

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

150 Years



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 23-October-2016

Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Mission Sunday

The Pharisees fault was not gratitude for doing good but contempt for those less successful, a lack of humility before the grace of God. Paul too could 'boast' and give thanks that he had kept the faith, but he recognised that this had not been simply his own doing but because 'the Lord stood by me.' We too should thank God for any good we have been able to do. It is with his help that we do it, and it gives us no grounds for complacency or a sense of superiority.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Security

We seek it here. We seek it there. We seek security everywhere. We seek security in our health, in our work, in our relationships, in our homes and especially, in our faith. The striving to have unshakeable foundations to the core values in our lives is as strong as the instinct for survival itself. This searching thrust is a gift from God, a route designed to lead us to God who is the source and goal of all our longings. The security instinct can be so strong, that when it seems threatened we develop a defensive shell that prevents us growing in inner peace by letting us settle protectively for conformity rather than courage, for selfishness rather than service, for wealth rather than wisdom, for a view about our calling rather than a vision of our greatness.

This is what happened to the people in today's gospel who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else. They saw rigid faithfulness to tradition as being an answer to God's call rather than recognising the striving and struggles of the people in their time.

To smash their shell of smugness, Christ told the parable of the Pharisee and the despised tax collector going to pray. One realised his need of God and had mercy shown him.

"May your sacraments O Lord, we pray, perfect in us what lies within them, that what we now celebrate in signs we may one day possess in truth."

George O'Mahony

Reflection for Parents

We are very important in the lives of our children, but do we allow them to see us walk humbly with God? Do we allow them to see us on our knees and hear us admit our weaknesses to God? Consider how you might represent the tax collector to your children. How might they see you like this Pharisee?

A thought for today

Perhaps the most radical statement Jesus ever made is "Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate".

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

With humble but trustful hearts, let us pray to God for our own needs and the needs of the Church and the world.

Reader

That our Churches may be places where sinners can experience the healing of God.

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

For all those in authority: that they may have the humility to acknowledge their mistakes, and the courage to correct them.

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

For tax-collectors and all those who do unpopular but necessary jobs.

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

For grace never to look down on others or belittle their dignity and for grace always to strive to come before God exactly as we are, with our virtues and sins, our failures and successes.

**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, give us the humility not to hide our weakness, the wisdom to learn from our mistakes, and in facing life's difficulties, let us know that your grace will be sufficient for us. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

This Poor Man Called; The Lord Heard Him.

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Liz Moore, Ballyphehane.
 Anne Kidney, Greenfields.
 David O’Mahony, Castlecor, Mallow.
 Mary MacSweeney, Dooniskey, Lissarda.

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

Mary Harrington, Douglas Street.
 Margaret Rea, Lower Glanmire Road.
 John O’Connor, Powdermills.
 Con & Rita Jeffries, Blarney Street.
 Kathleen O’Connor, Tramore.
 Paddy Nolan, Wicklow.
 Breda O’Donoghue, West Village.
 Kay O’Keeffe, Cherry Walk.
 Tomás McNamara, Powdermills.
 Denis McCarthy, Coolroe Meadows.
 Terry O’Leary, Knockburden.
 Nancy Ginnane, Shanakiel Road.
 Thomás Lynch, Castlepark.
 Barney Carroll, Glendower/Dublin.
 John O’Mahony, Tramore Lawn/Douglas.
 James Murphy, Glounthaune.
 Bill & Kit Foley, Essex.
 Patrick & Joan Kerrigan, Greg Road.
 Edwin McDermott, Poulavone.
 Margaret O’Leary, Curraheen.
 Joan O’Keeffe, Carrigrohane.
 John & Nora Leech, Beech Park.
 Conor Quinlan, Glanworth.
 Fr Denis Wilkinson, Wicklow.
 Nicholas Tarrant, Inniscarra View & Millstreet.
 Arthur Bajoras, Glendower Court.
 Brid Hogan, Carriganarra.
 John O’Flynn, Powdermills & Westcourt.
 Frank O’Mahony, Minister’s Cross.

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19
 God does not listen only to the powerful. If someone prays humbly and sincerely, God listens, and God acts.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
 Paul says he has kept the faith and God stood by him. The conclusion to his life will be a crown of glory in heaven. That same promise is ours.

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14
 From time to time our children live in a "me first world," but Jesus wasn't too impressed with the self-centeredness of the Pharisee in today's Gospel. The Pharisee was quite certain that he was a good and righteous man—better than most. For sure, he was better than the tax collector. But as Jesus often did in his teachings, he turned society's ideas upside down. It was really the humble tax collector recognizing his own sinfulness that Jesus said would be exalted.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Thirtieth Week In Ordinary Time

23 Sunday Eccles (Sir) 35: 12-14, 16-19. Ps 32. 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18. Lk 18:9-14.
 Lect I: 925

24 Monday Eph. 4:32-5:8. Ps. 1. Lk. 13:10-17. Lect II: 838

25 Tuesday Eph. 5:21-33. Ps. 127. Lk. 13: 18-21. Lect II: 840

26 Wednesday Eph. 6: 1-9. Ps. 144. Lk. 13:22-30 Lect II: 842

27 Thursday Eph 6:10-20. Ps 143. Lk 13:31-35. Lect II: 844

28 Friday Eph. 2:19-22. Ps. 18. Lk. 6:12-19. Lect II: 1242

29 Saturday Phil. 1: 18.26. Ps. 41. Lk. 14: 1.7.11 .Lect II: 848

Next Sunday's Readings 30-October-2016

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

BAPTISMS

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

Clodagh Mai O’Sullivan, Classes Lake.
 Daniel Garry Yelverdon-Culhane, Cederdale.
 Katie Emelia Durkan, Carrigtwohill.
 Lídain Catherine Gleeson, The Stables.
 Róisín Esther Curtin, Lisheen Fields.
 Jack Michael Walsh, An Caisleán.
 Mia Margaret O’Mahony, Leemount Cross.
 Harper Marie Bradley, Wyndham Downs.
 William Michael Barrett, Manor Hill.
 Odhrán Jack Walsh, Muskerry Estate.

“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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Today is Mission Sunday

It is the one day when we are specifically asked to dig into our hearts and minds and assist our Church's universal mission. Our theme for this year's Mission Sunday is 'Every Christian is a Missionary'. We all have the privilege of sharing God's love and words with those who have not yet heard Him. Pope Francis is an enthusiastic 'promoter' of this theme and is seeking to lead all of us in a joyful expression of our individual and unique missionary charism. In his message for Mission Sunday the Pope says "As they travel through the streets of the world, the disciples of Jesus need to have a love without limits, the same measure of love that our Lord has for all people. We proclaim the most beautiful and greatest gifts that he has given us: his life and his love". The Irish missionary disciples need our spiritual and financial help today. We have some 1,200 men and women working in all corners of the world, each playing his or her part on the missionary journey. Your financial help today is crucial to their work. For further information on the Society of Missionary Children or to make a donation please visit www.wmi.ie

Irish Blood Transfusion Service

Urgent Appeal for Blood
National Reserve is ONLY Three Days
Safety Level is Seven Days

Donation Process Getting ready to give blood

- Take the give blood eligibility quiz, call us on 1850 731 137 or contact us at <http://www.giveblood.ie> to find out if you are eligible to give blood.
- Find out where and when you can give blood
- We recommend that you have eaten something and have had plenty of cold drinks
- Allow yourself about an hour to an hour and a half to complete the process at the clinic from registration to refreshments
- Come back and give blood again in 90 days. Next time, why not bring a friend!

Registration at the Clinic

When you volunteer to give blood you will be asked to register with the Irish Blood Transfusion Service (IBTS). We ask for your name, address, date of birth and telephone numbers. You will be asked about specific aspects of your life and medical history and also asked to fill in a health and lifestyle questionnaire. We ask that you read the questionnaire and leaflets provided thoroughly. All the information you give will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Behaviour

Donor Clinics must be conducted in a safe and supportive environment where the dignity of all staff and donors is maintained. Inappropriate behaviour will not be accepted.

Haemoglobin Testing

Your Haemoglobin (Hb) will be tested pre-donation using a non-invasive screening test that measures the levels of Hb in the small blood vessels of your finger. If your Hb level is high enough to donate, you will be asked to thoroughly read the information provided to you about donating blood and to complete the questionnaire. For more information on Haemoglobin click here.

Giving Blood

Giving blood then takes approximately 8 to 15 minutes. The total volume of blood taken is 470ml, which is less than a pint.

Resting

You will then be advised to rest for a short period before going to the canteen where you will be offered a drink and light refreshments.

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 this week end 22nd & 23rd October.

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.

The Blessing of Graves in St. James Cemetery, Chetwynd, Togher (Off Bandon Road) will take place on Sunday, 6th November, 2016 at 3.00pm.

Special Mass

There will be a Special Mass to remember all our loved ones who died during the past year on Friday November 11th at 8.00pm in St Mary & St John. All those who died from the Parish will be remembered at this Mass. Families who wish to have deceased family members (who died during the past twelve months) included in this Mass are invited to hand in their names to the Sacristy or Parish Office during the week and please include a contact name, phone number and an address. Families and individuals are invited to partake in the Mass.

Fr. George

Music Morning

Monthly Music Morning Ballincollig Library will resume on Tuesday next October 25th at 11am and will be presented by Philip Brennan. Everybody is welcome and a "cuppa" will be served.

The Coeliac Society of Ireland, Cork Support Group

Date : Tuesday 8th November 2016

Place: SMA CENTER Wilton, Cork Time: 8pm

Topic: Christmas themed evening (a bring and taste) with questions and answers how to get through the festive season plus dietician in attendance.

All Welcome. (€5 entrance fee)

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Oct-29 & Oct-30-2016

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Sandra Walsh
Brayden Peck
8:30 am
Tom McDonagh
Sean Casey
10:00 am
Lauree Hegarty
Mary O'Driscoll
12:00 Noon
Sean Hennessy
Shane Lehane

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Fiona Feely
11:00 am
Ciara Healy
Yago Greaux
12:30 pm
Adaugu Ebili
Caterina Nugent
5:30 pm
Liam Tuohy

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

Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

24-Oct-2016 to 30-Oct-2016
Michael O'Leary
Kay O'Sullivan

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-29 & Oct-30-2016

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Bernadette Bell
Betty Casey
Frank Riordan
Siobhan Riordan
Pauline Quane
Aisling Leahy

8:30 am Mary Buckley
Theresa Lucey
Mary B. Murphy

10:00 am Joan Tobin
Betty Flavin
Anne Spillane
Betty Sheehan
Anne O'Connell
Con O'Connell

12 Noon Seamus O'Donovan
Eleanor Knowles
Catherine Greene
Joan Barrett
Frances Hogan
Mary O'Leary

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

11:00 am Neil Jeffers
Eileen O'Donoghue
Padraig Fleming
Hugh / Catherine Moran
Imelda Power / Martina Woods

12:30 pm Tom Murray
John O'Regan
Gerard Dunne
Theresa O'Driscoll

5:30 pm Bernard Curran
John Canty

Aleppo is now a Living Hell

"This morning some "rockets launched from the eastern sector" of Aleppo landed in "the predominantly Christian district of Sulaymaniyah" in the west and "hit a school, killing at least four children," said Mgr Georges Abou Khazen, vicar apostolic to Aleppo of the Latins, who spoke with AsiaNews, evidence of the spiral of violence and terror that is engulfing northern Syria's metropolis.

"We do not want all these deaths, this destruction," the prelate said, "yet the tragedy continues and involves both sides of the city . . . Everyone here is suffering. Families in both east and west continue to count and mourn their dead."

Yesterday during his general audience, Francis renewed his appeal for peace in all of Syria, which he had called a "beloved and troubled" land in his statement announcing the appointment of Apostolic Nuncio Mgr Mario Zenari to the post of cardinal.

In asking for an urgent ceasefire to alleviate the suffering of the city's residents, the pontiff underlined and reiterated his "closeness to all the victims of the inhuman conflict in Syria". The pope called for a truce in the fighting, at least "for the time necessary to evacuate the civilians, especially children, who are still trapped by the cruel bombings". Yet, less than 24 hours after the pope's appeal, Aleppo weeps again for new victims among children. "It's always the same old story," Mgr Abou Khazen said, "with regional and international powers not working for peace. The pope's words are very important because they make us feel his closeness but unfortunately these appeals fall on deaf ears."

"The players are not interested in what is happening to people even though now more than ever a truce is needed to alleviate the suffering and bring some aid and comfort." For the apostolic vicar, a truce would be a "first step" towards gradual progression "on the path of peace to relieve suffering and fears."

"Aleppo is now a living hell," the prelate added. It is a "hell that touches everyone, east and west, full of death and destruction, refugees and lack of electricity and water, families who touch pain with their hands on a daily basis".

Such suffering "cannot be described with words," but it has not led to the loss of "hope for a solution to the conflict, because in the end, some agreement will be reached, even though selfishness now prevails." The alternative to peace, warns the apostolic vicar, is a war that from the local level "will expand to the regional and global level."

Virginia Harrington