

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 30-October-2011

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

Feast of All Saints Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

On Tuesday next, we celebrate the Feast of All Saints - both the canonised and the uncanonised. In St John's vision of heaven, (Book of the Apocalypse), he sees: "a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language standing before the Throne of God". In the First Letter of St John, he reminds us of the great love of God who already has chosen to call us His children. "What we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed, we will be like Him, because we will see him as he is." Among the uncanonised are people we knew in life who love us and are interceding for us. We thank God for these ordinary people who have been faithful witnesses to the love of God by living out the message of the Gospel during their life. Even though they too were sinners and experienced trials and temptations like ourselves, yet their faith, hope and love sustained them on their pilgrim journey. They are now enjoying the glory and happiness of being face to face with God.

In the Preface for All Saints, we pray: 'All-powerful and ever living God, around your throne, the saints, our brothers and sisters, sing your praise for ever. Their glory fills us with joy, and their communion with us in your Church gives us inspiration and strength as we hasten on our pilgrimage of faith, eager to meet them'. Let us reflect on all those who have inspired us and who have been examples to us of what it means to be a Christian. We thank God for the gift of these people. Perhaps it is also an opportunity for ourselves to reflect on what it means to be a saint! How do we image Christ for others? Do people experience something of God's love and compassion when they encounter us? Do we make the world a better and holier place through our words and deeds? Holiness is not so much about what we do but rather with how much love we do it.

On Wednesday, we commemorate the death of our loved ones. In the Preface for Christian death, we pray: 'Lord, for your faithful people, life is changed, not ended'. Death is not an end. For the Christian, death is a door opening to admit his or her soul into eternal life. As we celebrate the sacred memory of all those dear to us, we pray for their eternal joy and peace.

"God, our creator and redeemer, by your power Christ conquered death and returned to you in glory. May all our loved ones who have gone before us in faith share his victory and enjoy the vision of your glory for ever."

Sr. Colette

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.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

us pray to the God who is devoted and protective towards us.

Reader

For Christians: that they may not be content with the appearance of goodness but seek the real thing.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the leaders of the Church: that they may practice in their own lives what they preach to others.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For all who hold public office: that they may not seek their own glory but to be of service to others.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For all those who are overburdened, and who have no one to help them.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For each other: that the practice of our religion may help us to grow in love and compassion.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For our own special needs.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Priest

Lord, grant that what we have said with our lips, we may believe with our hearts, and practice with our lives. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.

Visit Our Website: www.ballincolligparish.ie

BAPTISMS

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

Lucy Nicole Poirier, Rosewood.
 Louise Daniel Healy, Limeworth.
 Ellie Marie O'Regan, Westcourt.
 Zach Kevin O'Regan, Westcourt.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Kitty Hegarty, Military Hill/Leesdale.
 John McCarthy, Cobh.
 Sheila Whelan, Nenagh.
 Kay O'Keeffe, Muskerry Estate.
 Frank O'Mahony, Ministers Cross.
 Tom Corbett, Knocknaheeney
 Patrick Whelan, Model Farm Road.

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

John O'Connor, Powdermills.
 Mary Harrington, Douglas Street.
 Tom & Nora Ryan, West Village.
 Joe Fitzpatrick, Crookstown
 Betty O'Regan, Crookstown.
 John Cremin, Inniscarra.
 Bernie Owens, Hawthorn Ave, Inniscarra View.
 Lily & Jim McDonnell, Blarney Street.
 Michael & Sheila Duggan, Dunmanway & Bandon
 Dan O'Connell, West Village.
 Cathal Keohane, Rosewood.
 Mick & Alice Boulger, Wexford.
 Julia Hegarty, Rosewood.
 Marie O'Flarity, Coolroe Meadows.
 John & Una Murphy, Ballintemple.
 Bill & Kit Foley, Essex.
 John Murphy, Churchfield.
 Nicholas Tarrant, Inniscarra View & Millstreet.
 Michael McCarthy, Lismahane, Dripsey.
 Patrick Power, Waterford.
 Dan O'Leary, Rosewood.

Limited Car Parking at St Oliver's Cemetery

The Annual Mass in St Oliver's Cemetery is very well attended, which is most welcome.
 There is limited car parking at St Oliver's Cemetery. This year the Gardai will reserve an area for set down only to enable older or infirm people to be brought to St. Oliver's.
 To facilitate parking and help Gardai please walk to cemetery where possible or pool cars.

Movies with Meaning

Four evenings exploring themes of Faith, Loss, Hope and Transformation using the medium of story and film
 Ennismore Retreat Centre
 November 8th 15th, 22nd, 29th at 7.30 pm
 Facilitators;
 Fr. Ben Hegarty. Fr.Stephen Cummins. Mr.Pat Sheehan.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Thirty First Week In Ordinary Time

30 Sunday Mal. 1:14-2:2, 8-10. Ps. 130. 1 Th. 2:7-913. 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-2011

Wis. 6:12-16. Ps. 62. 1 Thess. 4:13-18. Mt. 25:1 13. Lect I: 722

"Mothers' Prayers"

We welcome Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers to join us in prayer for our children and the youth of our parish on one of the following mornings:

Wednesdays 10.30 a.m at Meeting Room at Christ our Light Church

or

Thursdays 10.00 a.m at Library Room, Parish Community Hall

Pieta House

The Centre for the Prevention of Self-Harm or Suicide

T: 6010000 | A: Lucan Road, Lucan, Co. Dublin

E: mary@pieta.ie | W: www.pieta.ie

Pieta House opened its doors in Lucan in January 2006. It provides one-to-one counseling for people who have tried to take their life, those who are thinking about it, and those who self-harm, This solution focused approach takes the person in crisis, out of crisis.

Suicide: We work to move the suicidal person away from ideas of suicide as quickly as possible.

Self-Harm: Self-harm is seen as a way of expressing an incredibly strong pent-up emotion; it is an act of survival.

Our ground-breaking approach can involve daily therapy sessions if needed.

Our service is completely free of charge.

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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.

**Ballincollig Parish
Gospel of Mark**

Our occasional series of Biblical reflections continues this autumn with four talks on St Mark's Gospel. We begin the Year B Cycle of Sunday Readings focusing on the Gospel of Mark on the 27th November, the First Sunday of Advent. The talks, as before, will be held in the St Mark Centre, opposite the Church of Christ Our Light in Innishmore. These will include presentation of the material by Fr Billy O'Sullivan followed by tea and group discussion.

	Monday, 7.30 pm	Wednesday, 10.00 am
Talk 2	7 th November	9 th November
Talk 3	28 th November	30 th November
Talk 4	12 th December	14 th December

**A Special Enriching Weekend
For Married Couples**

11th - 13th November, 2011,
Lake Hotel, Killarney, Co. Kerry.

It does what it says - enriches your marriage. In these anxious times, we all need opportunities to bring greater fulfilment into our lives and into our families. It is directed by married people and suitable for those just married or those married for many years. Marriage is a wonderful vocation and one of the most fundamental plans of God for our happiness in this world. For this reason our married relationship need priority. Take courage and treat yourself to something that will greatly benefit your lives.

**For details visit: www.marriageencounter.ie
or phone 021 4381511, 086 8334382 / 087 6670418**

Society of St. Vincent De Paul

Monthly Collection
Next weekend 5th & 6th November 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

Troubled by someone else's drinking?

Try Al-anon. Local Meetings S V de P Centre Station Road
Thursdays 8.30 pm. Phone: 021 4311899.

Bulletin Board

Masses All Saints Day

Tuesday November 1st All Saints Day and is a Holy Day of Obligation

St Mary & St John - Tuesday November 1st
8.30 am, 10.00 am & 8.00 pm

Christ Our Light - Vigil Monday 31st October 7.30 pm
Tuesday 1st November - 12.30 pm & 6.30 pm

Bank Holiday Monday

Monday October 31st

Morning Mass **only** at 9.30 am in St Mary & St John

First Friday

Friday November 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 7.45 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 8.00 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.

Children's Mass

The Children's Mass especially **for children in second class preparing for their first Holy Communion** has been organised by dedicated parents for over seven years in the parish. The children found this helpful and the parents were delighted to help them. During the past month too few parents are willing to help with the children's Mass. Furthermore huge numbers of very small children (under five years, many unaccompanied by parents) join the older children placing an intolerable burden on those trying to lead the liturgy and supervise the children. Reluctantly the children's Mass for 2nd class children will be once a month for the foreseeable future. Volunteers and helpers are needed to continue this effort.

Next Mass for children in second class who are preparing for their first Holy Communion will take place on Sunday 6th November, at 11.00 am in Church of Christ Our Light.

Autumn Dues

Envelopes are currently being distributed to homes throughout 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. Should your home be missed spare envelopes are available from the back of the church.

Dates for your Diary

Novena for the dead: 2nd - 10th November in both churches

Mass for the recently deceased: 11th November at 8.00 pm in Church of St Mary & St John

Mass in St Oliver's Cemetery: 5th November at 2 pm

Mass in St Mary's & St John's Cemetery: 12th November at 11 am

Advent Retreat - 28th 29th & 30th November

St James Cemetery, Chetwynd, Togher

Blessings of Graves will take place on Sunday, 6th November, at 3.00 pm

Accord

Pre Marriage Course is being organised by Accord at Oriel Court House Hotel Friday (7 pm - 9 pm) 18th November and Saturday 19th November, Booking 027 50272 or www.accord.ie

Fr. George

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Nov-05 & Nov-06-2011

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Michael Fitton
Paul Kearns
8:30 am
Tom McDonagh

10:00 am
Sean Collins
Kate Collins
12:00 Noon
Tony Lynch / Evan Keating
Shane Tully

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Niamh Murray

11:00 am
Chidera Ebili
Karen Flavin
12:30 pm
Kay Carew
Jane O'Leary
5:30 pm
Emily Hardman

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

7:30 pm (Vigil)

8:30 am, 10 am & 8 pm

Tuesday

12:30 pm & 6:30 pm

9:30 am & 8 pm

Wednesday

8:30 am & 6:30 pm

9:30 am & 8 pm

Thursday

8:30 am & 6:30 pm

9:30 am & 8 pm

Friday

8:30 am & 6:30 pm

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
Except First Saturday of
Month

Saturday

4:30 pm
First Saturday of Month

12:45 pm

Sunday

PARISH CLERGY

Priest on Duty

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Fr. George O'Mahony P.P.

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Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C.

021-4877161

Fr. Billy O'Sullivan C.C.

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Fr. James McSweeney

021-4873308

Home Instead Senior Care

Home Instead Senior Care has launched a campaign called the 'The 40 - 70 Rule' which is designed to help adult children as well as their ageing parent's begin to address difficult issues with each other such as driving, finances, independence, end-of-life- issues, and even romance. Research has revealed nearly one-third of adult children have a major communications obstacle with their parents that stems from continuation of the parent-child role. In other words, it can be difficult to get the conversation going because the child is still in a child rather than an adult role with their parents. Talking sooner is better than waiting until a crisis has occurred. A free copy of the '40/70 & 70/40 Rules' is available from your local **Home Instead Senior Care Office Tel: 021-50002190**



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Nov-05 & Nov-06-2011

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Michael Maher
Bernadette Bell
Betty Casey
Frank Riordan
Siobhan Riordan
Pauline Quane

7:30 pm Geraldine Lynch
Charlie Vaughan
Joan Stephenson
Bernie Bowen

11:00 am Neil Jeffers
Eileen O'Donoghue
Bridie Hanrahan
Catherine / Hugh Moran
Padraig Fleming

8:30 am Mary Buckley
Theresa Lucey
Triona Collins

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

12:30 pm Denis O' Mahony
Christine O'Mahony
Tom Murray
John O'Regan
Gerard Dunne

12 Noon Helen Plunkett
Seamus O'Donovan
Joe Coghlan
Catherine Greene
Joan Barrett
Dymphna Canny

5:30 pm Bernard Curran
John Canty



***For Families of Children Preparing
for First Holy Communion***

***LEARNING ABOUT THE MASS WITH KATH AND QUMEN
WHO DOES WHAT AT MASS ?***

At every Mass you will notice that some members of the assembly have different jobs. We call these jobs 'ministries'. Let's look at some of them:

THE PRIEST: At Mass the priest leads us and encourages us to play our part in the celebration. How does he do this? He:
Leads us in prayer

- Invites us to listen to God's word
- Helps us to understand and make sense of the Word of God in our daily lives through his homily
- Takes our gifts, the bread and wine, offers them to God and prays that by the power of the Holy Spirit they will become the body and blood of Jesus Christ.

THE SERVERS: Servers are normally boys and girls who have received their First Communion. Their job is to help the priest during Mass. They can carry books, bring water and wine, wash the priest's hands and ring bells.

MINISTER OF THE WORD: Even though we sometimes call this person the reader, the proper name is 'Minister of the Word'. The readings of Mass come from the Bible. They are the Word of God and so we can say that we hear God speaking to us through the voice of the Minister of the Word.