

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

150 Years



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 16-October-2016

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The enemies of Jesus try to put him on the horns of a dilemma. Would he offend the Roman occupiers or the sensitive Jewish nationalism? Jesus rises above the situation by reminding them, that God is the supreme authority but yet we all have duties to the civic society in which we live.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Effective Stories

Stories can be a very effective teaching method. Jesus had a stock of stories and was a great exponent of the story to teach a lesson or make a point especially when the story is central to his message as we find in today's gospel. The image is of a one person pressure group and a very formidable one she is. Bureaucracy had to listen to the widow at the centre of today's Gospel and it is forced to deal fairly with her. Indeed those in power had ignored her but when she took her up position at the Judges door her case was eventually heard. Her courage and perseverance brought results.

Jesus suggests to us that perseverance needs to be a feature of our prayer. We remain in God's presence until our prayer is heard. The point is that we may need to show God that we are serious about him and his care of us. Living as we do in a world of instant food, instant communication and instant cures we can expect God to take our message instantly. We are like children who demand instant responses. When our needs and demands are not given an instant response very often the person concerned is dropped down the pecking order in our friendships.

In life and the world of everyday events our perseverance can be severely tested. When our perseverance in prayer is tested we grow in love of God.

George O'Mahony

Reflection for Parents

What happens when our children pester us long enough for something? If it's not life threatening and they've bugged us long enough, we usually find a way of giving in without losing face. We know just how the judge in Luke's Gospel felt! Let the story of the persistent widow strengthen your prayers. Even if they are not answered in just the way we ask, God hears our prayers and cares for us.

Up the Village

We wish best of luck today to the Ballincollig Senior Football Team in their County Final clash with Carbery Rangers.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Jesus urged us to pray without ceasing. So let us now pray to God for our own needs, and for the needs of the Church and world.

Reader

For all believers: that they may never doubt God's presence with them in all their trials.

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

For the leaders of the human community: that God may give them strength and wisdom so that the nations may live in peace.

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

For the sick and those who care for them.

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

For those who are in trouble of any kind and for grace to make room for prayer in our daily lives.

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

For those who are suffering the effects of war, famine and persecution in particular the people of Aleppo & Nigeria.

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

For a moment, we remember in silence our own particular needs.

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

Priest

Lord, grant that what we have said with our lips, we may believe in our hearts, and practise in our lives. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Eileen McGroarty, Donegal.
Kitty Forde, Innishannon.
Ann Twomey, Togher/Bandon.

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

Tom & Rose Scanlan, Bishopstown.
Oliver & Phil Doyle, Greenwood Estate, Togher.
Nora Lynch, Coolroe.
Tim & Sheila Coakley, Castlehaven.
Denis J. Callanan, Innishmore Court.
Noel Murray, Donoughmore.
Kathleen Roche, Church View.
Bill Carey, Waterfall.
Josephine Herlihy, Bishopstown.
Mary O'Mahony, Clash.
Patrick Barry, Rosewood.
Mary Downey, The Lough.
Sheila Collins, The Lough.
Kevin O'Regan, Carriganarra.
Tom & Mary Drinan, Waterfall.
Michael, Rita, Daniel & John Barry, Ladysbridge.
Gertie & Michael Riordan, Glasheen.
Fr. Denis Wilkins, Wicklow.
Nancy & John Hogan, The Crescent.
Dr Michael O'Shea, Carrigrohane.
Kathleen Ahern, Rosewood.

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Exodus 17: 8 - 13
The first reading for today gives an example of persistence in prayer. As long as Moses continued to pray, the Jews were victorious in battle; when he stopped praying, they began to lose.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:2
In the second reading, Paul tells Timothy, the bishop, to remain faithful to his teachers and to Scripture. We, too, must be faithful to tradition and revelation.

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8
Like a relentless child, the widow in Jesus' parable wouldn't give up. She continually begged the judge for justice against her opponents. Not because the judge wanted to see justice done, but because he grew tired of the woman's pleading, he granted her request. The point Jesus wanted to make with this story is how much our loving God will answer our prayers if we persist in our asking.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Twenty Ninth Week In Ordinary Time

- 16 Sunday Ex. 17:8-13. Ps. 120. 2 Tim. 3: 14-4:2. Lk. 18: 1-8. Lect I: 922
- 17 Monday Eph 2:1-10. Ps 99. Lk 12:13-21. Lect II: 826
- 18 Tuesday 2 Tim. 4:10-17. Ps. 144. Lk. 10:1-9. Lect II: 1233
- 19 Wednesday Eph. 3:2-12. Ps. Is. 12. Lk. 12:39-48. Lect II: 830
- 20 Thursday Eph. 3:14-21. Ps. 32. Lk. 12:49-53. Lect II: 832
- 21 Friday Eph. 4: 1-6. Ps. 23. Lk. 12:54-59. Lect II: 834
- 22 Saturday Eph. 4:7-16. Ps. 121. Lk. 13:1-9. Lect II: 836

Next Sunday's Readings 23-October-2016

Eccles (Sir) 35:12-14, 16-19. Ps 32. 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18. Lect I: 925.

BAPTISMS

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

Stephen Michael O'Mahony, An Caisleán.
Kate Peggy McCarthy, Coolroe Meadows.
Joshua Jeremiah Coughlan McCarthy, Innishmore.
Amelia Hannah Coughlan-Bausals, Classes Lake.
Cormac Jeremiah Twomey, West Village.
Ellie Jane Twomey Lynch, Bishopstown.
Fallon Christopher Twomey Lynch, Bishopstown.
Noel Dylan Hurley, Classes Lake.
Tess Marian Margaret Horgan, Classes Lake.
Archie Elliot Defina, Old Quarter.

"Mothers' Prayers" Group

Continue every Thursday at 10 am.
At 'SONAS', Station Road
Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers all welcome!

Friends of Aleppo Ballincollig Fundraising Tea/Coffee Morning

- Community Hall, Station Road
 - Saturday 29th October next
 - 10.30am - 1.00pm
- 100% of funds collected will go to ALEPPO

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Children's Mass
FAMILY MASS

The next Children's Mass for children in second class preparing for their first Holy Communion will take place on today Sunday October 16th, at 11.00am in Church of Christ Our Light. The Parents of children who are seven and eight are asked to bring them to this Mass. Preparation with the children commences in the main body of the church at 10.45am. The Children retire to the crying room where they celebrate the Liturgy of the Word in a child friendly fashion. They will return to the main church at the start of the offertory procession.

Mission Month

Next Sunday is Mission Sunday, the annual worldwide Catholic celebration of mission in its fullest sense.

Pope Francis describes mission "As a passion for Jesus and a passion for his people".

Our financial and spiritual help enables missionaries to breathe faith, hope and charity into the lives of people who need it most. Sharing the message and sharing financially with those in developing countries is our Christian duty.

Our prayers and financial offerings on Mission Sunday go towards supporting missionaries and their mission projects where the Church is new, young or poor.

A special collection will be taken up next Sunday in aid of our brothers and sisters currently on mission, allowing them to continue their work.

For further information on the Society of Missionary Children or to make a donation please visit www.wmi.ie

Talks for Adults & Youth

Many of us can find no real answer to questions like:

Where is your life leading?

Why are there difficulties in your life?

Do you think that God has forgotten about you?

The Church faithful to the Gospel of Christ does have an answer

COME ! LISTEN !

Sunday 16th October and continuing every Wednesday and Sunday @ 8pm for 6 weeks in St. Mark's Centre (opposite Christ our Light Church, Innishmore, Ballincollig).

Talks given by a team of lay catechists accompanied by a priest.

Muskerry Local History Society
Kilcrea and Crookstown in the Middle Ages
The European dimension

Muskerry Local History Society is beginning a new season of very interesting lectures. The first lecture - Kilcrea and Crookstown in the Middle ages: The European Dimension - will be given by UCC medieval historian, Dr Dagmar Ó Riain-Raedel, who has written and published widely on the connections between Ireland and Europe in the Middle Ages. Exciting and frightening things are known to have happened in medieval Muskerry. For our knowledge of some of these events we have to go to the Irish monastery at Vienna in Austria, where the monks recorded them in their annals. The lecture, which throws new light on the beginnings of Kilcrea and Crookstown, will be held in Ballincollig Rugby Club on Monday, 17 October, at 8.00 pm.

Bulletin Board

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place on Saturday October 22nd at 12.00 noon 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.

Taize Prayer Group

Taize will meet in Christ our Light Church on Friday, 21st October at 7pm. All are welcome.

Mission Sunday

Envelope collection for the propagation of the faith will be taken up at all churches next week end 22nd & 23rd October.

Diocesan Collection

The Diocesan Collection last week end amounted to €3,475.00. Thank you for your generosity which is greatly appreciated. The success of these collections since 2011 has greatly assisted the operation of the Diocesan Central Account in meeting the day to day running costs of the Diocese. The quarterly collection has averaged at €56,000 per quarter in 2016, a small decrease from the 2015 average of €60,000 per quarter. The collection still amounts to a significant contribution, approximately 20% of the overall Income of the Central Fund of the Diocese, which pays the running costs of the Diocese. The generosity of people of the Diocese and the resulting success of the quarterly collection is evident in its effect in contributing to the running costs of the Diocesan Central Account.

Novena for the Dead – November 2nd to 10th, 2016

November is a month dedicated to our dead 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." We encourage everyone to make a special effort to come to daily Mass during the Novena for the Dead and may be even keep up the effort for the month of November.

There will be evening Mass (morning Masses as usual) in both Churches during the Novena- 6.30pm Christ Our Light and 8pm St Mary & St John.

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

Mass in St Mary's & St John Cemetery November 12th at 12 noon
Fr. George

Scoil Eoin

The school is having a Used Clothing Collection in the school from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday 18th October, 2016. Clothes can also be dropped in after school on Monday 17th October between 2:45 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Time to carry out that clean up you've been meaning to do, de-clutter that wardrobe for the Winter and get all those old clothes and mobile phones in to Scoil Eoin.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Oct-22 & Oct-23-2016

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Karen Sheehan
Darragh Lankford
8:30 am
Triona Downey
Riain Brennan
10:00 am
Margot Twomey
Kaylyn Lordan
12:00 Noon
Declan Chalmers
Sean Manley

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Nonyi Ebili
Jennifer Nyagaya
11:00 am
Joseph Buckley
12:30 pm
Kay Carew
Jane O'Leary
5:30 pm
Tom Reck

MASS TIMES

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

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|--------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| 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 | 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

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| 4:30 pm | Saturday | 4:30 pm |
| Except First Saturday of Month | | First Saturday of Month |
| 12:45 pm | Sunday | |

PARISH CLERGY

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| Priest on Duty | 087-2479140 |
| Fr. George O'Mahony P.P. | 021-4871206 |
| Fr. Cian O'Sullivan C.C. | 021-4876171 |

Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

17-Oct-2016 to 23-Oct-2016
Tim Murphy
Siobhan Glavin

Social / Coffee Mornings

Continue every Friday morning in parish house "Sonas" on Station Road at 10 am.
Everyone welcome as it is an ideal opportunity to get and know people from our community.



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Oct-22 & Oct-23-2016

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Steve Wills
Bernadette Bell
Danny Farrell
Jim Walsh
Frances O'Brien
Eileen Coughlan

7:30 pm John O'Donoghue
Mary Dineen
Mairead Keenan
Kay O'Sullivan

8:30 am Mary Buckley
Denis Healy
Tom Butler

11:00 am Mona Bowen
Diarmuid Horgan
Bill Barry / Sylvia Manley
Mary Aylward
Pauline Baston

10:00 am Christy Roche
Mary O'Regan
Elaine Crowley
Anna Buckley
Claire Creedon
Jim Lordan

12:30 pm Maura O'Driscoll
Mary Lehane
Dympna Byrne
Suzanne Leech

12 Noon Oliver O'Donovan
Sean Hennessy
Mary McLean
Eleanor Seymour
Nora Hennessy
Christina Walshe

5:30 pm Shelia Curran
Elizabeth O'Sullivan

Nano Nagle Foundress of The Presentation Sisters

Nano Nagle, foundress of the Presentation Sisters, was made Venerable by Pope Francis in 2012. Since then we are actively encouraging prayer for a miracle which is required for her canonisation.

Nano set up several hedge schools in Cork in the 1700's at a time when Catholic education was forbidden. She was a pioneer of Catholic education.

She founded the Presentation Congregation on Christmas eve in 1775, in South Presentation Convent. There she continued to work tirelessly until her death in 1784. She was fondly known as 'The Lady of the Lantern' due to the fact that was regularly seen moving through the streets at night visiting the old and lonely.

It is hoped that Pope Francis will visit Ireland in 2018 for the 9th World Meeting of Families. This will be an opportunity to ensure that the Pope gets to know more about Nano.

2018 is a very significant year for the Presentation Sisters also for the following reasons:

- It marks the 300th anniversary of the birth of Nano Nagle
- An international Gathering of Presentation will take place in 2018
- Phase 2 of the South Presentation development – Nano Nagle Place -will be completed that year

We are inviting you all to join with us in promoting devotion to Nano and praying for a miracle.