

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 29-January-2017

Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Our weaknesses and limitations can sometimes frustrate us, but they can also lead us to see our dependence on God. If we turn to him as the only source of our life and strength, his power will work through our weakness, and we will be blessed.



**Christ Our Light
Innishmore**

150 Years



**St. Mary & St. John
Station Road**

Community Spirit

We continue with a passage from the gospel of Matthew this weekend. The gospel of Matthew has some distinctive features that give it a character of its own. The gospel of Matthew was written with a community in mind. It is a community book. It provided the basis in which a people could build community life and its structures. It also helped its members to build a relationship between past, present and the future.

Last Sunday the past is referred to in the prophecy of Isaiah. Christ moves quickly to announce the new community, "Convert, the kingdom of God is close at hand." The call of the four fishermen and their commitment to Christ begins to put faces and bodies in this new community. Gradually Simon and Andrew; James and John get to know more about the Messiah, the teacher and the Christ.

The prophet Zephaniah urges us "to seek the lord, all you humble of heart." "Seek integrity, seek humility, you may perhaps find shelter."

Chapter 5 of Matthew's gospel is in many ways Christ's mission statement. Here gentleness, mercy, peacemaking and justice are announced as the stand out qualities of this community that Christ is building. The reward is immediate we will be called "children of god and go on to inherit the kingdom of God."

George O'Mahony

Reflection for Parents

Living the beatitudes is nothing new for parents. We often set our needs and desires aside in order to care for others, especially our children. Our greatest challenge, however, is to be a living witness to the first beatitude. If we understand and live out being "poor in spirit," the rest falls into place. For to be "poor in spirit," we rely completely on God. We know what the present situation holds, but recognise that there is a greater glory to come in God's Kingdom.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us pray to our heavenly Father for those qualities Christ wants to see in his followers.

Reader

For all Christians: that they may set their hearts on the Kingdom of God, and on its justice.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For all in positions of authority: that they may be gentle and merciful in their dealings with those they serve.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For all those who mourn: that they may be comforted and for those who are working for peace: that their efforts may bear fruit.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who suffer for doing what is right: that they may be strong and all here present: that we may hunger for a life of goodness.

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

Heavenly Father, give us the grace to imitate your Son more closely, and to follow him more faithfully, so that we may know the blessedness of belonging to your kingdom. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Dolores MacConaill, Aylsbury/Mardyke.
 Bridget Horgan, Midleton.
 Una Twohig, Inniscarra View.
 Owen O’Callaghan, Rochestown/Ballincollig.
 Nora Cadogan, Bantry.

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

John Cotter, Wyndham Downs.
 Dec. members O’Mahony family, Barrack St.
 John Desmond, Garryhesta.
 Sean Nyhan, Inniscarra View.
 Paddy Horgan, Inniscarra.
 Neil & Nellie Langan, Donegal.
 Constance & Bertie Fahy, Westpark.
 James & Margaret O’Mahony, Skibbereen.
 Sr Mary Val Collins, Dublin/Dunmanway.
 Seán Dunne, Willow Drive, Muskerry Estate.
 Jack Lucey, Station Cross.
 Teresa O’Donovan, Blackrock.
 Patrick & Margaret Kenneally, Curraheen.
 Mary Whelan, Rosewood.
 Donal Coughlan & Mary Chaplin, Schull.
 Mary Hourihan, Skibbereen.
 Deceased members of the Coleman & Madigan Family.
 Sheila O’Donovan, Rochestown.
 Dan, Hannah & Ellen Dempsey, Leemount.
 Brendan Butler, Aylsbury.
 Jack & Teresa Goulding, Ballyshoneen.
 Tadgh Cronin, Beech Road.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

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

30 Monday Heb. 11 :32-40. Ps. 30. Mk. 5: 1-20. Lect II: 40.

31 Tuesday Heb 12:1-4. Ps 21. Mk 5:21-43. Lect II: 42

01 Wednesday Job 31:16-20, 24-25, 31-32 or Eph 3:14-21. Ps 106. Lk 6:32-38.
 National Proper

02 Thursday Mal. 3: 1-4 or Heb. 2: 14-18. Ps. 23. Lk. 2:22-40. Lect I: 967 or II: 940

03 Friday Heb. 13: 1-8. Ps. 26. Mk. 6: 14-29. Lect II: 49

04 Saturday Heb. 13: 15-17. Ps. 22. Mk. 6:30-34. Lect II: 51

Next Sunday’s Readings 05-February-2017

Is. 58:7-10. Ps. 111. 1 Cor. 2:1-5. Mt. 5:13-16 Lect I: 650

BAPTISMS

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

Erin Olivia Jones, Innishmore Grove.
 Sean Bochonko, Mossgrove, Classes Lake.
 Saoirse Rose Brett, Chestnut Grove, Classes Lake.

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13
 "Seek the Lord, all you humble of the earth," said Zephaniah the prophet. Do what is right. "Seek justice." Those who take refuge in the Lord shall pasture their flocks.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31
 The weak of the world are chosen by God. "Whoever boasts, should boast in the Lord."

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12
 The beatitudes are the content of this Gospel and they begin what we commonly call, "The Sermon on the Mount." Jesus' words surely turned upside down the understanding his listeners had of the world and society. Jesus told them that the poor would be rich, the hungry would be filled, and the persecuted would be rewarded. In all, there are eight statements that give the people a new understanding of Moses' law and a clearer image of God's Kingdom.

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.

Aleppo, 20th January 2017

Dear friends,
 Christmas season is over. It was for us a busy time, rich in different spiritual and festival events. Christmas decorations created an atmosphere of joy and celebration. Several people took pictures to recall those unforgettable moments later at home.

Thanks to your generosity, we were able to organize several celebrations in our parish for children, young people, families and the elderly. Many faithful of other rites participated. We were able to enrich our monthly food packages for families in need. 1,500 people benefited from this. We have also contributed to Caritas food distribution for 2,200 families. As for the children, 2,850 of them rejoiced at the big packages filled with chocolates and biscuits. We have financially supported three other parishes and two schools so that they could arrange celebrations and distributions. Together with an orthodox association we distributed beautiful clothes for Christmas, which were at the same time warm for the winter (anoraks, knitwear, pants, underwear, boots, etc.) and suitable for all ages.

As an Arabic carol says:

On Christmas Night ... The Earth blooms

On Christmas Night... Love is born

When we offer a glass of water to the thirsty, that is Christmas

When we clothe the naked with a cloth of love, that is Christmas

When we wipe the tears from their weeping eyes, that is Christmas

When we fill a hopeless heart with love, that is Christmas

We thank you for your donation of €1,770.00, this has put smiles on many sad and tired faces. You have made our children scream for joy and you have given everybody hope again. We will share some photos so that you can feel this atmosphere too.

This year we hope to continue projects that are already underway, such as:

- ◆ Monthly distribution of food and hygiene products
- ◆ Drinking water supply
- ◆ Help in electricity supply
- ◆ Assistance in the field of health: operations, care, medicines, etc.
- ◆ Repair of houses damaged by missiles
- ◆ Schooling support from primary school to university

This year, though, we also think of those people whose workshops, shops, manufactories, etc. were destroyed by the war. We would like to help them start their jobs again by contributing to the reconstruction and supplying the equipment needed. In addition to this, thanks to the project "Small Projects Made Possible" we help a lot of young talented people who can't afford to restart their jobs which they used to make a living from.

Our other project consists in the support of young married couples during the war. They do not have pre-war savings that would help them start a family. There are nearly six hundred Christian families married from 2012 until today.

These are small glimmers of joy, hope and care that fill our daily lives... We remain united in prayer.

Music Morning

Monthly Music Morning Ballincollig Library will resume on Tuesday next January 31st at 11am and will be presented by Ted Murphy. Everybody is welcome and a "cuppa" will be served.

Bulletin Board

Family Mass (formerly Children's Mass)

The next Children's Mass for children in second class preparing for their first Holy Communion will take place on Sunday February 5th, 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. Small children preschool/infants/1st class 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.

Feast of St Blaise

Friday 3rd February is the feast of St Blaise. Throats will be blessed after morning masses and at 8:00 pm in the church of St Mary & St John.

First Friday

Friday February 3rd is the first Friday of the month. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St Mary & St John from 6.30pm to 7.45pm, you are invited to come and spend some time with the Lord. There is Mass in St Mary & St John on Friday evening at 8.00pm. The priests of the parish visit the sick of the parish on the first Friday of each month; please let us know if you have a family member or neighbour who is sick or housebound.

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.

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

Ennismore Retreat Centre

4-week series

Tuesday 7th February, 14th Feb., 21st Feb. & 28th Feb. at 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Week 1: Centering Prayer – Week 2: Lectio Divina – Week 3: Christian Mindfulness – Week 4: Ignation Discernment
 Martina Lehane Sheehan - Booking for the above please call: 021-4502520 or email: ennismore@eircom.net

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Feb-04 & Feb-05-2017

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)

Niamh O'Riordan
Padraig McAuliffe

8:30 am

Triona Downey/Riain Brennan
Miriam Healy

10:00 am

Maria Bunyan
Amy O'Driscoll

12:00 Noon

Katie Tobin
Kate Sheehy

7:30 pm (Vigil)

Fiona Feely

11:00 am

Sorcha Nic Mheanmain
Maire Buckley

12:30 pm

Aisling Dore
Clara Herdman

5:30 pm

Christine O'Brien

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 & 8 pm

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

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30-Jan-2017 to 05-Feb-2017

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

Feb-04 & Feb-05-2017

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
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



How can I help someone who's feeling suicidal?

It's a huge shock when someone tells you they're feeling suicidal. You may feel afraid or numb. You may not know what to do or where to turn. But be assured there is help available.

First of all, it's really important to take them seriously. When someone finds the courage to talk about wanting to take their own life, they're serious about it. They're not just looking for attention. They want to stop the pain that's making their life unbearable.

They'll need your compassion and kindness at this low point. And they'll also need the support that we can offer at Pieta House.

Ask their permission to call Pieta House and make an appointment. We'll see them as soon as possible – usually within days – and you can bring them here. Reassure the person that we'll help them to stop the pain they feel and rediscover their reasons for living.

Our service is totally free. We also offer support and advice to friends and family. And the good news is that a suicide crisis is usually for a short time.

Reach out to Pieta House Cork – let us help.

Phone: 021-4341400