

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 24-February-2019

Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

Christians are required to answer hatred with goodness, curses with blessings and ill treatment with prayer. As descendants of Adam, this is difficult, but through the power of Christ and his Holy Spirit, we can succeed.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

What Will I Write About....

The writer has so much power. The writer can craft the factual story in so many ways. Who was there? What happened? Was it day or night? Was it raining or dry? The writer needs to paint a picture of description and colour. The Writer needs to take us of a journey. We need to read as if we are there ourselves. The key element of anything we read – is it authentic? Is it real?

Today alone- so many writers will write about so much.....

The way we read and write has changed so much. The benefit of technology is instant communication with whoever we wish in the whole world.

The one thing that has not changed since humans began communication- the need to Fact check and discern the truth of any story we speak or write.

The official life of Jesus was written by four writers- Matthew, Mark, Luke and John- but so many more people had stories about Jesus. So many more wrote about the life of Jesus. The early church had to fact check and discern about the life of Jesus. They decided on only four Gospel- Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

Fr. Cian O'Sullivan

Prayer for Generosity

Lord, teach me to be generous,
to serve you as you deserve,
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labour and not to seek reward,
save that of knowing that I do your holy will.

Jesus proposes the generosity of God as a model for our generosity, and says that the generous will be rewarded. Perhaps you have experienced rewards, even in this life, from generous behaviour.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

The Lord's teaching is demanding, but his help is ever-present, and so we confidently turn to him in prayer.

Reader

May the Church, by her words and by her witness, be a great teacher of peace and reconciliation.

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

For those who have been hurt and who find it hard to forgive; may they know the healing of God.

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

For civility in public discourse; we pray especially for civility in the way in which the media and social media are used. May charity being with courtesy, sensitivity and good manners.

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

May our parish community be marked by generosity and may there be signs throughout our neighbourhoods of the love we have celebrated here in church.

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

That our dear departed may share in the happiness of the eternal kingdom; and let us remember those who have no living person to name them in prayer.

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

We pray for the intentions of all here present.

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

Priest

We bless you, Father, for your goodness, which we resolve to imitate in our way of living. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord is compassion and love.

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Alice O'Donovan, Schull.

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

- Tim Cagney, Gardiners Hill.
- Tadg & Maureen O'Callaghan. The Lough.
- Ted & Rose Moylan, Earlwood Estate.
- Deceased members of O'Connell & Whooley families.
- Nora Barrett, Coolroe.
- O'Farrell Family, Station Road.
- Jerry & Maura Hurley, Ballinora.
- Tony Ahern, Farran.
- John Kelly, Dunmanway.
- Kathleen & Sonny Murray, Carrigrohane Road.
- Margaret Connolly, Elm Lawn.
- Steve Downey, Macroom.
- Stella O'Callaghan, Raheen.
- Mary O'Mahony, Castlepark.
- Dec. Mem's of the O'Mahony Family, Clash Road.
- Dec. Mem's of the O'Leary Family, Farran.
- Seán Doab, The Crescent
- Seán O'Sullivan, Togher.
- Tim & Lily Lucey, Prosperity Square.
- Dan McSweeney, Cathedral Road.
- Mary Ann Sheehan, Blarney Street.
- Arleen Ohman, Cullahill.
- Margaret O'Brien, Rosewood.
- Joseph Mulakkara Augustine, Kerala, India.
- Paddy & Lucy Doyle, Mallow.
- John, Nora & Joseph Fleming, Mallow.
- Ned & Eily Hogan, Bandon.
- Kitty O'Mahony, Drimoleague.
- Edward O'Sullivan, Glenleigh.

Music Morning

This month's Music Morning in the Ballincollig Library next Tuesday, 26th at 11.00am will be presented by Denis O'Callaghan. Everyone is welcome and a cuppa will be served.

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Seventh Week In Ordinary Time

- 24 Sunday Sam. 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23. Ps. 102. 1 Cor. 15:45-49. Lk. 6:27-38. Lect I: 856
- 25 Monday Eccles (Sir) 1:1-10. Ps 92. Mk 9:14-29. Lect II: 81
- 26 Tuesday Eccles. (Sir) 2:1-11. Ps. 36. Mk. 9:30-37. Lect II: 83
- 27 Wednesday Eccles. (Sir) 4:11-19. Ps. 118. Mk. 9:38-40. Lect II: 85
- 28 Thursday Eccles. (Sir) 5:1-8. Ps. 1. Mk. 9:41-50. Lect II: 87
- 01 Friday Sir. 6:5-17. Ps. 118. Mk. 10:1-12. Lect II:89
- 02 Saturday Eccles. (Sir) 17:1-15. Ps. 102. Mk. 10:13-16. Lect II: 91

Next Sunday's Readings 03-March-2019

Eccles (Sir) 27:4-7. Ps 91 :2-3, 13-16, R/ cf. v 2. 1 Cor 15:54-58. Lk 6:39-45. Lect

BAPTISMS

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

- Kate Marie O'Sullivan-Keane, Old Quarter.
- Ben Finbarr O'Sullivan-Keane, Old Quarter.
- Cian Patrick Campbell, Manchester.
- Julian Bialek, Tuairín Glas.
- Darragh Stephen O'Mahony, Innishmore.
- Rónán Michael Smith, Oaklee.

Reflection for Parents

Children's greatest enemies can be their brothers or sisters! In the adult world, our enemies, our country's enemies, are part of God's human family. How does reconciliation come about in our family? Can we help people like the Red Cross who work to reconcile people who have been fighting?

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2.7-9,12-13,22-23
 Saul pursues David with an army of 3,000 men. David sends out spies and penetrates Saul's camp. David does not kill Saul, but takes his spear and water jar instead

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49
 Paul compares the risen Christ with Adam. Adam received life, but the resurrected Christ gives us life. Adam is our human model and Jesus is our model as baptised Christians. We bear Christ's likeness and therefore have the full potential of life in him

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38.
 Luke presented the Golden Rule in this part of his Gospel. Jesus said to love our enemies and to share with and forgive them. If our enemies take something from us, we are to give them what they take and more. The point Jesus made was that if we only love people like ourselves, we are no better than the sinner because even the sinner loves other sinners. Sinners lend to one another, so it is not any great thing we have done if we lend something expecting payment in return. No, we are to give more than we receive and expect nothing in return. Then will our reward be great in heaven because God will measure us in the same way we measure other people.

**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/
emailculturaltoursireland@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)

Lourdes 2019 - Young Adult Helpers

The Diocese of Cork and Ross invites young adults 18-25 to join the pilgrimage to Lourdes as helpers from 10th to 15th June. As helpers you will assist with the sick and be involved in the full pilgrimage programme – time for prayer, sharing in the story of Lourdes and making new friends. Limited number of places – for further Details contact Fr Charlie Kiely on 021 4537474

Faith Encounters in the Gospels

One remaining session – Tuesday 26th February. Coffee from 10:30am session from 11:00am to 12:15pm at the Pastoral Development Office, Ballypnehane – facilitated by Sr Karen. Reserve your place on 021 4537601.

Lenten Retreat

Monday, 11th, Tuesday, 12th & Wednesday 13th March

Church of Christ Our Light

Morning Mass: 7am

Prayers: Homily: Liturgy: 8pm

Conducted by the Redemptorists

Masses during Lent:

Church of Christ Our Light

8.30am & 6.30pm Weekdays

Church of St. Mary & John

9.30am Weekdays

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First Friday

Friday 1st 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.

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.

Family Mass

The next Family Mass for parents with children in second class preparing for their first Holy Communion will take place on Sunday 3rd March 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.

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place on Saturday 23rd March 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.

Tax Rebate

Many thanks to the Parishioners who returned their CHY4 Cert for 2018. 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.

Mass Diaries

Mass Diaries to book Mass intentions for April, May and June will be opened in both churches on Saturday 9th March. Priority will be given to those booking 1st Anniversary Mass.

Confirmation Dates 2019

Scoil Eoin	Tuesday, 12th March
Scoil Barra	Friday, 15th March
Our Lady of Good Counsel	Friday, 15th March
Gaelscoil Uí Riordáin	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 Riordáin	18th May
Scoil Eoin	25th May
Scoil Mhuire	8th June

Fr. George

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Mar-02 & Mar-03-2019

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)

Sean Collins
Patricia O'Riordan

8:30 am

Triona Downey / MiriamHealy
Riain Brennan

10:00 am

Margot Twomey
Kaylyn Lordan

12:00 Noon

Declan Chalmers

7:30 pm (Vigil)

Fiona Feely
Thalia Greaux

11:00 am

Kristian Calvert
Amy Ni O'Cathasaigh

12:30 pm

Joseph Manning

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

Fr. George O'Mahony P.P.

021-4871206

Fr. Cian O'Sullivan C.C.

021-4876171

Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

25-Feb-2019 to 03-Mar-2019

Laurence Cunningham

Virginia Harrington

Cork Scripture Group

Title: The Gospel of John: Reflecting on the Word made Flesh

Facilitators: Fr. John Newman and Pauline Byrne

Mondays 4th, 11th, 25th March and 1st April from 7.30 – 9.30

p.m. in Scala Centre, Blackrock (opposite Blackrock Castle)

Saturday Workshop: Ecology and the Bible

Facilitator: Sr Celine Mangan OP (formerly of UCD and Milltown Institute)

Sat March 23rd from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. in Sacred Heart Hall, Western Road

Cost: €50 [for the 4 nights and Saturday workshop]

For those who wish to attend the workshop only, the cost will be €10.

To book a place or find out more please email corkscripture-group@gmail.com

Cystic Fibrosis

Fund Raising Dance

Saturday 2nd March

GAA Pavilion – Ovens

Music by Michael Collins

Dancing 9:30pm – 12pm

Admission €10



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Mar-02 & Mar-03-2019

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

Anne O'Regan
Mairead Murphy
Finbarr Murray
Lettie Kelly

8:30 am

Helen Kelly
Michael Crowley
Eileen Corkery

11:00 am

Seamus O'Connell
Mary O'Connell
Alan O'Riordan
Geraldine Keohane
Gerard Murray / Ciaran Kellehr

10:00 am

Fionnuala McDonagh
Mary Buckley
Fiona Kelly
Martin O'Leary
Andrej Janukowicz

12:30 pm

Lucy O'Callaghan
Jackie Sheehan
Michael O'Leary
J.P.O'Leary
Ewelina Kudzynska

12 Noon

Ann-Marie Cosgrove
Phil Kennedy
Ellen O'Sullivan
Ursula McAuliffe
Sally Crowley
Helena Buckley

5:30 pm

Margaret Kelly
Noelle Buckley
Mary Breen

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