

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

150 Years



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

## Sunday 22-January-2017

### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

*God has given to each of us a potential to be developed. There is a promise in us yet to be fulfilled. Jesus came to bring this fulfilment to everyone and it will be ours when we follow like Peter and the others who lived in Galilee.*



Christ Our Light  
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#### **Christ our Light**

Jesus launches and announces his plans for his life. The death of John the Baptist provides an opportunity for Jesus to leave Nazareth and head to Galilee. Here he announces that “the people that walked in darkness have seen a great light. On those who walked in darkness and shadow of death, a light has dawned.”

From that moment He began preaching, “Convert for the Kingdom of God is close at hand.” Jesus goes on to call the fisherman “follow me and I will make you fishers of men.” They left their nets and followed Him. Jesus became the priority and focus of their lives. We all need a similar focus in our lives otherwise there is a real danger that amassing wealth, prestige, addictions or gossip dominate our lives.

The gospel today is an invitation to focus on the light that Christ presents to our lives and world. We are called to focus a fresh on faith hope and service. We are called to trust Jesus especially that he is with us as we try to haul in the nets.

In life we are privileged to focus on Jesus and through our commitment to enable others to focus on Jesus and his way of life.

*George O'Mahony*

#### **Reflection for Parents**

There are few people in the world who understand the immediacy of today's Gospel like a parent does! The demands of the day are genuinely important, from the first stirrings of the morning, into the commitment-filled day, to the evening and bedtime routine. A huge part of our day requires an on the spot reaction from us. Many things we do on the spur of the moment are important, but have we thought today how the urgency of our day-to-day decisions compares to the urgency of Jesus calling his disciples? With what urgency do we call our children to discipleship? How do they recognise us as disciples of Jesus?

#### **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

##### **Priest**

With Christ's light shining on us, let us bring our needs into the presence of God.

##### **Reader**

That all Christians may strive to walk in the light of truth and goodness.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

That the light of Christ may guide the nations of the world into the way of peace.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

That the light of Christ's comfort may shine on those who are in the darkness of grief and those who are sick and lonely.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

That our departed relatives and friends may enjoy the light of eternal life.

**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, Mosul & Nigeria.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for the intentions of all here present.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

##### **Priest**

Almighty God, may the radiance of your glory light up our hearts, and bring us safely through the shadows of this world until we reach our homeland of everlasting light. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***The Lord is my light and my help.***

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Patrick O'Shea, Scotch Farm, Carrigrohane.  
 Maria O'Sullivan, St. Lukes.  
 Kathleen O'Brien, Friar's Walk.  
 Mary O'Connor, Farnanes.  
 Joanne Costello, Ballyvolane.  
 John Harnett, Rosewood  
 Rose Crotty, Coolroe  
 John Joe O'Connell, Maglin  
 Nora Warren, Greenfields/Macroom  
 Helen O'Brien, Conna/Clonakilty  
 David McCarthy, Rosewood/Enniskeane  
 Kathleen Cranitch, Grenagh  
 Leo Dinneen, Innishmore

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

Ellen Buckley, Bakers Road.  
 Nora Carroll, Castlepark.  
 Joe & Mary Anne Sheehan, Kilcorney.  
 Denise O'Donoghue, West Village.  
 Mary Twomey, Main Road.  
 Haulie O'Mahony, Main Road.  
 Denis Cremin, Bishopstown.  
 Frank Collins, Ballingulley.  
 Catherine O'Donnell, Drimoleague.  
 Elizabeth & John Evans, Skibbereen.  
 Hannah Mary O'Riordan, Kilcorney.  
 Mary Forrest, Ballygarvan.  
 Denis & Mary Desmond, Frenchs Villas.  
 Kitty Whooley, Skibbereen.  
 Deceased Members of the Reilly & Hanney Families.  
 John Desmond , Garryhesta.  
 Mary Curran, Dungarvan.  
 Delia & Charlie Kinnane, Douglas/Corofin  
 Orla Kinnane, Douglas/Corofin.  
 Peg O'Flynn, Fr Sexton Park.  
 Michael Carroll, Coolroe Heights.  
 Eileen Gardiner, Kilmona, Grenagh.  
 Seán Nyhan, Inniscarra.  
 John Duggan, Parnell Terrace.

**CROWLEY**

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Third Week In Ordinary Time

22 Sunday Is. 8:23-9:3. Ps. 26. 1 Cor. 1:10-13, 17. Mt. 4:12-23. Lect I: 644  
 23 Monday Heb. 9:15, 24-28. Ps. 97. Mk. 3:22-30. Lect II: 27  
 24 Tuesday Heb 10:1-10. Ps 39. Mk 3:3135. Lect II: 29  
 25 Wednesday Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9: 1-22. Ps. 116. Mk. 16: 15-18. Lect II: 928  
 26 Thursday 2 Tim. 1:1-8 or Tit. 1:1-5. Ps. 95. Lk. 10:1-9. Lect II: 931  
 27 Friday Heb. 10:32-39. Ps. 36. Mk. 4:26-34. Lect II: 35  
 28 Saturday Heb. 11: 1-2, 8-19. Ps. Lk. 1 :69-75. Mk. 4:35-41. Lect II: 37

**Next Sunday's Readings 29-January-2017**

Zech. 2:3; 3:12-13. Ps. 145.1 Cor. 1:26-31. Mt. 5: 1 -12. Lect I: 647

**BAPTISMS**

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

Oliver Lee Mathews, Connaught Avenue.  
 Kelvin Edward Power, Poulavone.

**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Isaiah 8:23 - 9:3

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Those who lived in the land of gloom now have joy, for the yoke that burdened them God has smashed.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

Paul wrote to the people of Corinth: let "there be no divisions among you, ... be united in mind and in the same purpose." I have heard "that there are rivalries among you. . . . Is Christ divided?"

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

The reading today from Matthew's Gospel takes place early in Jesus' ministry. Several ideas are clear. First of all, Matthew strived to connect his Gospel for the early Christians to their Jewish heritage. He made several references in his Gospel like the one today in which prophecies of old are fulfilled in Jesus. The second thing was that Jesus learned of John the Baptist's arrest and resolved to begin his ministry away from Herod. Finally, Jesus called with some urgency, his first four disciples. The common thread to all this was that God's Kingdom was at hand.



***I'm Feeling Suicidal***

You can contact us at any hour of the day by phoning Freecall 1800 247 247. Or if you can simply text HELP to 51444. Or contact us at the following centres for the prevention of self-harm and suicide.

We know that you must be feeling alone, afraid and unsure of what to do next. You probably don't want to tell anyone that you are feeling suicidal because you're worried they might be shocked or they might not understand.

But think of it this way: if you had a broken leg, you wouldn't think twice about telling someone. You would expect them to get you the help you need. By telling a family member or friend how you feel and asking them to contact Pieta House, you are allowing them to help you. Wouldn't you do the same for someone else if it were the other way around?

If you find it difficult to talk face to face, then send an email, a text message or a note. What's important is that you share your suicidal feelings with someone.

Emotional pain is just as serious as physical pain. With the support you'll get at Pieta House, you'll start to heal. We'll show you how to feel more hopeful about the future and help you to sort out the problems you're experiencing now.

Let us help you.

***"Mothers' Prayers" Group***

Recommences On Thursday 26th January AT 10 A.M.  
AT 'SONAS', Station Road  
Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers all welcome!

***Vocations to Priesthood Weekend***

An invitation is extended to men between 18 and 40 who are interested in the Diocesan priesthood as a way of life to join with others for a weekend from Friday 17th 6pm to Saturday 18th 3pm February taking place in Thurles. There is no charge to attend the weekend – please contact Fr Charlie Kiely on 021 4537603 or at charliekiely@gmail.com for further details.

***Anam Cara***

The national organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on Wednesday 1st of February from 19:30 to 21:30 in the Clayton Hotel, Silver Springs, Tivoli, Co. Cork. This is a free event open to all bereaved parents. As Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for event, please RSVP to info@anamcara.ie before Tuesday 31st January or call the Information Line on 085 2888 888.

***Bulletin Board***

***Diocesan Collection***

The quarterly collection in aid of the Diocesan Funds taken last week amounted to €3,150. Thank you for your support. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

***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.

***Week of Prayer Service***

The gathering for prayer of the various Christian traditions is taking place on Sunday 29th January at 7.00pm in St. Mary & St. John's Church.

***Offertory Collection Boxes***

Many thanks to the many parishioners who gave in their names and box numbers to the parish office during the past weeks. Hopefully others who avail of the envelopes to make their offertory contribution to the parish will register their name and number as soon as possible. Sincere thanks to all who support the parish through the offertory collection. The offertory collection pays for heating, lighting, insurance, and maintenance as well as other costs cleaning materials candles etc.

***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

***Aspects of Cork***

A once-off art exhibition is being held by Cork artist Jim McKeon in Griffin's Garden Centre, Dripsey on Sunday, 22nd January from 10.00am – 6.00pm. All proceeds go to Edel House who look after Cork's homeless women. Come along to one day sale and sample Grannie Griffin's prize-winning scones.

***Cork Stories and Memories***

The Cork Folklore Project presents An Evening of Cork Stories and Memories on Wednesday 1st February at 6.30pm in the North Cathedral (at bottom of Cathedral Road).

All welcome – Admission free.

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Jan-28 & Jan-29-2017

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**  
Aine Sheehan  
Michael Collins  
**8:30 am**  
John Healy  
Kerry O'Leary  
**10:00 am**  
Louise McCarthy  
Robert Noonan / Declan Crowley  
**12:00 Noon**  
Tony Lynch  
Shane Tully

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**  
Nonyi Ebili  
Jennifer Nyagaya  
**11:00 am**  
Ciara Healy  
Yago Greaux  
**12:30 pm**  
Kay Carew  
Jane O'Leary  
**5:30 pm**  
Liam Tuohy

**MASS TIMES**

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

8:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon	<b>Sunday</b>	11 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm
9:30 am	<b>Monday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Tuesday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Thursday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Friday</b>	8:30 am
10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)	<b>Saturday</b>	7:30 pm (Vigil)

**CONFESSIONS**

After 10:00 am Mass & before 6:00 pm Mass **Saturday**

**BAPTISMS**

4:30 pm	<b>Saturday</b>	4:30 pm
Except First Saturday of Month		First Saturday of Month
12:45 pm	<b>Sunday</b>	

**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**

23-Jan-2017 to 29-Jan-2017  
Laurence Cunningham  
Virginia Harrington

**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-28 & Jan-29-2017

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6.00 pm** Patsie Murphy  
Pat Moore  
Mary Walsh  
Marie Healy  
Margaret Kearney  
Nora Barry

**7:30 pm** Sheila O'Connor  
Martin O'Regan  
Brid Healy-Harris  
Kit Cahill

**11:00 am** Carmel Ryan  
Eileen Byrne  
Laurence/ Angela Cunningham  
Bernadett Spillane  
David Mahony / Stella McVeigh

**8:30 am** Theresa Lucey  
Tom Butler  
Triona Collins

**10:00 am** Mags Bunyan  
Mary Murphy  
Joan Tobin  
Breda Monaghan  
Niamh Nic Gearailt  
Mary Hennigan

**12:30 pm** Eileen Garvey  
Breda Callanan  
Catherine Freehill  
Betty Walsh

**12 Noon** Marie Bohan  
Breda Lenihan  
Jacinta Jeffers  
Rena O'Connor  
Sean Farrell

**5:30 pm** Olan O'Mahony  
Noel Kelleher

**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.