

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 26-February-2017

Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

We are cherished by the tremendous love of God, tender and forgiving above every human love. We pray that we may be able to surrender to this love in perfect trust.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

The Word of God

Preparing a homily is always a demanding task. This is so for many reasons, first of all it is a daunting task to try and help people to take the Word of God to heart, it is also a huge responsibility and privilege to take the word of God to heart and be inspired by the Word. On occasion, I have been advised to prepare my homily with the word of God in one hand and the paper in the other hand.

Today I hear that a child becomes homeless every five hours in Ireland; it is a shocking statistic. Children and their families are waiting for life changing medical interventions, the waiting goes on and the pain and medical conditions deteriorates. The Gospel this Sunday says "I tell you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat; nor about your body and how you are to clothe it." "Surely life means more than food and the body more than clothes." Difficult to answer the question of pain, struggle and suffering in our world but next to impossible to provide an answer when calamity comes to our door and is part of daily living.

The reading from Isaiah today expresses the turmoil, isolation that is part of life. Zion is saying "The Lord has abandoned me and the Lord has forgotten me. Does a mother forget the baby at her breast or fail to cherish the child of her womb. Yet even if these forget, I will never forget you." Lord give me a sense and a firm belief of your presence in my life and world at all times but especially in times of suffering, pain, chaos, distress, grief and loss.

George O'Mahony

Reflection for Parents

Without satellite navigation or day planner, birds know when to migrate. They haven't planned their trip weeks in advance nor have they packed their belongings. They don't buy travel insurance in case something goes wrong. They just know to go. If we plan a big trip like that, we may find ourselves worrying about all the possible scenarios and take precautions to avoid problems. When we worry about things, we use a lot of energy that exhausts us and may not have been necessary in the first place. But what if there are really dangers lurking ahead? Ask yourself: What possible good can come from the situation if it works out in the way I worry that it will? What gift might God have for me if my plans don't go my way . . . if it's God's will and not mine that wins in the end?

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Jesus was .tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us with confidence, then, approach him in our many needs.

Reader

For the followers of Christ: that they may take the path of self-denial and renewal this Lent.

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

For those who hold public office: that they may not seek their own interests and glory, but to serve others humbly and faithfully.

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

For all those who have no time for the things of the spirit.

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

For ourselves: that we may have the courage and strength to try to overcome our temptations.

**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, in your gentle mercy guide our efforts at renewing our lives this Lent, for we know that, left to ourselves, we cannot do your will. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

In God alone is my soul at rest.

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Margaret McCarthy, Peter O'Donovan Crescent.
 Denis Murray, Raheen, Carrigrohane.
 Donal Murphy, Wilton.

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

Paddy & Julia Murphy, Ovens.
 Rose & Ted Moylan, Earlwood Estate.
 Dan O'Connell, West Village.
 Sean O'Sullivan, Togher.
 Sean & May O'Callaghan, Galway.
 Bernie McNamara, St Mary's Tce, Carrigrohane.
 Jim Deasy, Aherla.
 John O'Connell, Westcliffe.
 Dan Murphy, Bray.
 Dan & Margaret Murphy, Knockburden.
 Cunningham Family, Waterford.
 Trevor Philips, England.
 Martin Ginanne, Shanakiel.
 Tim & Lily Lucey, Prosperity Square.
 Sean Doab, The Crescent.
 Jimmy & Kitty O'Mahony, Kilcrohan.
 Margaret Kelleher, Castlepark.
 Sheila Twohig, Windsor.
 Patrick & Ann Ginanne, Killkenny.
 John O'Sullivan.
 Joe & Mona Thuillier, Kinsale.
 Dec. Members of the Brennan & Murphy Families.
 Edward O'Sullivan, Glenleigh.
 Lynn Yelverton, Innishmore Lawn.
 Ellen O'Callaghan, Madonna House.
 Sean Coakley, "Hillview" Muskerry Estate.
 Mary Linehan, Inniscarra View.

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

Eight Week In Ordinary Time

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

27 Monday Eccles. (Sir) 17:24-29. Ps. 31. Mk. 10:17-27. Lect II: 94

28 Tuesday Eccles. (Sir) 35:1-12. Ps. 49. Mk. 10:28-31. Lect II: 96

01 Wednesday Joel. 2:12-18. Ps. 50. 2 Cor. 5:20-6:2. Mt. 6:1-6. 16-18. Lect I: 191

02 Thursday Deut. 30:15-20. Ps. 1. Lk. 9:22-25. Lect I: 194

03 Friday Is. 58: 1-9. Ps. 50. Mt. 9: 14-15. Lect I: 196

04 Saturday Is. 58:9-14. Ps. 85. Lk. 5:27-32. Lect I: 198

Next Sunday's Readings 05-March-2017

Gen. 2:7-9, 3:1-7. Ps 50. Rom. 5:12-19. Mt. 4:1-11. Lect I: 201

BAPTISMS

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

Matilda Quinn Fenning, Avoncourt.
 James Michael Hurley, Rosewood.
 Ellie Eileen O'Riordan, Castle Road.
 Odhran Seamus McGrath, Maglin Grove.
 Culann Aodhan O'Brien, Chestnut Grove.

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 49:14-15

One of the desert fathers is reported as saying that 'Forgetfulness is the root of all evil'. This sounds a bit extreme. Surely to forget someone's birthday or anniversary is not so serious. Memory lapses are understandable in busy lives, especially as we grow older. This reading shows how serious forgetfulness is in linking it with the notion of abandonment. To forget may be to abandon someone. God has perfect memory. He never abandons his creation.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

The 'iceberg theory' of morality warns against reducing morality to external acts and urges us to explore the human heart. This reading stresses the role of the 'secret intentions of men's hearts' in moral judgement. We may fool other people by hiding our real motives for acting, but God's searchlight judgment is infallible. May this light illumine our fallible consciences.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 6:24-34

This text is surely related to the beatitude of the pure of heart, which is concerned with single-mindedness, putting God first and resistance to idolatry. Anthony Bloom once used the image of Gulliver in the land of Lilliput to illustrate this point. Having being washed ashore unconscious, Gulliver awakes, but can't get up because the little folk have tied him down by each of his strands of long hair. The cumulative effect of the worries mentioned in the gospel, immobilise us and prevent us from achieving the liberation associated with God's Kingdom and belief in his providential care. Every desire of the heart must be subordinated to firm belief that in God alone 'all shall be well'.

**Ballincollig Parish
Lenten Retreat**

6th, 7th & 8th March
Church of Christ Our Light

Morning Mass: 7.00am
Prayers: Homily: Liturgy: 8.00pm

Theme:

“Which of these three, do you think, proved a neighbour to the man who fell among the robbers?

He said: ‘The one who showed mercy on him’.

Jesus said “Go and do likewise” (Luke 10:36)

Conducted by: Fr. Derek Meskell C.Ss.R.

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 2017 – Young Adult Helpers.

The Diocese of Cork and Ross invites Young Adults 18-30 year olds to come to Lourdes as helpers from 11th to 16th June. As helpers you will assist with the sick and be involved in the full pilgrimage programme as well as time for prayer, for making new friends and sharing in the story of Lourdes.

Limited number of places. Closing date for applicants is 28th February 2017. For further details contact Fr. Charlie Kiely 021-4537603, Pastoral Development Office, Parochial House, Ballyphehane, Cork or email: charliekiely@gmail.com

Cork and Ross Diocesan Pilgrimage

11th – 16th June 2017 – 5 Night Full Board

Pilgrim Booking Forms available from:

Joe Walsh Tours, 117 Patrick Street, Cork.

Telephone Number: 021-4277959

Booking of the Official Sick/Assisted Section

Contact: Canon James O’Donovan P.P., Parochial House, Ballinlough, Cork. Telephone Number: 021-4292296

Used Clothing Collection

Scoil Eoin are having a Used Clothing Collection in the school from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday 7th March, 2017. Clothes can also be dropped in to the school on Monday 6th March between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Time to carry out that clean up you’ve been meaning to do, de-clutter that wardrobe for the Summer and get all those old clothes and mobile phones in to Scoil Eoin.

Anam Cara

The organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its next monthly Parent Evening on Wednesday 1st of March from 19:30 to 21:00 in the Clayton Hotel, Silver Springs, Tivoli, Cork. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether the death was recent or not.

Bulletin Board

Ash Wednesday

Lent begins this Wednesday 1st March. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at all Masses.

Masses during Lent:

Church of Christ Our Light

8.30am Weekdays & 6.30pm: Weekdays

Church of St. Mary & John

9.30am Weekdays

8pm: Wednesday 1st March, Thursday 2nd, & Friday 3rd

Trocaire Boxes

Trocaire boxes are available at the back of both churches. Parishioners are asked to please take one and to make a weekly contribution during lent. Boxes will also be distributed to the schools.

First Friday

Friday 3rd March 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.

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 March 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.

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

Table Quiz

In aid of Pieta House on Friday, 10th March at 8.30 pm in The Market Tavern, Anglesea Street.

€20 per table of 4.

Music and free finger food.

Fantastic Raffle on the night.

All Welcome

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Mar-04 & Mar-05-2017

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
Oisín Morin
Emer Cconway
12:00 Noon
Sean Hennessy
Shane Lehane

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Fiona Feely
11:00 am
Cormac Manning
12:30 pm
Adaugu Ebili
Caterina Nugent
5:30 pm
Liam Tuohy

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 & 8 pm	Wednesday	8:30 am
9:30 am & 8 pm	Thursday	8:30 am
9:30 am & 8 pm	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 Except First Saturday of Month	Saturday	4:30 pm First Saturday of Month
12:45 pm	Sunday	

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

27-Feb-2017 to 05-Mar-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

Mar-04 & Mar-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 self-harms?

Ongoing Support

After the initial meeting, the person will be assigned a therapist who will have great understanding and compassion for their difficulties. They'll see each other for sessions at least twice a week. This is so the person who has been self-harming can come through their crisis quickly and effectively. We know that someone's mood and outlook can change after a session, but it can sometimes drop again. A therapist will never ask their client to stop self-harming. They know that it's how the person is coping at the time. Sometimes people stop and then start to self-harm again. This is something that our therapists are used to dealing with. They'll try to find out what happened to trigger the self-harming again. Regardless of a person's age, the therapy process is completely confidential. When the person who is self-harming is under 18, however, we advise their parent(s) or guardian(s) on how to support them.

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.