

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 30-September-2007

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

One of the great preoccupations today is the maintenance of a high standard of living. Today's readings give us a prophetic warning -this life-style leads to complacency and indifference to the needs of the poor. Any such indifference can only earn us the condemnation of God whose mercy for the poor is linked to his judgement of the oppressed.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Today's Gospel, Lazarus, The Rich & Poor

Today's gospel really spells out in clear language what Christ expects of us. " My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and put it into practice." There are many opportunities for each of us to put the word of God into practice. The parable presented to us in this Sunday's gospel describes the opportunity the rich man was presented with at his front door (in the person of Lazarus) to put the word of God into practice, however we can fail to grasp the opportunity as the rich man did.

During it's term of office the parish council has grasped some opportunities. The setting up of a parish office is one service put in place; the aim is to provide a point of contact for the people of the parish. The parish office is located at The Presbytery, Station Rd. Catherine in the parish office deals with phone calls, arranges baptism bookings, provides information to parishioners, prepares material for the parishioner, deals with queries of callers to the door, arranges appointments for the priests of the parish, updates data bases as well as preparing material for the priests of the parish. Mass cards are also available at the parish office. The parish office provides secretarial support for the parish council and it's sub groups.

The parish office ensures that rotas for Ministers of Word, Eucharist and Altar servers are constantly updated and circulated. The office is also open on Saturdays from 10:30 – 12 noon when volunteers staff it. Parish Office Mon - Wed 9.00 am to 3.00 pm.

Phone no. 021 - 4871206

During the next weeks I will provide further information on the work of various sub - committees of the parish council.

George O'Mahony

Reflection for Parents

Most often we think of ourselves as rich people sharing our resources with those in need, and indeed, that is what we, as Christians, are called to do. But have we ever been the one being served? Perhaps we have not found it necessary to receive material goods from others, but what have others given us out of generosity in the form of time, energy, or actions. Maybe someone sat with us when one of our children was sick, or helped us with some physical chore when our burden was too heavy to carry alone. It might even be a coach or teacher who has helped our children in a generous way. How can the actions of these people help us better live this Gospel message today? What can we give of ourselves?

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

We confidently bring our prayers to God who always cares for those in need.

Reader

For all who strive to live the Christian way, that they may be strengthened at the Table of the Lord.

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

For a spirit of generosity in all our dealings with others.

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

For a just sharing of the world's resources.

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

For God's blessing on farmers, gardeners and on all who work in the food industry, and for a fruitful harvest.

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

For individuals and organisations who volunteer in the developing world, that their work of love and service may bear fruit.

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

For the needs of all here present.

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

Priest

Just and merciful God, you care for your people and you invite us to do the same. Guide us in the ways of justice and love, according to the pattern given us by Jesus, your beloved Son, who is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

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BAPTISMS

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

Margaret Taylor Cash, 13 Pembroke Ave., Passage.
 Katie Anna Murphy, 2 Short Range, Powdermills.
 Evie Beau Gaffney, 2 The Avenue, Classis Lake.
 Katelyn Mary Noonan, 34 The Green, Coolroe Meadows.

MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

John Plunkett Nolan, Castle Ave., Muskerry Est. & Sharon Noelle Cronin, Castle Ave., Muskerry Est.
 Robert A. Brink, Capetown SA & Mariken Emily Murphy Connor, Greybrook, Waterfall.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Denis Paul Lucey.
 Annette O’Keeffe, Fermoy.
 Adrian O’Keeffe, Waltham Abbey.
 Eileen Murphy, Dripsey.

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

Joseph LeBlanc, Ballincollig.
 William Kavanagh, Carrigrohane.
 Kathleen Horgan, Castlepark.
 John & Jennie Wall, Newbridge.
 Kitty Sheehan, Coachford.
 Tom Ryan, West Village.
 Patrica & Denis Goggin, St. Lukes
 James & Evelyn McSwiney, Cloghroe.
 Denis & Eileen Murray
 John Walsh, College Square
 Margaret Campbell, Galway
 Maureen Cuddihy, Coolroe.
 Joe & Patrick Linehan, Courtbrack.
 Michael Eager, Glanworth.
 Jim Purcell, Magazine Road.
 Florence Kelly, Fr. Sexton Park.
 Rose, Paddy & daughter Rosemary Wall, Navan, Co. Meath.
 Tim Hassett, Station Road.
 Winnie Donovan, Woodleigh Park.
 Mick & Alice Bolger, Wexford.
 Con Murphy, Healy’s Bridge.
 Christine Dunne, Eyeries.
 Donal Maguire, Belfast.
 Patrick O’Shea, Innishannon.
 Stephen Baston, Aylsbury.
 Nora Linehan, Blackrock.
 James Flanagan, 5 Castle Park.
 Peg Manning, Coachford.
 Patricia & Denis Goggin, St. Luke’s.
 James & Evelyn McSweeney, Cloghroe.
 Denis & Eileen Murray, Ballingearry.
 Donal O’Callaghan, Parknamore.
 John Walsh, College Square.
 Margaret Campbell, Galway.
 Maureen Cuddihy.
 Joe & Patrick Linehan, Courtbrack.
 Michael Eager, Glanworth.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Twenty Sixth Week In Ordinary Time

30 Sunday Am. 6:1, 4-7. Ps. 145. 1 Tim. 6:11-16. Lk. 16:19- 31. Lect I: 914
 01 Monday Zech. 8:1-8. Ps. 101. Lk. 9:46-50. Lect II: 337
 02 Tuesday Ex. 23:20-23. Ps. 90. Mt. 18:1-5.10. Lect II: 1212
 03 Wednesday Neh. 2: 1-8. Ps. 136. Lk. 9:57-62. Lect II: 341
 04 Thursday Neh 8:1-12. Ps18. Lk 10:1-12. Lect II: 343
 05 Friday Bar. 1:15-22. Ps. 78. Lk. 10:13-16. Lect II: 346
 06 Saturday Bar 4:5-12,27-29. Ps. 68. Lk. 10:17-24. Lect II: 348

Next Sunday’s Readings 07-October-2007

Hab 1:2-3, 2:2-4. Ps 94.2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14. Lk 17:5-10. Lect I: 917

Are you hard of hearing?

Hard of Hearing Talks at the Cork Deaf Association (CDA)

The Hard of Hearing Support Group at the CDA begin their series of monthly talks in October and invite Hard of Hearing people from Cork city and county to attend. Our first Talk will be delivered by the Citizens' Information Service on the subject of 'Benefits and Entitlements'. It takes place on Saturday, October 6th at 2 p.m. in the CDA premises, 5 MacCurtain Street, Cork City. The Talk will last for approximately an hour. From 3.00 until 4.00, we will have teas and coffees. This is your opportunity to meet other Hard of Hearing people and to speak to someone about equipment designed for the Hard of Hearing. So please join us on the 6th of October for information and a chat! For further information, call Gerrie on 021-4505944 or text 086 3859813

Volunteers Needed

For Our Hospital Play Services
 In Mercy & Cork University Hospital

Our cheerful, caring volunteers make hospital a happy place by providing play activities for the children each day. Can you give two/three hours once a week (either morning or afternoon – Monday to Saturday) to join our team and really make a difference. Volunteers must be 18 years or over. Training and on-going support is provided.

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Amos 6:1, 4 - 7

The First Reading tells how Amos the Prophet criticized those who lived in luxury and neglected the poor. These were people who lived for pleasure and self-indulgence. Amos said these people would be the first to be punished.

Second Reading: Timothy 6:11 - 16

In the Second Reading, Paul writes to Timothy, a bishop. He asks him to fight the good fight and to keep God's command. Our calling is the same.

Gospel: Luke 16:19 - 31

As was often Jesus' message, today's Gospel reverses the rich and poor of this world and the next. Lazarus, a poor beggar who was most likely crippled and had open sores that dogs licked, sat every day beneath the window of a rich man. The rich man dined lavishly everyday and completely ignored Lazarus. Eventually, they both died and the angels carried Lazarus to heaven where Abraham held him. The rich man went to hell where he was parched and tormented. Looking up, the rich man saw Lazarus comforted by Abraham and still with arrogant behaviour, asked Abraham to send Lazarus down to dip water onto his tongue. Abraham explained that there could be no crossing from one place to the next and that the rich man was stuck with the consequences of his earthly behaviour. The man knew it futile then to argue for himself but begged Abraham to send someone to his brothers to warn them that they needed to change, or they would end up as he had. Abraham reminded the man that his brothers had already been told all that, and it was now up to them whether or not they believed it. Even the raising of a dead person would not convince them if their hearts were closed.

Bulletin Board

Marriage Registration.

The Civil Registration Act 2004, which deals with the civil registration of Marriages, will bring some changes. This Act is expected to take effect on November 5th 2007.

The chief changes are as follows.

- The couple will notify the Civil Registrar in person of their intention to marry. The registrar will require to know the date of your intended marriage, the name of the priest who has agreed to officiate at the marriage ceremony, the name of the Church and that the couple do not have an impediment to their proposed marriage
- The registrar will issue a Marriage Registration Form once the couple has met the civil requirements. This document is very important and will be needed so that the marriage may proceed.
- The requirements for a Catholic marriage remain the same. For further information contact one of the priests of the parish or the civil registrar at 021 – 4275126.

First Friday

Friday the 5th of October is the first Friday in the month of October. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St. 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 house-bound.

Fr. George

Annual Pilgrimage Gougane Barra

The annual pilgrimage to St. Finbarr's Oratory, Gougane Barra, takes place today Sunday 30th September.

The traditional pilgrimage honours St Finbarr, patron saint of Cork.

Rosary will be recited at 2.30 pm and Mass will be celebrated at 3 pm at the oratory. The principal celebrant is Bishop John Buckley and the homily will be preached by Canon Michael Riordan, PP Togher.

Our Lady Crowned Church - Mayfield

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Wednesday 10th October at 8.00 pm

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Special Day of Prayer in Knock

Saturday 6th October 2007

Commencing 2.15 pm with Stations of the Cross followed by Rosary Procession and Mass at 3.00 pm.

Bus from Ballincollig €20.00

Contact Tony O'Neill (021) 4501667 **Report from Parish**

**Report from Parish Council Meeting
Monday 17th September 2007.**

- At this meeting a long and fruitful discussion took place about the AGM, which will take place in February 2008.
- The main issue discussed was how to attract people to the Parish Council?
- How can we communicate what the present council has done in the Parish?
- How can we encourage people to give of their talents in the service of the community?

To advance the above issues a committee on communications was established at this meeting and it is to immediately set about putting a structure in place to demonstrate what the activities of the parish council are and how they have impacted on the parish.

Fr. George thanked all those who trained for and led the Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion on the Saturday mornings in July and August this year.

Our next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 19th November 2007.

Michael Crowley Facilitator

Society of St. Vincent De Paul

Monthly collection

Next Weekend 6th & 7th October 2007

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

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Oct-06 & Oct-07-2007

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Aine Sheehan
Mark Prendergast
8:30 am
Elizabeth Daly
10:00 am
Sinead O'Connor
Eileen O'Connell
12:00 Noon
Miriam Maunsell
Evan Smith

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Michael Greene
11:00 am
Chide Ebili
Karen Flavin
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	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 & 6:30 pm	
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**

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Oct-06 & Oct-07-2007

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Steve Wills
Margaret O'Sullivan
Rita Aherne
Danny Farrell
Jim Walsh
Frances O'Brien

8:00 pm Anne O'Regan
Mairead Murphy
Finbarr Murray
Lettie Kelly
11:00 am Seamus O'Connell
Mary O'Connell
Alan O'Riordan
Geraldine Keohane
Gerard Murray

8:30 am Mary Buckley
Rita Murphy
Mary O'Keefe

12:30 pm Lucy O'Callaghan
Jackie Sheehan
Mary Green
Michael O'Leary

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

5:30 pm Noelle Buckley
Mary Breen
Siobhan Burke

12 Noon Oliver O'Donovan
Barbara Kelly
Sean Hennessy
Mary McLean
Ellen Seymour
Nora Hennessy

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. Ted Sheehan 021-4876171



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Fax: 021-4872532

Monday	Closed
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Thursday	9.30 – 5.00 pm
Friday	9.30 – 5.00 pm
Saturday	9.30 – 12.30 pm

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