

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

150 Years



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 15-January-2017

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Day of Migrants and Refugees

Jesus came as the Servant of God to serve the deepest needs of people. He offered his life to remove the tragedy of sin from human life and so restore us to peace with God, and each other.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

WELCOME TO 1517!!!

The world has changed in 500 years or has it?????

By early February a war had taken place in the Middle East and in Modern day Turkey. In fact Cairo was captured by the Ottomans (Modern Turkey) on the third day of February 1517.

Meanwhile in another part of the World- China were engage in Massive Trade Deals with the West in the guise of the Portuguese who were using the city of Guangzhou to export goods to Europe.

But an event took place in 1517-the Brexit of Religion- which has implications on anybody who is reading this:

Because by the end of October the seeds of Reformation of the Christian Church-were sown by a Catholic Priest – Martin Luther!! Within a few years the Christian Church was to separate.

Meanwhile back in January 2017- All the Irish Bishops will visit Pope Francis in Rome. All the major Christian Churches will come together later this month for the annual- 'Christian Unity Week'.

We hope that 2017 will be a year of Unity and Peace to all People. Amen

Cian O'Sullivan

Reflection for Parents

As parents we certainly can understand the image of Jesus as "shepherd." We are constantly leading the way for our children and serving them with endless love. When they are sick or hurt, we would gladly take their pain and suffering if we could. It is clearly through these feelings that we begin to understand just what Jesus has done for us. As parents, when we show our unending love for our children, they too get an inkling of what Jesus' love is for them as well.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

For an end to violence perpetrated by harsh words, deadly weapons, or cold indifference.

Reader

For the grace to see every human being as a child of God, regardless of race, language or culture.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the wisdom to receive the stories and experiences of those different from ourselves and to respond with respect.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the strength to teach our children how to resolve differences non-violently and respectfully, and the courage to model it in our own behaviour.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For our parish, that we may cultivate welcome, extend hospitality, and encourage the participation of people of all cultures, ethnicities and backgrounds.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for migrants, asylum seekers and refugees, that they may experience hospitality and the possibility of a better life in their adopted country.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for the intentions of all here present.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Priest

Father in heaven, you will judge all peoples in fairness. Hear the prayers we place before you today. We make these, and all our prayers, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Paul Murphy, Coolroe Meadows.
Rita Forde, Curraheen Cross.

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

Daniel O’Riordan, Rathcoole.
Denis O’Callaghan, Innishmore Grove.
May (Mary) Keohane, Leevview, Inniscarra
Alision Murphy, Wyndham Downs.
Dermot & Nell Cronin, Pouladuff Road.
Pat Sheehan Coachford.
John Walsh, Muskerry Estate.
Martin Murphy, Rockchapel.
Martin Stack, Aisling Lawn.
Jack McCarthy, Ballintemple.
PJ Hagan, Sunningdale.
Kevin Byrne, Parknamore.
Jerry O’Connor, Sunningdale.
Peter Healy, Beech Park.
Joan Summers, Muskerry Estate.
Michael O’Regan, Carriganarra.
John & Anne Hogan, Tipperary.
Walsh Family, Fair Street.
Sheila Walsh , Castlepark.
Jeff Murphy, Bweeing.
John Forde, Knockpogue, Waterfall/Tipperary.
Deceased members of the Keohane Family
Rossmore/Ballincollig.
Fr Christy Harrington.
Maureen Healy , Eastgate.
May Murphy, Lough Road.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Second Week In Ordinary Time

- 15 Sunday Is. 49:3,5-6. Ps. 39. 1 Cor. 1:1-3. In. 1:29-34. Lect I: 641
- 16 Monday Heb. 5: 1-1 O. Ps. 109. Mk. 2: 18-22. Lect II: 15
- 17 Tuesday Heb. 6: 10-20. Ps. 110. Mk. 2:23-28. Lect II: 17
- 18 Wednesday Heb. 7: 1-3, 15-17. Ps. 109. Mk. 3: 1-6. Lect II: 19
- 19 Thursday Heb. 7:25-8:6. Ps. 39. Mk. 3:7-12. Lect II: 21
- 20 Friday Heb. 8:6-13. Ps. 84. Mk. 3:13-19. Lect II: 23
- 21 Saturday Heb.9:2-3, 11-14. Ps. 46. Mk. 3:20-21. Lect II: 25

Next Sunday’s Readings 22-January-2017

Is. 8:23-9:3. Ps. 26. 1 Cor. 1:10-13, 17. Mt. 4:12-23. Lect I: 644

BAPTISMS

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

Conor Michael Healy, Greenfields.
Sofia Murithi, Westcourt.
Harry Edmond O’Sullivan, Coolroe Meadows.
Amelie Lily Daly, The Stables.
Ellen Lucy Scobie-McLean, Leevview.
Oliver Benjamin O’Sullivan-Alice, Cherry Walk.
Eoghan Leo Nyhan, Propsect Lawn.
Jeff Richard Lloyd-Davis, Old Court.

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6
The Lord said, "You are my servant, Israel, through whom I show my glory. . . . I will make you a light to the nations that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3
"Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus," greeted the holy people of the Corinthian church with God's grace and peace. He addressed them as "sanctified in Christ Jesus."

Gospel: John 1:29-34.
John the Baptist knew Jesus as his cousin, but it is not clear until we read today's Gospel that John recognised Jesus as the promised Messiah. John called Jesus the "Lamb of God." We are familiar with the title for Jesus, "Lamb of God," because we hear it in our Eucharistic prayers during mass. The Lamb of God comes to take away the sins of the world. And, indeed, Jesus died that we might be free of our sins. The lamb figured in much of Jewish tradition, especially as a symbol of sacrifice, but certainly we recognize the image of "shepherd" as one who leads the flock through darkness and difficult terrain. The message of John's gospel is for us—the simple sheep - to follow Jesus, the shepherd.

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Muskerry Local History Society

Frongoch Prison Camp

University of revolution, seed-bed of the Irish state
 Tim Crowley will present a very interesting lecture on Frongoch Prison Camp, organised by Muskerry Local History Society. After the Easter Rising 1916, almost 2,000 detainees were confined in Frongoch internment camp in North Wales from June to December 1916. In the camp, a revolutionary spirit was cultivated amongst the men and many of them later became the key leaders of the War of Independence, including Michael Collins. Tim Crowley's lecture will highlight the experiences of the men in Frongoch. The lecture will begin at 8.00 pm on Monday, 16 January in Ballincollig Rugby Club.

News from Aleppo

On the 23rd of December we received a wonderful email from Aleppo via Fr Ibrahim's translator in Italy:
 "After long negotiations between the army and armed militias, the military groups have handed their weapons, and they came out from the east of the city.
 Then, the army announced the news to consider Aleppo, safe city.

Soon came the news, all the mosques raised their voices and all the churches of Aleppo, the bells rang for a long time.
 A dream has come true...

Two days before the birth of the King of peace.

All the people are celebrating...

It is the best gift we have ever imagined. Only God could make it happen ... We asked Him this gift and He has fulfilled us..

"Magnificat anima mea ..."

It is the result of the children's prayer for peace ...".

Later during the Christmas holidays we received further messages ...

"The first times since the six years, we celebrate the Christmas Mass without the accompaniment of bombing and gunfire. We are convinced that it is the fruit of the ardent prayer of united children hearts across the world. We receive the messages from the whole world: Japan, Egypt, Ukraine, Slovakia, Italy, Poland, UK, Ireland, Spain, Mexico, Argentina, USA, etc., talking about their communion with us in the prayer by the different very creative initiatives!

We believe deeply that God hears the cries of "his little ones"...

From Aleppo we say to you: Joyful Christmas to all!"

Pope Francis wrote to Ibrahim's parish a beautiful letter of support at the end of December which brought them great consolation.

We received another message last week which is on the Facebook page and we would hope to share it with you when space allows.

The Aleppo Parish have now set up their own Facebook page and twitter account, if you search for "Latin Parish St. Francis in Aleppo" in Facebook or twitter they will come up

Virginia & Friends

Bulletin Board

Diocesan Collection

The quarterly collection in aid of the Diocesan Funds will be taken up this weekend at all masses.

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place on Saturday 4th February 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.

Coeliac Hosts

Low gluten hosts are available that are suitable for Coeliacs. Please inform the priest prior to Mass if possible if you require it.

Fr. George

World Day of Migrants and Refugees

Today we celebrate the 103rd World Day of Migrants and Refugees, it is important that we come together to remember and pray for the tens of thousands of children who migrate alone, unaccompanied, to escape poverty and violence.

Migration today is not a phenomenon limited to some areas of the planet. It affects all continents and is growing into a tragic situation of global proportions. Not only does this concern those looking for dignified work or better living conditions, but also men and women, the elderly and children, who are forced to leave their homes in the hope of finding safety, peace and security. Children are the first among those to pay the heavy toll of emigration, almost always caused by violence, poverty, environmental conditions, as well as the negative aspects of globalization. The unrestrained competition for quick and easy profit brings with it the cultivation of perverse scourges such as child trafficking, the exploitation and abuse of minors and, generally, the depriving of rights intrinsic to childhood as sanctioned by the International Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Extract from letter by Pope Francis

Thank You

We, the local members, of The Irish Pilgrimage Trust, had our Church Gate Collection at both Churches on Sunday 8th January. May we take this opportunity to express our sincerest thanks, firstly for the welcome and encouragement afforded to our collectors, but most of all for your amazing generosity. Thanks to such support, there will be no empty seats in our chartered plane which will take off for Lourdes from Cork Airport on Easter Sunday next. It will be filled to capacity by excited deserving young Pilgrims, accompanied by us carers, Chaplains, doctors and nurses.

The Irish Pilgrimage Trust

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Jan-21 & Jan-22-2017

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

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

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Pauline Collins
Dyan Ebili
11:00 am
Cormac Manning
12:30 pm
Bernard Vallely
Colm Walsh
5:30 pm
Tom Reck

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
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Fr. Cian O'Sullivan C.C.	021-4876171

Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

16-Jan-2017 to 22-Jan-2017

Joan Barrett
Margot Twomey

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

Jan-21 & Jan-22-2017

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

5:30 pm Bernard Curran
John Canty

Common Sense about Prayer

In a big or a small way, most of us have had the experience of not being properly dressed for an occasion. You know the kind of situation. You haven't had your hair done for ages, and you have an appointment with the hairdresser for tomorrow. But today the doorbell rings. You take off the soiled apron and throw it on a chair and you answer the bell. There standing at the door is a cousin you haven't seen for years. And she is done up to the nines! You feel like something the cat carried in after dark. You invite her in, trying to hide the apron before she sees it, and you long for just a minute or two to straighten yourself out. Meantime you can hardly take in a word she is saying. Of course it could be worse. You could turn up to a classy party in an off-the-peg little number, and discover too late that everyone else is wearing the latest in designer elegance. It is a moment for the ground to open and swallow you up. It is a question of being dressed up properly for an occasion and of feeling like a misfit or a fool if we are not. We sense that the only way to respond to quality is with quality, To elegance is with elegance. And to holiness is with...

Coming before God to celebrate the Eucharist we are likewise conscious of 'the state I am in'. In his holy company we have an overwhelming sense of our own sinfulness. We want a moment to put on a bit of spiritual make-up, to tidy ourselves up spiritually. This is what we do at the beginning of Mass when we acknowledge our sins and beg the Lord for his mercy. We are trying to get ourselves presentable, trying to lessen the dreadful confusion and embarrassment of being sinners in God's awesome presence.