

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 31-October-2004

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

Remembering the Dead

November is an important month in the calendar of the Church. The feasts of All Saints and All Souls are celebrated on the first days of November allowing us to dwell on important aspects of life and faith. These feasts give us an opportunity to pray and reflect on our origin, purpose and destiny. The Church has never been afraid to exhort us to examine the sober, some would say the bitter side of life and faith - death, judgement and the second coming. The readings during the coming Sundays and weekdays invite us to reflect on the last things so that we learn, in ever deeper measure that with the Lord a day is like a thousand years and a thousand years is like a day.

The Church recommends that we visit a graveyard during the first week of November. The recommendation fuses well with the celebration of the feast of All Saints. Among our graves are those who are in that company. They are people - relatives, friends and neighbours - who enfolded the values of the beatitudes in how they lived. To be gentle, to mourn, to hunger for justice, to be merciful are signs of the Kingdom of God in our lives. They did the ordinary things very well. Many of the people we remember during November shaped our lives by their love.

They did not see themselves as potential saints but we recognise that they are tilted in that direction. During the month of November we remember those who travelled before us. They have gone many routes; as parents, widows or orphans, nurse or teacher, as rich or poor person and some heroes have gone the road of suffering. Their lives inspire us. Joan Chittister reminds us, "saints are people like ourselves, reachable figures who have lived well through situations similar to our own, as proof that we too, in all our smallness, can stretch ourselves to the limits of the best in us."

George O'Mahony

Novena for the Dead November 2nd to 10th

November is a month dedicated to our deceased relatives and friends. It is the time of year when we are asked to pray for our dead and thank God for their efforts and goodness to us. Christ's prayer to his Father is "I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, so that they may always see the glory you have given me. "I would encourage everyone to make a special effort to come to daily Mass during the Novena for the Dead and maybe even keep up the effort for the month of November.

Reflection for Parents

Among our children's playmates we may find some who try our patience. It may be that they come from different backgrounds or circumstances than our own family, and we may hold similar reservations regarding their parents. Perhaps today's Gospel challenges us to encounter those who may be outcasts in a more loving way-as Jesus did.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Our God is great and almighty. We bring our prayers with confidence.

Reader

For parents and teachers and all who guide the young, that they may do so with true wisdom.

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

For all who suffer because they profess to be followers of Jesus.

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

For a just distribution of the world's resources, and for an end to famine and war.

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

For those who work in agriculture, fisheries, and in the food industry, that they may be abundantly blessed.

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

For people overcome by grief, that the power of Christ's love may lift them up and renew their hope.

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

For all who have gone before us, especially those in our thoughts today that they may have eternal life.

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

Priest

God of all goodness, we thank you for your many gifts, as we make our requests in Jesus' name. Amen.

I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

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BAPTISMS

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

Chloé Katelyn Corcoran, 5 Westbury Heights.
Eleanor May Gamble, 61 Castle Avenue.
Ellie Mae Murphy, 95 Westcourt Heights.

MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Gerard James McSweeney, Whitechurch & Moira Burke, Pine Walk, Ballincollig.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Maire Creed, Ballingearry.
Goretti Le Blanc, Skevanish, Innishannon.
Margaret Kelleher, Macroom.
Kevin Donovan, Bantry.
Jim Seymour, Douglas.
Bridget Hogan, Carriganarra & Dennehy's Cross.

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

Agnes Handley, Dublin & Mayo.
Tom McKenna, Pine Walk.
Marie Daly, Muskerry Estate.
Patrick Haydon, London.
Brendan O'Sullivan, Glandore.
Owen O'Neill, Dunmanway.
John & Helena Walsh, Ballinhassig.
The O'Connell Family, Ballingully.
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Kathleen Courtney, Fairhill.
Peter Murphy, Windsor.
Arthur Collins, Carrigrohane.
Justin Monaghan, College Road.
William O'Dwyer, Kilmichael.
Deceased members of the Naughton & Callanan Families.
Peter & Catherine Butterly, Navan.
Jerry & Maureen Ahern, Canovee.
Kathleen O'Keefe, Aylsbury Downs.

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Weekend Date: 12th – 14th November 2004

Venue: Myross Wood Retreat Centre, Leap, West Cork

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Thirty First Week in Ordinary Time

31 Sunday Wis. 11 :22-12:2. Ps. 144. 2 Thess. 1 : 11-2:2. Lk. 19:1-10. Lect I: 928

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

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

03 Wednesday Phil. 2:12-18. Ps. 26. Lk. 14:25-33. Lect II: 854

04 Thursday Phil. 3:3-8. Ps. 104. Lk. 15: 1-10. Lect II: 856

05 Friday Phil. 3:17-4:1. Ps. 121. Lk. 16:1-8. Lect II: 858

06 Saturday Eccles (Sir). 44:1-15. Ps. 14. Lk. 6:17-23. Lect II: 1367

Next Sunday's Readings 07-November-2004

Macc. 7: 1 – 2, 9 – 14. PS. 16: 1, 5 – 6, 8, 15, R.v.15. 2 Thess. 2: 16 –

A Word of Thanks

Since its foundation, Trocaire has carried the hopes of the Irish Church for a more just and peaceful world to all corners of the earth. Throughout Asia, Africa and Latin America the support of the Irish people has saved lives, changed lives and enhanced lives.

This year the support of parishes for both the Lenten Campaign and the Sudan Church Appeal has been exceptional. Trocaire would like to thank the dioceses and parishes throughout Ireland for the level of support and commitment that continues to provide hope and light in times of despair and darkness.

A special thanks is due to the clergy of every parish for the work and effort that goes into making the Trocaire Lenten Appeal successful every year. We realise that your time and commitment year in year out, makes this Appeal unique and exceptional and your work is deeply appreciated by Trocaire and by our partners all over the world who ultimately benefit from your generosity.

We would also like to thank those individuals in each parish who distribute the Lenten boxes and collect the funds, as well as teachers throughout the primary schools and secondary schools who bring the voice of the poor into classrooms all over the country. Trocaire owes each of you an enormous debt.

We finally want to thank our Trocaire Diocesan Representatives in each of the Dioceses for their ongoing work and effort.

This years Lent Appeal and Sudan Church Appeal has yet again shown the care of the Irish Church for those who need our help.

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Wisdom 11:22 - 12:2
The first reading tells us that we are as nothing before God; yet he created us, he loves us, and he shows us his mercy.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:11 - 2:2
The second reading explains why we live with courage and hope-- God's power is ours in Christ.

Gospel : Luke 19:1-10.
Children may know just how Zacchaeus felt in today's Gospel story. Have you ever lifted your children to your shoulders so they might see over the crowds at a parade, waiting in a long line, or at a local sporting event? Zacchaeus was short and climbed a tree to get a better look at Jesus. Something surely stirred in his heart because it seems that he may have already given some thought to changing. Jesus reached out to Zacchaeus in friendship, and Zacchaeus responded with generosity and true remorse.



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.

Hymns This Sunday

12 noon Mass St. Mary & St. John
Please join in with the Cantor.
Entrance How Great Thou Art (hymn 15)
Holy Holy
Communion The Lord is my Shepherd (hymn 9)
Final Hymn Bind Us Together (hymn 1)

**Annual Cemetery Masses
St. Oliver's**

Will take place on Saturday 6th November 2004 at 2 pm
St. Mary & St. John's (adjoining cemetery)
Will take place on Saturday 13th November 2004 at 2 pm

**Holy Souls Novena
November 2nd to 10th**

Christ Our Light, **8 30 am and 6.30 pm.**
St. Mary and St John's, **9.30 am and 8 00 pm.**

Feast Of All Saints

Tomorrow we remember all the saints who share the happiness of heaven. We are called to be saints by becoming children of God, by becoming more like our Father. This is our greatest possible fulfilment. It begins already, if we ourselves be moulded by the Beatitudes.



The Coeliac Society of Ireland

Date: Tuesday, 2nd of November, 2004
Place: SMA Hall, Wilton
Time: 8.00 p.m.
We will have a Christmas Cooking demonstration and a talk from our Dietician, followed by refreshments
Everyone welcome.

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**St. Joseph's (SMA) Parish
Wilton**

Prayer service for the Deceased will be held at St. Finbarr's Cemetery on Sunday November 14th at 3 pm.

As the old song *Father O'Flynn* puts it, 'of priests there's a charming variety'. The same can be said of the saints. They come from every walk of life. An old hymn puts it this way.

*One was a doctor and one was a queen,
And one was a shepherdess on the green,
You can meet them in schools or in lanes or at sea,
Or in church, or in trains, or in shops or at tea.'*

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Nov-06 & Nov-07-2004

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Sandra Walsh
8:30 am
Elizabeth Daly
10:00 am
Elaine Murphy
12:00 Noon
Tony Lynch

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Jacinta Jeffers
11:00 am
Joseph Manning
12:30 pm
Con O'Connell
5:30 pm
Michelle Beamish

MASS TIMES

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

8:30am, 10am, 12 noon & 6 pm (Vigil)	Sunday	11am, 12:30pm, 5:30pm
8:30am, 10am, 12 noon & 8 pm	Monday	11am, 12:30pm & 6:30pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	Tuesday	8:30 am & 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	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-06 & Nov-07-2004

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 Pat Manning 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	5:30 pm	Noelle Buckley Mary Breen Siobhan Burke

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