

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 03-February-2019

Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

*The messengers of God's truth have often had to suffer hostility and rejection. This is still part of the Church's fate today as it continues the work of the prophets. As we struggle for truth we are encouraged by the Lord's words to Jeremiah "I am with you to deliver you."*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

## Power of Love

"If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels" and speak without love, I am simply a gong booming." "If I have faith in all its fullness to move mountains but am without love, and then I am nothing at all." There is an essential link between faith and love. There is a story about George Herbert an English poet, priest and musician. He was on his way to a music session one evening when he came on a man whose horse had collapsed under the load. Man and horse were in distress and needed help urgently. Herbert took off his clerical robes and helped the man get his horse back to its feet. He bought some fodder for the horse and in a short time man and horse were able to resume their journey.

Normally Herbert kept himself well, his friends were surprised when he turned up with dirty hands and stained clothes. They expressed surprise and disappointment that he got involved in such a messy task. He replied "the thought of what I have done will be music to my ears at midnight. The omission of it would have caused discord in my conscience. For if I am bound to pray for all in distress, I am sure that I am bound to do all in my power to practice what I pray for. "Then, he said, "let us tune the instruments."

St Paul gives us one of the best descriptions of love ever written. Very often today when we speak about love we are referring to control, lust and possessiveness. St Paul was well aware of the mixed motives behind what we do, but he still believed in the power of love and its' centrality for the Christian.

*Fr. George O'Mahony*

## Reflection for Parents

How many times do we react to what appears to be the situation? A few times of being wrong slows parents down and teaches us that "things are not always as they seem." It takes time and often forces us to "eat humble pie" (or at least laugh at ourselves), but very often, by the time we "get the story" we recognize that we have come to the wrong conclusion, that the evidence is misleading. We need to show our children that we trust and have faith in them. If our first impression turns out to be correct, then we can take necessary disciplinary steps, but at least our children recognize our faith in them as our first response.

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

### Priest

We now open our hearts in prayer to the Lord who has gathered us.

### Reader

That the Lord may give us his church and each one of his children a listening heart. We now open our hearts in prayer to the Lord who has gathered us.

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

That those who seek justice and who work for the protection of human rights may have a sense of dignity of every human being.

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

For those whose lives are in chaos. May God's light shine in their darkness.

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

For the sick and the housebound of our communities, for those who are in hospitals and nursing homes, and for all who care for them.

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

That the dead may be united with the Lord and that those who mourn them may be comforted.

**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

We thank you, Father, for your wisdom and for the hope your words hold out to us. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*My lips will tell of your help.*

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**† IN SYMPATHY †**

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

Michael O'Reilly, Watergrasshill.  
 Frank Crowley, Greenfields.  
 Michael Hickey, Ballincollig/Scotland.  
 Conn O'Brien, Ovens.  
 Oliver Lane, Blarney Street.  
 Donnard Lucey, Copeen/U.S.A.  
 Tim Lucey, Dunmanway.

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

Tommie Sexton, Douglas.  
 Ann O'Neill, Skibbereen.  
 Lisa Smithers, Mallow.  
 Sadie O'Brien, Ballyvolane.  
 Paddy Horgan, Collyduff, Inniscarra.  
 Kevin Broderick, The Lough.  
 Cornelius Corcoran.  
 Fr. Derry Corcoran.  
 Stephen Healy.  
 Marie Horstmann, Parknamore House.  
 Kathy & Paddy Goulding, Ballyshoneen.  
 Dec. Members of the Parish Choir.  
 Donal Walsh, Fair Street.  
 Billy Coyle, Glincool.  
 May O'Reilly, Model Farm Road.  
 Con O'Mahony, Ballyvolane.  
 Peggy O'Sullivan, Ballydehob.  
 Dec. Mem's of the McCarthy Family, Ballymacoda.  
 Willie Neenan, Millstreet.  
 Christy Curran, Courtmacsherry.  
 Sr. Mary Collins, Dunmanway.  
 Nora Heelan, Inniscarra.  
 Maureen Downey, Whitechurch, Inniscarra.

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Fourth Week In Ordinary Time**

03 Sunday Jer 1:4-5, 17-19. Ps 70. 1 Cor 12:31-13:13. Lk 4:21-30. Lect I: 845  
 04 Monday Heb 11:32-40. Ps 30. Mk 5:1-20. Lect II: 40  
 05 Tuesday Heb 12:1-4. Ps 21. Mk 5:21-43. Lect II: 42  
 06 Wednesday Heb 12:4-7, 11-15. Ps 102. Mk6:1-6. Lect II: 45  
 07 Thursday Heb. 12: 18-19, 21-24. Ps. 47. Mk. 6:7-13. Lect II: 47  
 08 Friday Heb. 13: 1-8. Ps. 26. Mk. 6: 14-29. Lect II: 49  
 09 Saturday Heb 13:15-17, 20-21. Ps 22. Mk 6:30-34. Lect I: 51

**Next Sunday's Readings 10-February-2019**

Is 6:1-8. Ps 137. 1 Cor 15:1-11. Lk 5:1-11. Lect I: 849

**BAPTISMS**

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

Alice Hortence Jolie Mina, Douglas  
 Fabrice Melissa Yomi Malondo, Douglas  
 Orla Catherine O'Keeffe, An Caisleán  
 Olivia Helen Murphy-Buckley, Castlepark  
 Daniel James O'Sullivan, Coolroe Meadows  
 Logan Patrick Corcoran, Classes Lake.  
 Leo Synan Murphy, Beech Park.

**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: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19  
 Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before your birth I blessed you. I appointed you a prophet to all nations. The will fight you but not prevail, for I am with you.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:31 - 13:13  
 Love is patient; love is kind. In the end there are only three things that last, faith, hope and love, and the greatest of these is love.

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30  
 Jesus went to Nazareth and taught in the temple. At first the people were amazed at his knowledge but then it occurred to them, he was one of them--a carpenter in their own village! They became very angry with Jesus and planned to throw him bodily from a nearby mountain top. Jesus simply walked through them and left. Some scholars say that the crowd's reaction and Jesus escaping them to continue his teaching and preaching is a foreshadowing of Jesus' death and resurrection and the mission of the Church to continue spreading the Good News.

**World day of Prayer for the Sick**

Monday February 11th is the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and is World day of Prayer for the sick. To mark this day a prayer service with Liturgy of the Word and blessing of the sick will take place at 12noon in the Church of St. Mary & St. John. Sick and infirm are welcome, family, neighbours and friends might help people to get to the church.

**Feast of St Blaise**

Sunday 3rd February is the feast of St Blaise. Throats will be blessed after 10.00am mass in the church of St Mary & St John.

**Follow The Footsteps of Jesus From Galilee To Jerusalem 2019**

Take the TRIP of a LIFETIME to the HOLY LAND, May 28th- June 7th 2019.

Group Leader, Mícheál de Barra and Spiritual Director, Fr. John Newman (Bible Scholar) In association with Premier Travel, Cork

Contact Mícheál at 0868337681/  
emailculturtoursireland@gmail.com

What former pilgrims have said about this tour:

'Masada was awe inspiring but I was moved by Calvary in a way I could not imagine or describe' (Mike)

'Keep it up, the happiness you brought to your pilgrims will never be forgotten,' (Alice)

'We will now read and hear the gospels in a very different light since our pilgrimage', (Lucille)

**Anam Cara Cork Meeting**

Anam Cara Cork the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on Wednesday 6th February at 7:20pm in the Clayton Hotel, Silver Springs, Tivoli, Cork. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents. As Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for teas, coffees, etc, please RSVP to info@anamcara.ie before Tuesday 5th February or call the Information number on 085 2888 888.

**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

**Vacancy**

Vacancy for Receptionist/Secretary Cork and Ross Pastoral Development Office, Ballyphehane - Must be eligible for CE scheme – 19.5 hours per week. Details contact Nellie Crowley on 021 4345583 or Fr Charlie 021 4537474. Please send cv and cover letter to southsidetdl@eircom.net

**Faith Encounters in the Gospels** – three sessions – Tuesdays 12th, 19th and 26th February. Coffee from 10:30am session from 11:00am to 12:15pm at the Pastoral Development Office, Ballyphehane – facilitated by Sr Karen. Reserve your place on 021 4537601.

**Bulletin Board**

**Lourdes sick/Assisted Pilgrimage Fund**

A Special envelope collection will be undertaken at all Masses next weekend 10th/11th February for the Lourdes sick/assisted Pilgrimage Fund. Last June 400 people travelled on the Pilgrimage. On 31st December 2018 the gross income for the fund was €160,866 and the gross expenditure was €143,085. If any parish is thinking of organizing a Pilgrimage to Lourdes, please consider joining with the Diocesan Pilgrimage from 10th to 15th June. Contact: Canon Jim O'Donovan on 021-4292296.

**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.

**Baptism Preparation**

The next Baptism preparation will take place on Saturday 9th 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.

**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.

**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

**Fr. George**

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Feb-09 & Feb-10-2019

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**

Ben Purcell  
Alicia Leahy  
**8:30 am**  
Tom McDonagh  
Sean Casey  
**10:00 am**  
Lauree Hegarty  
Mary O'Driscoll  
**12:00 Noon**  
Tony Lynch  
Dia Harry Thomas

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**

Pauline Collins  
Dylan Ebili  
**11:00 am**  
Michael Buckley  
Cillian O'Cathasaigh  
**12:30 pm**  
Kay Carew  
Abi Slattery  
**5:30 pm**  
Tom Reck

**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**

04-Feb-2019 to 10-Feb-2019

Tim Murphy  
Siobhan Glavin

**The Meningitis Research Foundation**

**Bake Sale**

My name is Ciarán Connery and I'm a third year Pharmacy student in UCC. In August 2009, I will venture to Nepal to climb to Base Camp Everest in aid of the Meningitis Research Foundation. When I heard about this charity hike, I instantly knew that I wanted to do it; combining one of my favourite hobbies with a great cause. The Meningitis Research Foundation is a leading worldwide charity with three goals; to see fewer people contacting meningitis and septicaemia, to see more people surviving with a better quality of life and reduced disability and to have more engaged, informed and supported patients and communities. From working with the charity for the last few months, I can personally attest to the great work that they do both in Ireland and abroad. I would be highly appreciative of any donations big or small; every little bit make a huge difference. Donations can be made at my bake sale on the 17th February outside the church of St. Mary and St. John, in person or on my online page which can be found through my Facebook page under the name "Ciarán Connery".

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Feb-09 & Feb-10-2019

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6.00 pm** Steve Wills  
Bernadette Bell  
Frances O'Brien  
Eileen Coughlan

**7:30 pm** Geraldine Lynch  
Charles Vaughan  
Joan Stephenson  
Bernie Bowen

**8:30 am** Mary Buckley  
Denis Healy  
Tom Butler

**11:00 am** Neil Jeffries  
Eileen O'Donoghue  
Padraig Fleming  
Hugh / Catherine Moran  
Imelda Power / Martina Woods

**10:00 am** Christy Roche  
Mary O'Regan  
Elaine Crowley  
Claire Creedon  
Jim Lordan

**12:30 pm** Tom Murray  
John O'Regan  
Gerard Dunne  
Brid Dunne

**12 Noon** Sean Hennessy  
Mary McLean  
Eleanor Seymour  
Nora Hennessy  
Christina Walshe

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

**World Down Syndrome Day — 21st March 2019 Guinness World Record.**

In aid of The Down Syndrome Centre Cork, Bingo at the Rock will be hosting their annual coffee morning in aid of the charity from 10:00 am until 12 noon. FREE tea & Coffee and CAKES on the day as well as some AMAZING spot prizes that will be raffled as always. Aside from the coffee morning, they will also be making an attempt to break the WORLDS LARGEST BINGO CARD world record. This will begin at 12:30 followed by some bingo and major fun!! Tickets to be involved in the attempt at breaking the world record will be €20 and this will give the ticket holder entry into the game by means of a 3-page bingo book. Tickets can be bought in The Down Syndrome Centre, Forge Hill, Cork 0219615616 or in Rock Bingo, Deanrock Business Park, Togher, Cork. 021425011