

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 31-January-2010

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

Openness

We may be conscious of tensions in Irish life at present. There are differing views on how we should respond to the economic crisis, different attitudes to pay cuts and public finances, and in the meantime real people are suffering in the new economic reality. There are tensions in social life, for example between different lifestyles, in attitudes to our immigrant community, the New Irish. In political life there is often a failure to give opponents a fair hearing or even respect. In the Church we have the fallout from the scandals and the recent Murphy and Ryan reports. And in the midst of all this we are called to witness to the Gospel of Christ, to the Christian calling of love.

God said to Jeremiah, and says to each of us, brace yourself, I will make you strong; I know you, I called you, consecrated you and I am with you. Our Christian calling is not easy, but as we respond, God is with us. The call is to love, the way that is best of all, as St Paul puts it. He says that without it we are nothing, shadow people I suppose, living a shadowy existence. Love is patient, kind and willing to make allowances. Love endures all things and does not come to an end. We are very familiar with this reading from wedding ceremonies, but its context is that love we are to have for the Christian family as a whole, and for all people. Jesus' own people in Nazareth were impressed with his gracious words, but were not going to let him get above himself, "sure this is Joseph's son." Jesus anticipated their final reaction when he remarked that no one is a prophet at home and then provoked that reaction by reminding them that that God's help was given to a widow in Sidon when there were many widows in Israel and to Naaman the Syrian leper when there were many lepers in Israel. His message of openness to all mankind was angrily rejected.

The challenge for us is have an open and loving attitude to all, to those who are different, those of other religions, of other social backgrounds, those of different race, those of whom we don't approve because of lifestyle or even because of economic or political viewpoint. To be open to others may require a certain strength of character, at times it won't be easy. And so we brace ourselves, knowing that the God of love will be with us.

Billy O'Sullivan

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

We now bring all our prayers to God, who created each one of us in his image and likeness so that we might fill the earth with his love and peace.

Reader

For the church; that together we may be a beacon of light, hope, justice and integrity.

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

For all Christians; that we may respond to the gift of the Spirit and be prophets of God in our time working together for a world in which each and every person is respected and nurtured.

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

For the gift of faith; that we may live life with a discerning heart and deep confidence in our loving God.

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

For our Catholic Schools and all those involved in education: teachers, administrators, pupils and parents; that God's Spirit may shape their minds and hearts so that they may be a source of hope and light in their families and communities.

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

For all children and young people; that they will always be protected and helped to develop and grow through healthy and nurturing relationships.

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

For the sick and all those in need at this time; may each person be strengthened by the love that surrounds them and supported by the active care of family, parish and community.

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

For all those who have died recently, that they may find rest with God as we may give thanks for the richness they brought into our lives.

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

Priest

God our creator, we come to you in prayer through your Son Jesus Christ who is our hope and our light. Hear and answer the prayers that we have made in the name of Jesus 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 :
Maeve Chloe Quinlan, Old Court, Greenfields.

MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

David Quaid, Limerick & Cliona Finn, Manor Green.
Jonathan Craig, Downpatrick & Amy Johnson, Carrigrohane.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Cyril Chalmers, Commons Road.
Sheila Manley, Wilton.

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

John & Richard Murphy, Clash.
Michelle Hogan, Maglin Vale.
Josephine Boylan, Muskerry Estate.
Margaret McSweeney, Kilnaglory.
Martin Cuddihy, Tipperary.
Thomas Reck, Innishmore.
Sean Coakley, Hillview, Muskerry Estate.
Mary O'Mahony, Castlepark.
Sheila, Donal, Mary & DJ O'Mahony, Clash.
Jack & Ellen Deasy, Dublin Hill.
Thomas Reid, Curraheen.
Brendan Lingwood, Bishopstown.
Bridie Whelton, Muskerry Estate.
Marie Kavanagh, East Gate.
Bill Cronin, Model Farm Road.
Mary Forrest, Ballygarvan.
Jer & Mary Buttimer, Kilmichael.
Barbra Lambe, Derby & Cork.
Denis & Mary Desmond, French Villas.
Mary Linehan, Inniscarra View.
Deceased members of Linehan family, Kanturk & London.
James & Catherine O'Dwyer, Limerick.
Tony Florish, Lee View.
Deceased members of the Reilly & Hanney families.
Kevin Byrnes, Parknamore.
Jus & Vincent O'Connell, Balinora.
Mary Whelan, Rosewood.
Sheila O'Donovan, Rochestown.
Martin & Eily Murphy, Hodders Villas.
David & Neily Brosnan, Muskerry Estate.
Dave & Maud O'Brien, Spring Lane.
Eileen Lynch, Kerry & Birmingham.
Peter Murphy, Deshure, Tarelton.
Gerard Spillane, Castleknock.

Valentines Dinner Dance

In aid of The Hope Foundation with Gina & The Champions
Sat 13th February, Fota Island Resort,
Tel: 021 429 2990 Email: susan@hopefoundation.ie

Open Day

At Colaiste Stiofain Naofa
College of Further Education
Tramore Road, Cork,
Friday 5th February, 10.00 am – 3.00 pm

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Fourth Week In Ordinary Time

31 Sunday Jer. 1:4-5,17-19. Ps. 70.1 Cor. 12:31-13:13. Lk. 4:21-30. Lect I: 845
01 Monday Job 31:16-20, 24-25, 31-32 or Eph 3:14-21. Ps 106. Lk 6:32-38. National Proper
02 Tuesday Mal. 3: 1-4 or Heb. 2: 14-18. Ps. 23. Lk. 2:22-40. Lect I: 967 or II: 940
03 Wednesday 2 Sam. 24:2,9-17. Ps. 31. Mk. 6:1-6. Lect II: 503
04 Thursday 1 K. 2:1-4,10-12. Ps. 1 Chr. 29. Mk. 6:7-13. Lect II: 506
05 Friday Eccles (Sir). 47:2-11. Ps. 17. Mk. 6:14-29. Lect II: 508
06 Saturday 1 K. 3:4-13. Ps. 118. Mk. 6:30-34. Lect II: 510

Next Sunday's Readings 07-February-2010
Is. 6:1-2, 3-8. Ps. 137. 1 Cor. 15:1-11. Lk. 5:1-11. Lect I: 849

'Mothers Prayers' Groups

Continue on:

Wednesday's at 10.30 am

Meeting Room at Christ our Light Church

Thursday's at 10.00 am

Annex of Parish Hall

All Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers are welcome to come along one of these mornings to pray for their children and the youth of our Parish

Ballincollig Parish

Bereavement Support

The next Bereavement Support Programme will commence on Tuesday 9th February. It will continue each Tuesday night for 8 weeks (7.30-9.30 pm). It is held in a small groups setting. Anyone experiencing the grief and loss of a loved one, is very welcome to attend. For further information, please contact: **Sr. Colette O'Leary: 086 3557375** or Parish Office: 4871206.

Come to "The Holy Land" on Pilgrimage

Come to the Home of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Nazareth, Bethlehem, Jerusalem and Calvary
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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.

Society of Vincent De Paul

Monthly collection in aid of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul will be taken place this weekend Saturday 30th, Sunday 31st January 2010

**Catholic Schools Week
 January 31 - February 6.**

Catholic Schools Week gives us the opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the tremendous contribution that our Catholic primary and post-primary schools make not just to Irish society, but to the mission of the Church. Last year marked a very successful beginning of an all-Ireland celebration of Catholic Schools Week and we hope this year to build on that foundation and continue to create a space where we can proudly articulate and celebrate our ethos and identity.

This year the theme for the week is '*Catholic Schools - A Light for Every Generation*'. Catholic schools are committed to the education and formation of the young person in every aspect of their lives. Thus Catholic schools are light for parents, pupils, staff and society in every generation. In selecting this theme we are clearly connecting the vision of Catholic education with the mission of the Gospel, to bring the light of Christ to the world and to allow that light to shine through and in all that we do in our work in Catholic schools. This theme reminds us that we are constantly challenged to let that light shine for the present generation and this will remain part of our task for future generations. It also allows us to remember with great gratitude all those who through their work in establishing schools and places of education brought the light of Christ to many generations of Irish people in the past.

 **Irish Blood Transfusion Service**
 Seirbhís Fuilaidriúcháin Eireann

**Monday, February 1st,
 Tuesday, February 2nd,**

Blood is urgently required
 Please make a special effort to attend.

**Will hold
 Blood Donor Clinics
 In the
 GAA Pavilion, Ballincollig**

5pm - 8pm
 3pm - 5pm & 7pm - 9pm

Bulletin Board

First Friday

Friday February 5th 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 8 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 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.

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place **Saturday 20th February 2010 at 1.00 pm** in the **Library Room, Community Hall, Station Road**. The presentation lasts for approximately forty minutes. The following questions are addressed, What is Baptism? What are the symbols used in the Sacrament of Baptism? How can the family become involved in the ceremony? Parents might book the baptism a few weeks in advance to give ample time to take part in the preparation.

Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord.

Tuesday 2nd February the feast of the Presentation of Our Lord candles will be blessed during the morning masses.

Feast of St Blaise

Wednesday 3rd February is the feast of St Blaise. Throats will be blessed after morning masses and at 7.00pm in St Mary & St John.

Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund

Special Envelope Collection next weekend February 6th & 7th February. This collection subsidises the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes for individuals whose health/or means would otherwise prevent them from travelling to Lourdes. It also subsidises medical expenses and travel care personnel.

Eucharistic Ministers - Christ our Light

Please collect new rota (6th February to 27th June) from the Sacristy in Christ our Light.

Fr. George

The Pyke Theatre

Are holding their monthly social on Tuesday 9th February at 9 pm. Music by Kevin Mc Sweeney.
 This month, as it is so close to Valentines day, There will be a prize for the best song, story, costume, or poem with a romantic theme!
 The theatre would like to extend it's sympathies to Fergal Doody on the death of his father John and to Statia O' Callaghan on the death of her husband Denis. May they rest in peace!!

Ceili Mor

Fundraiser in Aid of
 Our Lady of Good Counsel School, Ballincollig
 Wednesday 17th February 2010 Ballincollig GAA Hall
 Time 9 - 12



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MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Feb-06 & Feb-07-2010

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Muireann Nelligan
8:30 am
Triona Collins
10:00 am
Ciaran Noonan
Shannon O'Brien
12:00 Noon
John Dorgan
Fergal Monahan

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Pauline Collins
Niall Cronin
11:00 am
Jacob Derham
Paul Donovan
12:30 pm
Tadhg Buckley
James Nyagaya
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

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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

Priest on Duty

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Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C.

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Fr. Billy O'Sullivan C.C.

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Fr. James McSweeney

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MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Feb-06 & Feb-07-2010

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Patsie Murphy
Joan Barrett
Mary Walsh
Marie Healy
Margaret Kearney
Nora Barry

7:30 pm Sheila O'Connor
John Canty
Brid Healy-Harris
Kit Cahill

8:30 am Theresa Lucey
Rita Murphy
Mona Holland

11:00 am Bernadett Spillane
Angela Cunningham
Laurence Cunningham
Eileen Byrne
Carmel Ryan

10:00 am Tadhg Murphy
Mary Murphy
Joan Tobin
Eileen O'Connell
Niamh Nic Gerailt
Seamus O'Shea

12:30 pm Eileen Garvey
Sally Power
Breda Callanan
Catherine Freehill
Attracta McKiernan

12 Noon Marie Bowen
Breda Lenihan
Noel Hennessey
Jacinta Jeffers
Rena O'Connor
Sean Farrell

5:30 pm Maire McCullagh
Olan O'Mahony



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