls have not yet been cleansed of sin. Praying for souls of loved ones helps to remove the stain of sin, and allow the souls to enter the pearly gates of heaven. Through prayer and good works, living members of the church may help their departed friends and family. There are three Requiem Masses that are said by the clergy to assist the souls from Purgatory to Heaven: one for the celebrant, one for the departed, and one for the pope.

The traditions of the Feast of All Souls began independently of the Feast of All Saints. The Feast of All Souls owes its beginning to seventh century monks who decided to offer the mass on the day after Pentecost for their deceased community members. In the late tenth century, the Benedictine monastery in Cluny chose to move their mass for their dead to November 2, the day after the Feast of all Saints. This custom spread and in the thirteenth century, Rome put the feast on the calendar of the entire Church. The date remained November 2 so that all in the Communion of the Saints might be celebrated together.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest
Our God is a loving God. We bring our prayers with confidence.

Reader
We pray for Christians everywhere, that they may grow in the knowledge and love of God.

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

We pray for this parish community, that we may be nourished by the living Word of God.

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

We remember all those who suffer from illness, pain, or loneliness. May they find comfort and healing according to their needs.

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

We pray for all those whose work is difficult, dangerous or unrewarding. May they know that they are appreciated.

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

We pray for the needs of all here present.

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

We pray for our beloved dead, especially those in our thoughts today, that they may enjoy the company of the saints in their heavenly home.

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

Priest
Most gracious and loving God, you always hear our prayer. We ask you to grant what we ask today in the name of Jesus, your beloved Son, our Lord.
Amen.

Novena for the Dead

During the month of November we are encouraged to remember our dead and to pray for them. In Ballincollig Parish, as well as masses in St Oliver's graveyard and in St. Mary & St. John's for the adjoining cemetery, a novena of masses is celebrated beginning on the 2nd November until 10th November. I am inviting families or individuals to please hand in names of all those you want to remember during this novena. There are envelopes available at tables at the back of both churches. You might be good enough to take one and return it as soon as possible.

Mass times during the Novena
St Mary & St John 9.30 am & 8.00 pm
Christ Our Light 8.30 am & 6.30 pm

**Youth 2000 Festival for Young People
4th – 6th November, 2005**

St. Dominic's Retreat House, Ennismore, Montenotte, Cork.
Youths between the ages of 16-35.
Consisting of Music, Prayer, Adoration and Celebration.
Pre-booking essential. See poster at rear of church.
For further info. contact:
Sean: 086 1651219 or Dave 085 7167904

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Nov-05 & Nov-06-2005

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Derval Spillane
8:30 am
Triona Collins
10:00 am
Tony Hegarty
12:00 Noon
Miriam Maunsell

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Michael Greene
11:00 am
Jack Dorgan
12:30 pm
Orlaith McVeigh
5:30 pm
Phil O'Connell

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 & 6 pm (Vigil)	Monday	8:30 am & 8 pm (Vigil)
8:30 am, 10 am, 12 noon & 8 pm	Tuesday	11 am, 12:30 pm & 6:30 pm
9:30 am	Wednesday	8:30 am
9:30 am	Thursday	8:30 am
9:30 am & 8 pm	Friday	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)	Saturday	9:00 am & 8 pm (Vigil)

CONFESSIONS

After 10:00 am Mass & before 6:00 pm Mass **Saturday** After 9:00 am Mass

BAPTISMS

5:00 pm **Saturday** 7:15 pm
12:45 pm **Sunday**

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Nov-05 & Nov-06-2005



St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm	Steve Wills Margaret O'Sullivan Rita Aherne Rose Doyle Jim Walsh Frances O'Brien	8:00 pm	Anne O'Regan Mairead Healy Murphy Finbarr Murray
8:30 am	Mary Buckley Rita Murphy	11:00 am	Seamus O'Connell Mary O'Connell Alan O'Riordan Geraldine Keohane
10:00 am	Christina Walsh Peter Reilly Mary Collins Christy Roche Katie O'Shea	12:30 pm	Lucy O'Callaghan Jackie Sheehan Mary Green Michael O'Leary
12 Noon	Oliver O'Donovan Barbara Kelly John Jeffers Mary McLean Ellen Seymour Nora Hennessy	5:30 pm	Noelle Buckley Mary Breen Siobhan Burke

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Wednesday	10.30 - 5.00 pm
Thursday	9.30 - 5.00 pm
Friday	9.30 - 5.00 pm
Saturday	9.30 - 12.30 pm

New Town Centre Office

Monday	9.30 - 5.00 pm
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