

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



**St. Mary & St. John**  
Station Road

**Sunday 22-September-2019**

**Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Jesus lamented the fact that the 'children of light' are not as astute at doing good as the wicked are at looking after themselves. It may be that some of our ineffectiveness in doing good arises from a lack of total commitment to God. We cannot have it both ways; self-concerned and love of God don't mix.*



**Christ Our Light**  
Innishmore

## **Creating Space for God**

Many people today live lives of tension and stress. Work is often pressured and the daily round of commuting can take a heavy toll on people's energy and enjoyment of life. In some cases there may be marital or family problems which add their own weight to the burden against that background it can be almost impossible for people to pray or to be able to have a spiritual life that involves any kind of encounter with God. At the same time, the pressure of those problems makes a real inner life an even greater necessity if the person is not to become burned-out or to be reduced to the level of a soulless functionary. What about the inner self? What about nourishing the hungry soul that needs sustenance? We all need to build up our inner resources. The inner world is more real than the mad rush, the competitiveness and the pressure of what we sometimes unthinkingly call "the real world"

Can we do anything about this? Yes. We can create a quiet time and place for ourselves each day. It is a matter of creating it; it won't come by itself. After all, we make time for meals, don't we? It could be a matter of sitting in a comfortable chair in a quiet room at home (for example, a bedroom), or walking slowly in a park, or going to a church, and then gradually and gently calming down. Relax your body first, and then let your emotions and your mind calm down. Spend most of the time just calming down. That includes recognising without anxiety the sources of your tension and just letting them be. This is not a time for solving problems - that comes afterwards.

Leave aside books, words and even thoughts as far as you can. (Keep a pen and paper nearby so that if you think, "I must phone Tom" you just make a note of it and set it aside. That way it won't continue to distract you.) Recognise that you are in the presence of God: you don't have to put yourself in it; you couldn't not be in it. Try to come to this quiet time without an agenda, or even expectations. Just be quite, be receptive. (This isn't complicated, but it's not easy.) Let God lead you in his own way, perhaps enabling you to become aware of yourself, to discover what may have been staring you in the face for years. The challenge is to learn to listen to what God says in silence, that silence which is not simply the absence of noise, but an inner stillness. Be prepared for surprises. The first may be that you like this and want to make more time for it. Another could be that you learn to appreciate the present moment. The present, the here and now, is a present from God. It is in the present that we begin to experience the presence of GOD in a way that is intuitive and indirect but always gentle, freeing and sometimes even funny.

## **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

### **Priest**

Let us now, in our poverty, turn in prayer to God who is rich in all blessings.

### **Reader**

For the Church; that she may preach the need for social justice and respect for the most vulnerable.

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

For those who commit the sin of racism and those who suffer its effects; May God help all believers to create a more compassionate society.

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

May our parish community and our neighbourhoods be places of kindness, where we show courtesy and compassion in our speaking and acting.

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

We pray for men and women who spend their lives at work and prayer in monasteries or as hermits. We thank God for the power and the witness of their prayer, and ask him to bless them in their vocations.

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

We raise up to the Lord all those who have died, that he, in turn, may raise them up to eternal life.

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

We pray for the intentions of all here present.

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

### **Priest**

Father, you look upon all your creatures with kindness, and so we make our prayers with complete confidence. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.***

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Louise O’Leary, Clogherbrien, Tralee.  
Chris Clarke, Wyndham Downs

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

John & Mary Lucey, Gillabbey Tce.  
Eilish Cooper, New Hampshire.  
Joseph Lombard, Coachford.  
Katrina Horgan, Castlepark.  
Christine Coady, Rosewood.  
Nuala Delaney, Inniscarra View.  
Jack, Essa & Ursula Lane, Blarney St.  
Breda McSweeney, Beech Road.  
William Crowley, Togher.  
James & Eileen O’Donovan, Leap.  
Brendan Lynch, Old Court, Greenfields.  
Philip Hall, Rosewood.  
Rita Lynch, Beech Park.  
James O’Leary, Curraheen.  
Mary, Stephen & Terry O’Driscoll, Kinsale.  
Matt Treacy, Dunmanway.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Twenty Fifth Week In Ordinary Time

22 Sunday Am. 8:4-7. Ps. 112. 1 Tim. 2: 1-8. Lk. 16: 1-13. Lect I: 910  
23 Monday Ezra 1:1-6. Ps. 125. Lk. 8:16-18. Lect II: 325  
24 Tuesday Ezra 6:7-8.12.14-20 Ps 121 Lk 8:19-21 Lect II: 327  
25 Wednesday Ezra 9:5-9. Ps. Tob. 13:2-8. Lk. 9: 1-6. Lect II:329  
26 Thursday Hag. 1:1-8. Ps. 149. Lk. 9:7-9. Lect II:331  
27 Friday Hag. 1:15-2:9. Ps. 42. Lk. 9:18-22. Lect II: 333  
28 Saturday Zech. 2:5-9, 14-15. Ps. Jer. 3:10-13. Lk. 9:43-45. Lect II: 335

**Next Sunday’s Readings 29-September-2019**

Am. 6:1, 4-7. Ps. 145. 1 Tim. 6:11-16. Lk. 16:19- 31. Lect I: 914

**BAPTISMS**

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

Callum Jay O’Connor, Glendower Court.  
Darragh David Browne, Castlepark.  
Vincas Jurgis (Vince George) Vainorius, Highfield Park.  
Megan Ava Mc Nerney, Leesdale.  
Éabha Aisling Cullinane, Tuairín Glas.  
Croía Lisa Dillon Rath, Rosewood.  
Maisie-Rose Ellen Murphy, Church View.  
Cathal Pádraig Bermingham, Classes Lake.  
Ada Martina Griffin, Cork City.  
Cillian Tomás Lynch, Carrigrohane.

**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

We are called to act with justice.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Paul reminds us to think of others and to pray for them.

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

At first, it would seem that this Gospel passage praises dishonesty, but in fact, it gives credit for a clever and quick response. There was a man who managed the land for his master. What his misdeeds were not quite clear, but something had gone wrong in their relationship and the manager was about to be fired. Not physically able to dig ditches and too proud to beg, the manager worried about how he would live. In a quick response, he went to all the people who owed his master produce and had them change their bills to reflect a lesser amount. In this way, the people who saved money would welcome the manager into their homes once he had been fired. The master wasn't rewarding the manager for his dishonesty, but for his cleverness and quick thinking. The point Jesus wanted to make with this parable was to let the crowd know that they should be wise in their use of the world's goods, because if they are used selfishly, they will fail us. However, if we share our resources with others, true wealth will await us in the Kingdom. The final point of Jesus' words was that we cannot serve two masters, God and money.

**Reflection for Parents**

Children learn at a young age that "buying friends" is a possibility. Even we adults use our resources to entertain friends. How often do we do things with our friends that we think will build our relationships by spending money either on food, entertainment, or gifts? The point of this Gospel is to help us remember that the most important way we can use our resources is in the service of others. From time to time, as we see our children selecting elaborate birthday gifts for a friend, or wanting to include friends in an expensive form of entertainment, we may need to remind them and ourselves of the message in today's Gospel.

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**World Mental Health Day**

**Wednesday, October 9th, 11am**

Emmet Stones (Health Promotion Unit, HSE) will visit Ballincollig Library to talk on - Compassion - Managing Stress - Boosting Resilience & other topics on Well-Being - All Welcome!

**Rosary for Faith & Life**

The Rosary for Faith and Life will take place on the 13th of October 2019. We are asking you to find a location in your area and join us in praying the Rosary there at 2.30pm on the 13th of October. We are joining with countries all around the world on that day to pray for a return to the Faith and for the protection of the unborn. For further information or to register your location please go to:

[www.coastalrosaryireland.ie](http://www.coastalrosaryireland.ie)

**The Link between Liturgy and Life**

The Church has a vital role to play in shaping responsible citizens with moral character and with a willingness to contribute to the well-being of society. The liturgy and worship of the Church have much to do with these admirable goals. At divine worship, people receive the grace to help them to be formed ever more closely to Christ. The saving grace of the dying and rising of Christ are communicated to us in the Sacraments so that we might live more perfectly Christ's truth and virtues such as love, justice, mercy and compassion.

Every Mass ends with the mission to go forth and serve the Lord. This sending means that the love of God and neighbour and the moral implications of the Beatitudes and the Ten Commandments should be witnessed by the participants in everyday life. People of faith know that their liturgical experience provides a unique spiritual vision and strength for making this a better world.

The lives of the saints provide ample evidence of this truth. Saints of every age have improved healthcare and education and fostered the human dignity of the poor, the oppressed and the society at large. Saints attribute their remarkable energies to the power that comes from prayer and above all from the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist.

(Irish Catholic Catechism for Adults)

Did you know...

- 🔴 1 in 4 people will need a blood transfusion.
- 🔴 3,000 units of blood are needed each week.
- 🔴 Just 1 donation can save up to 3 lives.



**You can be a hero - Come visit us**

Monday & Tuesday in **BALLINCOLLIG GAA Pavilion**

Wednesday & Thursday in **OVENS Eire Og GAA Hall**

5pm – 8.30pm each day

**30<sup>th</sup> September – 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2019**



Ring 021 4807400 for more information

**Bulletin Board**

**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.

**First Holy Communion Dates 2020**

Scoil Barra	Saturday 25th April
Our Lady of Good Counsel	Saturday 25th April
Scoil Eoin	Saturday 9th May
Scoil Mhuire	Saturday 16th May
Gaelscoil Uí Ríordáin	Saturday 23rd May

**Confirmation Dates for 2020**

Scoil Barra	Wednesday 4th March
Our Lady of Good Counsel	Wednesday 4th March
Scoil Mhuire	Tuesday 24th March
Gaelscoil Uí Ríordáin	Wednesday 1st April
Scoil Eoin	Tuesday 21st April

**Envelope Collection for Priesthood Education**

The annual envelope collection for the Education of Students to the Priesthood takes place next weekend Saturday/Sunday September 28th & 29th. The cost of educating each student for the Priesthood can be as much as €30,000 per year. The Diocese has a number of men training for the Permanent Diaconate. This collection is the principal source of funding for the education of our clerical students. This collection has also been used to subsidise a number of lay people from the Diocese who are involved in their parishes and are studying Theology as well as funding further study for the priests.

**Fr. George & Fr. Cian**

**Music Morning**

The monthly Music Morning in the Ballincollig Library will resume next Tuesday, 24th at 11.00am.

Ted Murphy will be the presenter.

Everyone is welcome and a cuppa will be served.

**Gougane Sunday**

**Annual Pilgrimage to Honour St. Finbarr**

The feast day of St. Finbarr, Patron Saint of the Diocese of Cork, is celebrated on the 25th of September.

This year pilgrims will gather on Sunday, September 29th, to celebrate 'Gougane Sunday'.

Rosary will be recited in the Oratory at 2.30 pm and Mass will be celebrated there at 3.00 pm.

Most Rev. Fintan Gavin, Bishop of Cork and Ross will celebrate the Mass and Rev. Anthony O'Mahony, Parish Priest of Uibh Laoire, will preach the homily.

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Sep-28 & Sep-29-2019

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**

Ben Purcell  
Alicia Leahy

**8:30 am**

Pat Fennell  
Kate Healy

**10:00 am**

Erin Holmes  
Saoirse McGuinness

**12:00 Noon**

Declan Chalmers

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**

Nonye Ebili

**11:00 am**

Kristian Calvert  
Amy Ni Chearbhaill

**12:30 pm**

Kay Carew  
Abi Slattery

**5:30 pm**

Marlyn O' Connor

**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

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**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

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Fr. Cian O'Sullivan C.C.

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**Funeral Pastoral Team Rota**

23-Sep-2019 to 29-Sep-2019

Michael O'Leary

Kay O'Sullivan

**The Greater Chernobyl Cause**

The Greater Chernobyl Cause works in the Ukraine, Russia and in Kazakhstan by building and repairing orphanages, hospitals and care centres, providing humanitarian aid and by assisting and running educational and medical programmes. We rely on donations to keep these programmes running.

We are actively seeking volunteers to help with our shop which is based upstairs in Merchants Quay Shopping Centre. This is a charity shop with a difference, all items in the shop are brand new.

Please don't hesitate to look at our website [www.greaterchernobylcause.ie](http://www.greaterchernobylcause.ie) or to contact Fiona on 087 9536133.

**Padre Pio Pilgrimage**

(Visiting Pietrelcina, San Giovanni Rotondo and the Shrine of St Michael the Archangel)

9-13 October 2019.

Cost €699 per person sharing  
Spiritual director: Fr Ben Hodnett

Booking:

Full details on [www.marian.ie](http://www.marian.ie) or Marian Pilgrimages 01-8788159

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Sep-28 & Sep-29-2019

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6.00 pm**

Bernadette Bell  
Betty Casey  
Frank Riordan  
Siobhan Riordan  
Pauline Quane  
Aisling Leahy

**7:30 pm**

Sheila O'Connor  
Brid Healy-Harris  
Kit Cahill  
Mary Murphy

**8:30 am**

Mary Buckley  
Mary B. Murphy

**11:00 am**

Angela Cunningham  
Laurence Cunningham  
Eileen Byrne  
Bernadett Spillane  
David Mahony

**10:00 am**

Betty Flavin  
Anne Spillane  
Anne O'Connell  
Con O'Connell

**12:30 pm**

Eileen Garvey  
Betty Walsh  
Theresa O'Driscoll

**12 Noon**

Seamus O'Donovan  
Eleanor Knowles  
Catherine Greene  
Joan Barrett  
Frances Hogan  
Mary O'Leary

**5:30 pm**

Sheila Curran  
Margaret Kelly  
Noelle Buckley

**Prayer in time of Bereavement**

Lord, you are close to the broken-hearted. Be with me now in my grief and loneliness.

Give me the courage to face my loss and not to grieve in silence. Be with me as I struggle

With many different and painful feelings.

Ease the hurt in my heart. Encircle me in your love. Help me to believe that one day

I will no longer have this deep sorrow. May I find comfort in sharing my grief

With those who understand the strong bonds of love.

Stay with me, Lord, support me.

Help me to know that your power is at work within me

As I deal with my grief. Amen.