

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 20-January-2019

Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

World Day of Migrants

A wedding is a time for joyful celebration; it is a time of hope and promise. According to John the wedding at Cana marked the beginning of Jesus' ministry. It showed the joy and plenty that his coming brings because in him, God's promised love is present reality.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

The Wedding of Cana

The gospel passage of the wedding of Cana is familiar to many people. This passage is often the gospel passage chosen by a wedding couple. A wedding is a time of Joy and celebration. Many make huge efforts to ensure the day is happy for the couple and their guests.

A wedding is a time of Joy for Jewish people and a reminder of the coming of the Messiah. The wine at a Jewish wedding symbolised the union of God and the chosen people. The wine running dry is an embarrassment but also has bigger significance as it signals the absence of God.

Life the guests at the wedding we should be full of joy in our relationship with God. Perhaps the words of remind us how to live our relationship with God.

January 20th is world day of migrants and refugees, may we all pray and remember them.

Fr. George O'Mahony

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2019 (18 – 25 January)

Theme: Justice and only justice you shall pursue (Deut 16:18-20)

Has been prepared by Christians from Indonesia, with a population of 265 million, about 10 per cent of Indonesians are Christian from various traditions. There is a great diversity of ethnicity, language and religion.

There are also tensions affecting politics, business, justice, wealth and poverty. Christian communities in such an environment become newly aware of their unity as they join in a common concern and a common response to an unjust reality. At the same time, confronted by these injustices, we are obliged, as Christians, to examine the ways in which we are complicit. Only by heeding Jesus' prayer 'that they all may be one' can we witness to living unity in diversity. It is through our unity in Christ that we will be able to combat injustice and serve the needs of its victims.

Moved by these concerns, the Christians of Indonesia found that the words of Deuteronomy, 'Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue' (see Deut 16: 18-20) spoke powerfully to their situation and needs. As individual Christians and communities, we are called together to form a united witness for justice and to be a means of Christ's healing grace for the brokenness of the world.. Resources are published by the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and the Commission on Faith and Order of the World Council of Churches.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

As we open our hearts to you, Lord, we ask you to draw us into the mystery we celebrate in this Eucharist.

Reader

We ask God to bless his Church, that all she does and says may help draw people into the life of God.

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

We pray that marriage may be acknowledged and supported by civil law.

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

On this World Day of Migrants and Refugees, we pray for those who have had to flee their homelands on account of war or natural disaster.

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

For couples preparing for marriage, that their love may mature and deepen, and that they may find strength in their faith.

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

For all the faithful departed, we also remember those who mourn, especially those who are coming to terms with the death of their spouse.

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

For a moment, we remember in silence our own particular needs.

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

Priest

Watch over us, Lord and keep us faithful to your call. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Lisa Dineen (nee Cronin), Glincool/Frankfield.
 Don McGovern, Rosewood.
 Carmel O’Leary, Cooper’s Grange.
 Fr. Jerry McCarthy, Sacred Heart.
 Fintan Browne, Innishmore Drive.
 Margaret Horgan, Carriganarra Estate.
 Kathleen Kiely, Ballincollig/Cavan.

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

Denis O’Callaghan, Innishmore Grove.
 Niall Casey, Farran.
 John Cotter, Wyndham Downs.
 Ellen Buckley, Bakers Road.
 Mary Daly, Beech Park.
 Martin Murphy, Rockchapel.
 Eddie O’Donovan, Station Road.
 Denis O’Donoghue, West Village.
 Michael Canty, Daffodil Fields.
 Jack McCarthy, Ballintemple.
 Peg O’Flynn, Fr. Sexton Park.
 Pat Shanahan, Ballincollig/Cloughduv.
 Kevin Byrne, Parknamore.
 Haulie O’Mahony, Main Road.
 John Kelleher, Rosewood.
 Richard Fitton, Aherla/Fr. Sexton Park.
 Michael & Nora Keating, Cahirciveen.
 Una Twohig, Inniscarra View.
 Dec. Mem’s. of the Murphy Family.
 Dec. Mem’s of the O’Mahony Family, Newcestown
 Owen O’Callaghan, Rochestown/Ballincollig.
 Dec. Mem’s of the O’Callaghan & O’Riordan Families.
 Jim Greene, The Square.
 Dec. Mem’s of the Green Family.
 Mary Hourihan, Skibbereen.
 William Devereux, Clogheen, Co. Tipperary.
 PJ Hagan, Sunningdale.
 John Barry Murphy, Coolmakee/Cloughduv.
 Mary & Bartholomew O’Leary, Blarney.
 Eileen Gardiner, Kilmona.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Second Week In Ordinary Time

20 Sunday Is 62: 1-5. Ps. 95. 1 Cor 12:4-11. Jn 2:1-11. Lect I: 838
 21 Monday Heb 5:1-10. Ps 109. Mk 2:18-22. Lect II: 15
 22 Tuesday Heb 6:10-20. Ps 110. Mk 2:23-28. Lect II: 17
 23 Wednesday Heb 7:1-3, 15-17. Ps 109. Mk 3:1-6. Lect II: 19
 24 Thursday Heb 7:25-8:6. Ps 39. Mk 3:7-12. Lect II: 21
 25 Friday Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22. Ps 116. Mk 16:15-18. Lect II: 928
 26 Saturday 2 Tim. 1:1-8 or Tit. 1:1-5. Ps. 95. Lk. 10:1-9. Lect II: 931

Next Sunday’s Readings 27-January-2019

Neh. 8:2-6, 8-10. Ps. 18. 1 Cor. 12: 12-30. Lk. 1: 1-4, 4:14-21. Lect I: 841

BAPTISMS

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

Caoimhe Eileen O’Brien, An Caisleán.
 Eilís Róise Kidney, Rosewood.

Pilgrimage to Fatima

On 28th Sept to 4th Oct.
 6 nights. Flights from Cork.
 €609 if booked before Feb 1st (€50 discount).
 Price includes trips to Eucharistic Miracle of Santarem
 St Anthony's birth place in Lisbon
 and Blessed Alexandrina Da Costa in Balasar.
 Spiritual Director Fr Marius O'Reilly.
 Limited places! Contact Damien on 087 204 9048

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Is 62:1-5
 God's people will be shown to be right; this will be their day of vindication. God will take his people to himself, like a bridegroom, like a new husband.

Second Reading: Cor 12:4-11
 People have many different gifts. Nevertheless, the Church is united, because all these gifts come from the one God.

Gospel: John 2:1-11.
 While the Wedding in Cana is a familiar story, it only appears in John's Gospel. Scholars call it the first of Jesus' signs. Mary, Jesus' mother, observed that the wine was running low at a wedding feast she and Jesus were attending. She didn't specifically ask Jesus to do something about the situation, but he understood the implication. He instructed the servants to fill six stone jars with water and then take some to the waiter in charge. The waiter was surprised that the bridegroom had saved the best wine for last. The servants were surprised because they knew the jars were filled with water and they had witnessed something remarkable.

The Mystery of Our Reconciliation

“Lowliness was taken, by majesty, weakness by strength, mortality by eternity. To pay the debt of our fallen state, the nature which was inviolable was united with a nature which was passible. Thus, in accordance with our needs, the one and same mediator between God and man - the man Jesus Christ - was able to die in the one nature and was incapable of death in the other. True God, then, was born in the complete and perfect nature of true man; completely human and completely divine. By human, I mean that nature which the Creator founded in us at the beginning and which he undertook to restore. For there was no trace whatever in our Saviour of those elements which were introduced into us by the deceiver, and to which man, when deceived, allowed entrance. Nor does it follow that because he undertook to share with us our weaknesses, he thereby shared our sins. He took the form of a servant without stain of sin. He enhanced our humanity but did not thereby diminish his divinity. The emptying by which the invisible one made himself visible, and by which the Lord and Creator of all things willed to be one with mortal men, was a bending down in pity, not a failure of power. Accordingly, he who in the form of God was the maker of man was himself made man in the form of a slave. Thus the Son of God enters into the depths of this world, coming down from his heavenly throne, yet not leaving his Father’s glory, begotten into a new order by a new birth. I say a new order, because he was in his own nature invisible, but was made visible in ours. He is incomprehensible, yet he willed to be comprehended. Enduring before time began, he began to be in time. The Lord of the Universe took on the form of a slave, veiling his infinite majesty. The god who cannot suffer did not disdain to be a man who can, and, immortal though he was, to subject himself to the laws of death. For he who is true God is also true man; and there is no deception in this union, where the loftiness of God and the lowliness of man are brought together. Just as God is not changed by his act of mercy, so man is not swallowed up by the dignity. Each form acts in cooperation with the other, according to its own nature: the activity of the Word is that which is appropriate to the Word, and the flesh carries out that which is appropriate to it. One of these is ablaze with miracles; the other is overcome by injuries. As the Word does not cease to be on equality with the glory of the Father, so the flesh does not cease to belong to the nature of our race. For it must always be said that the one and the same Jesus is truly Son of God, and truly son of man. He is God insofar as in the beginning he was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And he is man insofar as the Word became flesh and dwelt among us”

A reading from the letters of Pope St. Leo the Great (Letter 28, 3-4)

Reflection for Parents

The point Jesus wanted to illustrate by performing this sign was to introduce a change. Many scholars interpret the wedding as the new age and the huge stone jars represent the magnitude of the wonder. There is great abundance in the story and that is the message of the new order Jesus promises - God lavishes us with his abundant love and we come to know that love through

Bulletin Board

Quarterly Diocesan Collection

This first collection for 2019 will be undertaken at all Masses this weekend January 19th & 20th

Coeliac Hosts

Low gluten hosts are available that are suitable for Coeliac. Please inform the priest prior to Mass if possible if you require it.

Confirmation Dates 2019

Scoil Eoin	Tuesday, 12th March
Scoil Barra	Friday, 15th March
Our Lady of Good Counsel	Friday, 15th March
Gaelscoil Uí Ríordáin	Monday, 25th March
Scoil Mhuire	Friday, 5th April

First Holy Communion Dates 2019

Scoil Barra	11th May
Our Lady of Good Counsel	11th May
Gaelscoil Uí Ríordáin	18th May
Scoil Eoin	25th May
Scoil Mhuire	8th June

Family Mass

The next Children’s Mass for children in second class preparing for their first Holy Communion will take place on Sunday 20th January 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 these children commences in the main body of the church at 10.45am.

Offertory Collection Boxes

The boxes of envelopes for the Offertory Collection are available in both churches. Families are asked to take one box. Please use the envelopes for the Offertory Collection for the Vigil and Sunday Masses during the year. The Offertory Collection is solely for the upkeep, maintenance, insurance, lighting, heating and related expenses of both churches.

Parishioners who gave their name and offertory box number for Tax Rebate to the Church will have their boxes delivered to them. Thanks for your generosity and we look forward to your support for the coming year.

The Parish Council

Following recent meeting The Council has new members and officers. New Officers are Dan Collins, Gavin Murphy & Nora Corkery.

Sincere thanks to all who volunteer. Thanks in particular to Facilitator Siobhan Glavin; Kay O’Sullivan assistant facilitator. Hon Sec Frances Hogan.

Fr. George

Say Your Prayers

If you have spiritual or religious beliefs, you probably have access to one of the world’s most time honoured methods of achieving tranquility: prayer.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Jan-26 & Jan-27-2019

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Michael Collins
Viktoria Sarkauy
8:30 am
John Healy
Kerry O'Leary
10:00 am
Rory Horgan
Kate Greene
12:00 Noon
Declan Chalmers

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Rebecca Feely
Siobhan Keane
11:00 am
Kristian Calvert
Amy Ni Chearbhaill
12:30 pm
Laura O'Leary
Brian Dore
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
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

21-Jan-2019 to 27-Jan-2019

Joan Barrett
Margot Twomey

Winter Time Crime Prevention

Crime prevention for your home

- ◆ Break-ins at wintertime occur mostly in hours of darkness - lock up and light up.
- ◆ Replace any broken or loose window handles.
- ◆ Have an alarm in place, use it when away from your home.

Crime prevention for vehicles.

- ◆ Lock vehicles at all times especially at hours of darkness and overnight. Most thefts of property from vehicles take place when vehicles are left unlocked.
- ◆ Park vehicles in well-lit areas.
- ◆ Never leave property in vehicle, remove property before making your journey.

Anthony Mc Sweeney Community Garda,
Ballincollig Garda Station

The Bible should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. The Bible is meant not to inform, but to transform. Men do not reject the Bible because it contradicts itself but because it contradicts them.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Jan-26 & Jan-27-2019

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Pat Moore
Marie Healy
Margaret Kearney
Nora Barry
Joan Tobin

7:30 pm John O'Donoghue
Mary Dineen
Mairead Keenan
Kay O'Sullivan

8:30 am Triona Collins
Tom Butler

11:00 am Mary Aylward
Pauline Baston
Dermuid Horgan
Sylvia Manley

10:00 am Mags Bunyan
Mary Murphy
Breda Monaghan
Mary Hennigan
Helena Buckley

12:30 pm Maura O'Driscoll
Mary Lehane
Dympna Byrne
Suzanne Leech
Mona Bowen

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

5:30 pm Shelia Curran
Elizabeth O'Sullivan

Irish Blood Transfusion Service

The Irish Blood Transfusion Service will hold Blood Donor clinics 5pm – 8.30pm each day on Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th February in Ballincollig GAA Pavilion
Wednesday 6th & Thursday 7th February in OVENS Eire Og GAA Hall

*Make all the friends you can.
Keep all the friends you make.
And when you meet a stranger,
give his hand a hearty shake.
For all the countless treasures
which in time may come your way,
there'll be nothing quite as precious
as the friends you make today.*

Ernest Sidwell