

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

150 Years



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 06-November-2016

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Christian hope overcomes the fear of death. God is faithful: not only does he strengthen us against evil in this life, but will give eternal life to all who try to imitate his faithfulness.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

James Bond and The Holy Souls!

At the start of the last James Bond Film – we see 007 at The Festival of the Dead in Mexico City. The Locals refer to it as 'Dia de los Muertos' and celebrate it in their homes in a more humble way than James Bond did!

Since the start of the human race -this was the time of the year that the Dead were remembered: but people were scared because they saw the Dead and the afterworld of Ghosts and Banshees as wandering around in a very unsettled way. So people dressed up to scare them away!

The Feast of All Hallows (or the Feast of All Saints as we call it) and the word Halloween are connected by language. But there is one major difference.

Halloween is a time when people – see the Dead and those gone before us as unsettled and almost homeless and wandering the world.

The Feast of All Hallows reminds us that when we die we reach a peaceful place. A place Catholics call 'Our True Home'- that we call Heaven.

Cian O'Sullivan

Reflection for Parents

How many countless sentences from our children begin, "What if?" Indeed, the Sadducees were trying to trick Jesus, but in the case of our children, they are eager to learn. Their minds and imaginations work rapidly and it often requires the wisdom and patience of Jesus to keep pace with these inquisitive and curious gifts.

Closing of The Jubilee Year Of Mercy

To mark the closing of the Jubilee Year of Mercy Bishop Buckley will offer a Mass of Thanksgiving for the graces and blessings of the Jubilee year of Mercy on Saturday 12th November at 6:30pm, Saint Francis Church, Liberty Street, Cork and the Holy Door will be closed. This will be preceded from 4pm onwards by "Let mercy flow..." a celebration of the works of mercy in our Diocese with time for prayer and confession. All parishioners are welcome.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

: God raised Jesus from the dead so that we might have a sure hope of an inheritance that will never fade. Let us pray to God as members of a hopeful people.

Reader

For Christians: that the hope of eternal life implanted in their hearts at baptism may be fulfilled in the kingdom of heaven.

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

For the human family: that all its members may reach the goal God intended for them.

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

For ourselves: that our lives may bear witness to the hope we carry in our hearts.

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

For our relatives and friends, and for all who have gone to their rest in the hope of rising again.

**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 & Iraq.

**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

Almighty and ever-living God, may you support us all day long, till the shadows lengthen, and evening falls, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done; then in your mercy, Lord, grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

I shall be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory, O Lord.

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Kay Murphy, Pine Walk.
 Frank Murphy, Pine Walk/Schull.
 Stephen Hogan, Classes Lake.
 Peggy Archer, Connolly Road.

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

Cathal Keohane, Rosewood
 Nora O’Callaghan, Leeview, Carrigrohane
 John Sexton, Bweeng
 Ellen, Eugene & Catherine Lee, Dripsey
 Tim, Kaye & Deirdre O’Callaghan, Douglas
 Tim & Bridget O’Callaghan, Carrigrohane
 Pat Tyrell, Wexford.
 Jim Butler, Inniscarra.
 Connie O’Sullivan, Ballingearry
 Peter Davis, Douglas
 Michael Gaffney, Castle Avenue
 Eugene & Breda McDonnell, Prosperity Square
 Michael & Hannie Buckley & Peggy McCarthy, Mallow & Dripsey
 Michael & Sheila Duggan, Dunmanway/Bandon
 Justin & Monica Monaghan, College Road
 Patrick O’Leary, Poulavone
 John & Hannah O’Connor, Dingle.

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14
 The Maccabees were Jewish young men who died for their faith. They knew there would be a resurrection, and they were not afraid to die.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:16 - 3:5
 In the second reading, we remember that Christ's return is near. God will give strength, and so for us the future holds no fear.

Gospel: Luke 20-27-38
 At the time Jesus lived, not everyone believed in resurrection. The Sadducees especially resisted the idea and tried to make Jesus look foolish when they asked who would be the man's wife in heaven. They posed a situation where a woman's husband died. As was the custom of the time, the brother of a deceased man married the widow in order to insure heirs. They predicted that hypothetically if enough husbands died, she could meet seven husbands at her own resurrection. Which one would be her husband in heaven, they wondered? Neither we nor the Sadducees can fully understand life after death, but Jesus asks us to trust that something much greater than our understanding awaits us at the resurrection.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Thirty Second Week In Ordinary Time

06 Sunday 2 Macc. 7:1-2, 9-14. Ps. 16. 2 Thess. 2:16-3:5. Lk. 20:27-38. Lect I: 930
 07 Monday Tit 1:1-9. Ps. 23. Lk. 17:1-6. Lect II: 862
 08 Tuesday Tit 2:1-8, 11-14. Ps 36. Lk 17:7-10. Lect II: 864
 09 Wednesday Ezek. 47:1-2, 8-9, 12. Ps. 45. 1 Cor. 3:9-11, 16-17. Jn. 2:13-22. Lect I: 1006 or Lect II: 1250
 10 Thursday Philem. 7-20. Ps. 145. Lk. 17:20-25. Lect II: 869
 11 Friday 2 Jn. 4-9. Ps. 118. Lk. 17:26-37. Lect II: 871
 12 Saturday 3 Jn. 5-8. Ps. 111. Lk. 18:1-8. Lect II: 873

Next Sunday’s Readings 13-November-2016

Mal. 3:19-20. Ps. 97. 2 Thess. 3:7-12. Lk. 21:5-19. Lect I: 934

BAPTISMS

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

Cian Darragh O’Mahony, Innishmore.
 Tomás Declan O’Leary, Innishmore.
 Cathal William O’Leary, Innishmore.
 Olivia Forde, Muskerry Estate.
 Eoin Seán Gerard Lynch, Inniscarra View.
 Darragh Andrew Smith, Model Farm Road.
 Frank Daniel Cullinane, Carrigrohane.
 Mason Lloyd Fitzgerald, Parknamore.
 David John Plaice, Farnanes.
 Aoife Marie O’Driscoll, Inniscarra.

The Gospel of St Mark

On Monday, 14th November at 7.30pm in the Community Hall, Station Road there will be a talk given by Sineád Cremin on St. Mark’s Gospel. All are welcome.

Remember in November

Take the Short-Term Pledge for the Month of November for deceased family and friends who have gone before us marked with the sign of Faith. Many people choose to abstain from alcohol for the month of November and offer this prayerful act in honour of their deceased loved ones. You can do likewise!

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Irish Guide Dogs

Join our 5KM dog walk in Ballincollig Regional Park on today Sunday November 6th 11am-1pm and support the Irish Guide Dogs. Dogs Unite is fun, it's easy and it's a great way for you and your dog to help change lives of people who are visually impaired or families of children with autism. You can bring your own dog along to the walk (although you don't need a dog to take part!). All entrants receive a t-shirt and a cape for their #superhero dog and all tickets purchased go towards supporting Irish Guide Dogs services.

“Looking to the Future”

Predicting the future is never an exact science, however members of the Ballincollig Parish Pastoral council are planning for the future of the parish and to help with this they would welcome views and opinions from all. Pope Francis is challenging us to be humbler, inclusive and a more caring society.

The life of a parish is about its' people and community and trying to interpret Gospel values for the 21st century. All are welcome to a meeting to explore how such values could be realised and developed in our community.

Meeting: Community Centre, Station Road
Wednesday, November 16th @ 8pm

Tax Rebate

Tax Rebate is a system put in place to help registered charities increase their income. The tax rebate encourages registered charities to claim back tax paid by our donors. This parish being a registered charity is entitled to claim back money from the revenue. To do this we need help. Parishioners are asked to register their name, address and the number of their offertory envelope with the parish office as soon as possible. During the past years 135 parishioners helped the parish in this way. The revenue returned €10,700.00 to the parish of Ballincollig a few weeks ago.

This system was standardised in 2013 by Revenue. This means that for every tax payer recorded by the parish contributing at least five euro weekly a rebate of €112 can be received by the parish annually. Hopefully many others will sign up by adding their name and box number in the parish office or with the sacristans. Literally this is the goose that lays the golden egg – please help us to gather up these nuggets of gold.

Graveyard

Considerable efforts are made to maintain and keep clean the graveyard adjacent to St Mary and St John's Church. Many families take good care of their graves. However some continue to dump plastic and various kinds of litter in the graveyard. I appeal to all please to remove rubbish and plastic from the graveyard and show respect for the dead.

Church of The Real Presence - Curraheen

Eucharistic Adoration in Adoration Chapel
Daily Invitation
Monday - Friday 10.00am - 7.00pm
Saturday 12noon - 6.00pm

Bulletin Board

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place on Saturday 26th November 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, 25th November at 7pm. All are welcome.

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 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 today 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

Cork Young Filmmakers

On Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th November a two day workshop for young people 13 to 18 will take place in the Gunpowermills Cork Film Centre, Ballincollig. 12 places are available at just 20 euro each. This is a Cork County Council and SECAD funded programme & not for profit.

Email: corkyoungfilmmakers@gmail.com
or Tel.: 086 813 9019 to book your place.

Cork Pioneers

We are holding a fun table quiz in Eason's Hill Community Centre, near Shandon, at 8p.m. on Thursday November 17th. €12 per table. Refreshments will be provided. Everybody welcome.

Enquiries: Bernard 0861648372 or Sorcha 0863642619.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Nov-12 & Nov-13-2016

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Muireann Nelligan
Padraig McAuliffe
8:30 am
Eadaoin O'Leary
Gerard O'Leary
10:00 am
Maria Bunyan
Amy O'Driscoll
12:00 Noon
Katie Tobin
Kate Sheehy

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Nonyi Ebili
Jennifer Nyagaya
11:00 am
Kristian Calvert
Amy Ni Chearbhaill
12:30 pm
Aisling Dore
Clara Herdman
5:30 pm
Kevin 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 & 8 pm	Monday	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
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
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
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Fr. Cian O'Sullivan C.C.	021-4876171

Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

07-Nov-2016 to 13-Nov-2016
Joan Barrett & Margot Twomey

Thank You

The people of Ballincollig raised €9,531.09 for Aleppo at our coffee morning on Saturday the 29th October. Thank you so much to everyone who contributed whether by handing out leaflets sharing on Facebook or by word, looking for sponsors for the raffle, those who gave prizes for the raffle the many people who baked or who helped on the day and of course those who came. Thank you again, Fr. Ibrahim's Parish in Aleppo will put it to good use.
United with Aleppo.



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Nov-12 & Nov-13-2016

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Eileen Murphy
Ted Nelligan
Maurice Bunyan
Sheila Walshe
Katie Collins
Aisling Leahy

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

8:30 am Helen Kelly
Michael Crowley
Eileen Corkery

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

10:00 am Fionnuala McDonagh
Mary Buckley
Fiona Kelly
Katie O'Shea
Martin O'Leary
Andrej Janukowicz

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

12 Noon Ann-Marie Cosgrove
Phil Kennedy
Ellen O'Sullivan
Ursula McAuliffe
Sally Crowley
Helen Plunkett

5:30 pm Shelia Curran
Elizabeth O'Sullivan

Syria - Peace is Possible

Let us reflect on the hope in this Gospel story. Without hope, Syrians struggle to survive day to day, struggle to draw on their own natural resilience in the face of adversity. Part of that hope comes from knowing that ordinary people in the world outside Syria care about their plight, that they are not forgotten or abandoned. The blind man calls out to the Lord and despite the passers-by attempts to silence him, the Lord hears him and heals him. Jesus leads him out of the darkness and into the light. We here in Ballincollig Parish will not be silent and we call for an end to the besiegement of Aleppo. We will be people of mercy today as we stand with the people of Aleppo. We believe peace is possible if we take action now. 'The only time we socialise now is at funerals'. A member of Caritas Syria Central Committee talks about life in the western part of Aleppo city.

"Everyone is tired. There is no electricity, no running water. Everyone has back ache from dragging containers of water up many flights of stairs. Old wells are being re-opened, the water untreated, waterborne diseases are a problem. Babies are buried under piles of blankets to try and keep them warm. If there was no humanitarian assistance getting into some parts of Aleppo there would be famine. This morning mortars from the eastern part of the city landed and killed children at a school. In Aleppo, the previous industrial capital of Syria, all factories are destroyed. Some restaurants open but no one goes. The only time we socialise now is at funerals, or by going to the homes of Muslim neighbours to sympathise. Everyone is afraid to go into the street. When I say goodbye to my wife in the morning, we are not sure we will see each other again in the evening. We don't know what is coming next. We don't know what is coming at us from behind the curtain... Everyone is suffering after nearly 6 years of fighting. We are not a big country or an important country. We are only a dot on the map of the world. Now, all we have left is our dignity. Our hope comes from people who can help challenge dominant and biased narratives, and shine some light on other truths, other experiences of this war".