

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 12-February-2017

Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

*The negative formulation of God's will In the Law is necessary for those who are morally immature. But Jesus leads us by a more perfect and positive understanding to the maturity which makes us realise our full obligations to God and to our fellow human beings.*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

## Feast of Our lady of Lourdes

St John Paul initiated the world day of prayer for the sick more than twenty years ago. Each year on the 11th of February we are invited to pray for and pray with the sick. This year Pope Francis is proposing a meditation and prayer on the theme. "The Almighty has done great things for me". The sick were always given priority by Christ during His life. The world day of prayer is an opportunity to remember and pray for the sick in hospital or in places of care or being looked after by their family in their homes. The patience, courage and faith of the sick can be an example and inspiration to us.

The world day of prayer for the sick is a reminder that one of the seven sacraments is the sacrament of the sick. The apostle James wrote "if there any who are sick among you, send for the priests of the church, pray over them, anointing them with the oil in the name of the Lord; the prayer of faith will save the sick person and the Lord will raise them up." Matt 11, 27 Jesus says "Come to me all who labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest. Learn from me for I am gentle and humble of heart and you will find rest for your souls."

During the World of Prayer we can also remember the doctors, nurses, ancillary staff, chaplains and carers and who dedicate their lives to caring for the sick. A big thank you to each and every one of them may the good Lord continue to bless them with patience, kindness and a professional approach.

Recently a sixth class pupil enquired about the Anointing of the sick. This presented an opportunity to me an opportunity to talk and explain as best I could the significance of the sacrament of the sick. This weekend presents an opportunity to each of us to talk about this great sacrament and the power and healing effect of the sacrament.

*George O'Mahony*

## Reflection for Parents

Often we think that showing our anger and resentment will punish the person who has hurt us. In today's gospel, Jesus knows and tries to tell us that just the opposite is true. Holding on to these feelings prevents our own healing. Forgiveness does not erase the wrong that was done, but rather lifts the negative burden pressing down on our spirit. To live the Good News of Jesus, we can practice forgiveness in our families. No matter how good we try to be, there will always be a void if we withhold our forgiveness. Together we can model this life-giving action for one another; and through family discussions, we can help each other give and receive forgiveness in our daily lives.

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

### Priest

With longing in our hearts for all that God has prepared for those who love him, let us pray.

### Reader

For all followers of Christ: that they may have the kind of relationship with God which makes obeying his commandments natural and easy.

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

For those who make and enforce our laws: that they may be guided by the wisdom that comes from God.

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

For those who are in the grip of a bad habit, or a compulsion, or an addiction.

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

For ourselves: that our virtue may be true and genuine and all gathered here: that we may have wisdom to use our anger positively.

**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

All-powerful God, help us to keep our thoughts clean, our desires pure, our words true, and our deeds kind. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***They are happy who follow God's law!***

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Christy Curran, Courtmacsherry.  
 Christy Lucey, Beech Park.  
 Christy O'Mahony, Dunmanway.  
 Fr John Cotter, Knockavilla.  
 John Bowen, Hazelgrove.

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

Sean Ryan, Coolroe.  
 Richard O'Halloran, Muskerry Estate.  
 Thomas Healy.  
 Nora O'Sullivan, Bantry.  
 John Joe Barrett, Leo Murphy Terrace.  
 Lisa McKane, Leo Murphy Terrace.  
 Mary Fahy, Model Farm Road.  
 Ted & Bridie Brennan, Kilkenny.  
 Thomas & Ellen Scully, Castlemartyr.  
 Michael Murray, Carriganarra Est. /Beech Pk.  
 Margaret & Michael O'Flaherty, Pouladuff.  
 Mary O'Leary, Dromasole, Blarney.  
 Eileen O'Sullivan, Willowfield.  
 Daniel Cronin, Rathmore.  
 Frank Hurley, Blackrock.  
 Catherine & Patrick Howard, Ballinlough.  
 Daniel O'Sullivan, Inniscarra.  
 Tim Murphy, Glounthaune.  
 Jim Leggett, Montenotte.

***Croí na Gaeilge***

Croí na Gaeilge is holding a final Leaving Certificate Honours Oral Irish Intensive one day Preparation course during the mid-term break on Monday February 20th from 11-6pm given by an experienced Oral Examiner/Teacher. Open to all 6th & 5th year honours students in Ballincollig and surrounding areas.  
 Contact: Peadar Ó Murchú at Mobile Number: 085 1611 573 after 6pm only.

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Seventh Week In Ordinary Time**

- 12 Sunday Eccles (Sir) 15: 15-20. Ps 118. 1 Cor 2:6-10. Mt 5:17-37 Lect I: 652
- 13 Monday Gen. 4:1-15,25. Ps. 49. Mk. 8:11-13. Lect II: 68
- 14 Tuesday Acts 13:-:46-49. Ps. 116. Lk.10:1-9 Lect II: 957
- 15 Wednesday Gen. 8:6-13.20-22; Ps.115. Mk 8:22-26. Lect II:72
- 16 Thursday Gen. 9: 1-13. Ps. 101. Mk. 8:27 -33. Lect II:74
- 17 Friday Gen. 11:1-9. Ps. 32. Mk. 8: 34-9:1. Lect II:76
- 18 Saturday Heb 11:1-7. Ps 144. Mk 9:2-13. Lect II: 78

**Next Sunday's Readings 19-February-2017**

Lev 19:1-2, 17-18. Ps 102. 1 Cor 3:16-23. Mt 5:38-48. Lect I: 656.

**BAPTISMS**

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

Aoibhinn Saoirse O'Donovan-Guiney, O'Donovan Crescent

***THE SUNDAY READINGS***

First Reading: Sirach 15:15-20

The problem of God's knowledge and human freedom has puzzled philosophers for centuries. If God sees all" even the future, then everything is determined in advance and there seems little room for human freedom. The author of this text doesn't recognise the problem but simply assures us that God absolutely respects our freedom. He is a concerned Father rather than a meddling 'Big Brother'.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

In general philosophers have no time for mysteries. They only see problems that are open in principle to solution by rational means. For Paul, such thinkers are immature, like children or adolescents who think they have all the answers though their experience is limited. The wisdom of faith carries us beyond the senses, beyond the limits of our own minds, into the mind of God who reveals himself in Christ.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:17-37

Actions and their consequences are to morality what symptoms are to health. An unhealthy person often shows symptoms of disease -pain, loss of energy, poor colour. But the doctor shouldn't focus on these alone. Sometimes the patient is ill yet shows no external signs. And when telltale signs are there, the doctor mustn't treat the symptoms alone, forgetting the underlying condition. Jesus is a wise moral physician, insisting that right and wrong actions stem from a good or bad heart. Sin is like an iceberg, where the bulk lies under the surface. The healing of negative attitudes -anger, lust, infidelity is hard work demanding serious sacrifices. There can be no quick fix or superficial solutions here.

***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](mailto:charliekiely@gmail.com) for further details.

**News from Aleppo**

"Following the example of Saint Francis we go and meet the neighbour ..."

The city of Aleppo is usually quiet on Saturday morning. It is weekend: there is no school and no one has to go to work ... But the atmosphere in our parish is quite the opposite of that this Saturday. The youth rush like ants to finish the preparations for today that had already begun several days ago. They do not want to forget anything and quickly wanted to meet the others: those who are in need. For us Christians, people in need, regardless of their religion or beliefs, are like Jesus who knocks at our door.

Many families moved from the Eastern part of Aleppo in the last period of the conflict. They left their homes and other properties and arrived here with nothing. Others joined the fighters, so now the Eastern part of the town is almost emptied of its inhabitants. Later, those broken families arrived at Jibreen, Al Hamra and there, in the silos filled with wheat, they found shelter. Here they experienced not terror, but a hard winter that started abruptly.

Our Western part of the city hasn't had much more luck than the Eastern part. Just by walking through the streets of Midan you can see the destruction: ruins of whole districts, half destroyed buildings and only sometimes you can see people walking through those otherwise completely deserted districts...

In spite of our wounds as a Christian community, as Disciples of Christ, we overcome our wounds with all the compassion of Christ for the families and the children who are in need. We bring our charity to "the least" through actions, after having expressed it through our prayers. In all the homilies I speak of our brothers, of our neighbour and, in so doing, of the hidden presence of Christ.

This mission is the result of our collaboration with others. After Christmas, we contacted many associations that have begun to coordinate humanitarian aid on the government's behalf. When we started the program we shared our distribution tasks. Our parish provided gas stoves for each displaced family and the others provided clothing and food. We started this mission as part of the Church and in the name of the Church. We chose not to use our Franciscan emblem on the products. As S. Francis emptied himself with humility to be "a voice that introduces Christ", we decided to do everything under the name "Papal aid".

*Continued next week*

**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 19th, 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.

**Car Parking at Church of St Mary & St John and Christ Our Light**

Please keep to left hand side as you approach the car parks. This is important from a health and safety point of view. Please also be careful of pedestrians who walk to Mass or from their cars to the church. Take care also not to obstruct entrance and exit to the car parks and church doors. Please ensure that you do not obstruct residents' entrances to their homes.

**Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund**

Special Envelope Collection this weekend February 11th & 12th. This collection subsidise the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage for individuals whose health/or means would otherwise prevent them from travelling to Lourdes. It also subscribes to medical expenses, travel and care personnel.

**Tax Rebate**

Many thanks to the Parishioners who returned their CHY4 Cert for 2016. The parish, being a registered charity, is entitled to claim tax back paid by their donors. Thank you for your support and I look forward to your continued support.

**Baptism Preparation**

The next Baptism preparation will take place on Saturday 1st April 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.

**Fr. George**

**Vacancy in Ballincollig Youth/Social Project**

We have a vacancy for a Caretaker in the Community Hall, Station Road, Ballincollig on our Community Employment Scheme. If you are interested in applying for this position and you are eligible for Community Employment (are over 25 years of age and in receipt of a Social Welfare payment for over 12 months) please contact Jo McGrath on 021-4874775 or email Jo at ballincolligsocialproject@gmail.com This position can be viewed on www.jobsireland.ie Job Index 2026614

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Feb-18 & Feb-19-2017

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**  
Karen Sheehan  
Darragh Lankford  
**8:30 am**  
Pat Fennell  
Kate Healy  
**10:00 am**  
Debra Daly  
Caitlyn Murphy  
**12:00 Noon**  
Oliver O'Donovan  
Niamh Heelan

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**  
Pauline Collins  
Dylan Ebili  
**11:00 am**  
Jack Dorgan  
Joseph Buckley  
**12:30 pm**  
James Nyagaya  
Laura O'Leary  
**5:30 pm**  
Kevin 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**

13-Feb-2017 to 19-Feb-2017  
Brid Dunne

**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-18 & Feb-19-2017

**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  
Brid Dunne

**5:30 pm** Bernard Curran  
John Canty



**How can I help someone who self-harms?**

Many people do things that they know are harmful to themselves to help them to cope with difficult emotions or experiences. This might be eating or drinking too much or taking drugs. Sometimes people intentionally harm themselves for the same reasons.

If someone trusts you enough to confide in you about their self-harm, you can start to help them immediately. First, honour their trust in you by showing them kindness, love and compassion. Second, help them get the support they need by asking their permission to contact Pieta House on their behalf. Reassure the person that you'll come with them, even if they're over 18.

**Tell a friend**

If you are self-harming or thinking about self-harming, please tell a friend straight away. If you find it hard to talk face-to-face, text or email them. It's really important to share these feelings.

Reach out to Pieta House Cork – let us help.

Phone: 021-4341400