

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 19-February-2017

Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

The Lord is Compassion and Love.

We cannot celebrate the Lord of love without resolving to be more like him; for we are built into him like stones into a Temple erected to give glory to God. We belong to him.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

The Hope Foundation Trip to Calcutta

On the morning of Thursday, 16th February 13 students from Ballincollig Community School accompanied by our teachers, Ms. Kiely, Ms. Coholan and Ms. Wheelan take to the road to begin our long-awaited journey to Calcutta (Kolkata) in India. There we along with many other Irish schools, will visit boys and girls homes, the slums, the Hope Hospital, Mother House and will get a taster of some of the different cultural traditions. The countdown has begun and we are waiting anxiously for what we know will be an experience of a lifetime. Seeing how the other half of the world lives, it is sure be reinforce more appreciation and gratitude in our lives. We also hope we will bump into a familiar face, Sive O'Sullivan when we are over there. Make sure to look out for an update on how our trip goes.

Laura O'Leary
(Student at Ballincollig Community School)

A Prayer for Peace

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
For it is in giving that we receive
in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Reflection for Parents

Jesus tells us how to resolve our problems using love instead of violence. When someone hurts us, it is tempting to hurt them right back; but Jesus gives us another plan. It is a plan that is as unusual for our time as it was for the people of Jesus' time. He said to love the person who hurts us. Love our enemies. We know our friends and understand them. Sometimes it is because we know them that we accept some of the odd or annoying things they do. Jesus says everyone can love and forgive a friend. That part's easy. It is loving our enemy that may be the challenge. Nearly every world religion has a message of this sort . . . now if we could all just live it!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

We accept that together we are the temple of God, and we make our common prayer to the God who crowns our lives with love and compassion.

Reader

For peace and harmony among Christians of different traditions.

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

For peace and harmony in countries where the population is made up of different religious and ethnic groups.

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

For the healing of relationships that are strained or that have gone sour.

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

For those who have hurt us in any way, and whom we find hard to love.

**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

Merciful God, fill our hearts with your love. Give us the grace to rise above our human weakness, and keep us faithful in loving you and one another. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Mary O’Shea, Park Road.
Ann-Marie Lehane, London/Ballincollig.
Paul McGroarty, Cobh.
Dermot O’Leary, Tory Top Rd, Turner’s Cross.
Breda Murphy, Manor Hill.

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

Sean Buckley, Ballintemple.
Scott Fitzgerald, Lisheen Fields & Innishmore.
Fred Hutchinson, Barrack Street.
Deceased members of O’Connell & Whooley families.
Pat Burke, West Village.
Nora Barrett, Coolroe.
Irene White, Leemount.
Pearl Shine, Macroom.
Jim, Kay & Margaret Teahan, Killarney.
Jacinta Byron, Cahir, Co. Tipperary.
Margaret White, Coolroe.
Anne Downey, Macroom.
Margaret Connolly, Elm Lawn.
Teresa Strahan, Inniscarra View.
Julia & Jim Walsh, Carrigaline.
Timmy Lehane, Ovens.
Elizabeth & Timothy Murphy, Carriganarra Road.
Sean Doab, The Crescent.
Helen Lynch, Gurrans.
James O’Mahony, Ballinora.
Billy Whelton, Muskerry Estate.
Charles McCarthy, Lissyaniel, Ballydehob.

Pilgrimage to Knock

The Annual pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Sunday, 28th May 2017. Bus is leaving at bus stop outside the Garda Station. Early Booking advised – For details please contact: Sally at 021-4870954 or Cathleen on 021-4874730

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Seventh Week In Ordinary Time

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

20 Monday Eccles (Sir) 1:1-10. Ps 92. Mk 9:14-29. Lect II: 81

21 Tuesday Eccles. (Sir) 2:1-11. Ps. 36. Mk. 9:30-37. Lect II: 83

22 Wednesday 1 Pet 5:1-4. Ps 22. Mt 16:13-19. Lect II: 962

23 Thursday Eccles. (Sir) 5:1-8. Ps. 1. Mk. 9:41-50. Lect II: 87

24 Friday Sir. 6:5-17. Ps. 118. Mk. 10:1-12. Lect II:89

25 Saturday Eccles. (Sir) 17:1-15. Ps. 102. Mk. 10:13-16. Lect II: 91

Next Sunday’s Readings 26-February-2017

Is 49: 14-15. Ps 61. 1 Cor 4:1-5. Mt 6:24-34. Lect I: 658

BAPTISMS

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

Kordian Grzegorz Okoniewski, The Quadrants.
Cormac Jeremiah Patrick Kelleher Old Court.
Robyn Rose Treacy, Manor Hill.
Ben Alexander Callanan, An Caisleán.
Holly Róisín Brophy, Old Quarter.

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18
The best way to love yourself is by imitating God's holiness. And begin by avoiding sin, especially the hatred which leads to bearing grudges and seeking revenge. It is not in anyone's interest to bottle things up inside. Instead be up front with those who have offended you in order to clear the air. Do not let the sun go down on your anger.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23
Human wisdom often seems to suggest that our value depends on what we own. The more belongings we have the more people look up to us. But God's wisdom turns this pattern on its head. Our dignity stems from our belonging to Christ, who in turn belongs to his Father. The Spirit is God's mark of ownership over us. We are no ordinary dwelling place, but temples of the Spirit.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:38-48
One disadvantage of a legalistic view of morality is that it can lead to minimalism, an attitude represented by the question, 'How far can I go before I commit sin?' The scribes thought that if they followed certain rules exactly they could claim a right to God's reward. But the call to 'be perfect as God is perfect' is a reminder of the open ended nature of morality. There is always an extra mile to go for others. The saintly person is always eager to go beyond the call of duty. We are to follow the example of the Good Samaritan who not only saved a man's life but was willing to pay the innkeeper to look after him. Jesus goes beyond duty in praying for his persecutor.

News from Aleppo

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

(Story Continued)

Our missionary day was further supported by the presence of the Apostolic Nuncio Cardinal Mario Zenari, Mgr. Giovanni Pietro Dal Toso, the secretary of "Cor Unum" and Mgr. Thomas Habib, who came with us to visit the displaced families at Jibreen.

We spent the whole day with the suffering, listening to them and helping them. We encountered material misery and even greater moral misery. All families are torn apart and each person carries a history of suffering, they have suffered both physical and mental wounds ... The majority of women are widows or got abandoned with many children, sometimes 12 or more. Everyone rushed towards us to tell their stories, they needed a listening ear. Almost all of those people have experienced violence or have seen the brutal death of one of their relatives: parents, husbands, children...

We met a large number of orphans and children who have no father. They never lived in a house, never went to school. These are children who, until now, only have experienced terror, violence, dirt, thirst, famine, cold, sadness... A whole generation that until now has received no other education than war...

We returned to our parish in Aleppo at about 5:00 pm where a meal was waiting for all of our volunteers who spent their day unreservedly showing love for their neighbours. Saint Francis, the patron of our parish, would be pleased when he saw our youth fulfil this mission. Throughout the day we felt that he accompanies us and smiles at us from on high...

We thank the Lord for this rich experience that he gave us and for this new mission that He let us discover. The Lord spoke to us as usual: by signs of the time, through the words of women, through the eyes of the children... The challenge is not over yet, in fact it has just begun: in many neighbourhoods, people need wells to provide them water, many other families need to warm themselves and cannot prepare a hot meal. Hundreds of children have dirty feet with chilblains caused by the cold: they need shoes very pressingly. The biggest challenge to be faced to ensure the rebirth of Aleppo is education. In Jibrin, we saw the children run aimlessly through the streets and act aggressively. So we understood that we need educators for this generation that has experienced the disorder of war so much. We have seen how much they need to be accompanied to make sure that they become responsible, loving and creative citizens. Then, they will be able to build a better society in Aleppo.

With our visit to Jibreen and Jabal Bdro we turned a page of Jesus' mission into our "wounded Alep". We concluded a chapter, but we still have many pages; blank chapters that we shall continue to write guided by the Holy Spirit.

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.

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

Muskerry Local History Society

A lecture by Anne Twomey on Ordinary Women in Extraordinary Times: Cork Women in the Revolutionary Years. This is an illustrated talk documenting the role played by 10 Cork women, including the Wallace sisters, in the revolutionary years. The Wallace sisters, Nora and Sheila, were prominent in intelligence circles in Cork. Their shop on Augustine Street was well known as a dispatch centre. They, along with other Cork women, played crucial roles at that time, roles which are only being highlighted now during the Decade of Centenaries. The lecture will be held at 8.00 pm on Monday, 20 February, in Ballincollig Rugby Club.

Cork Theology Forum Spring Event

Martin Luther – His Enduring Legacy
Speaker: Dr Ursula O'Donovan

This event commemorates the 500th anniversary of the posting of Martin Luther's The Ninety-five Theses or Disputation to the door of All Saints Church in Wittenberg in 1517.

Venue: Sacred Heart Hall, Western Road, Cork
Saturday, 25th February 2017
Registration at 9.30am

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Feb-25 & Feb-26-2017

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
Tony Hegarty
Daithi O'Floinn
12:00 Noon
Declan Chalmers
Sean Manley

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Nonyi Ebili
Jennifer Nyagaya
11:00 am
Tomas Buckley
Michael Buckley
12:30 pm
Joseph Manning
Louis Hedman
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

20-Feb-2017 to 26-Feb-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

Feb-25 & Feb-26-2017

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

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

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

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

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

5:30 pm Olan O'Mahony
Noel Kelleher



How can I help someone who self-harms?

If a friend or loved one is self-harming, it might be upsetting and worrying for you. Try to understand that it's a way of coping with difficult emotions. Focus on how the person is feeling, not on what they've done.

Take Action

Reassure them that you'll get them help. Talk about Pieta House and maybe even show them this website.
Ask their permission to ring Pieta House on their behalf. Tell them that you'll come with them, even if they are over 18.
When you call, we'll make an assessment appointment for the person who has been self-harming. We usually ask you to come with them to the first appointment.

Visit Pieta House

(Reach out to Pieta House Cork – let us help. Phone: 021-4341400)

There's nothing to worry about when you come to see us. We treat everyone with dignity and respect, and we never pass judgement. We'll welcome you both warmly. At the first meeting, the person will be invited to have a cup of tea or coffee and talk to one of our team, who will try to identify the reasons behind their self-harm. After their session at Pieta House, take care not to interrogate them about the difficult experiences they've been talking about. Help them by showing kindness and compassion. Don't ever ask to see any wounds or scars and don't check if they're still hurting themselves.