

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 19-January-2020

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus came as the Servant of God to serve the deepest needs of people. He offered his life to remove the tragedy of sin from human life and so restore us to peace with God, and each other.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

The Lamb of God

John the Baptist in the gospel this weekend makes an act of faith in the person of Jesus. Look there is "Lamb of God" "someone who has existed forever," "the bearer of the Holy Spirit, the Son of God."

Yet John the Baptist admits, "I did not know him." John and Jesus are from the same family and are almost the same age; John very likely knew Joseph and Mary but did not recognise in him "the lamb of God". In today's gospel in a moment of clarity, John knows Jesus. Shortly afterwards John is arrested by Herod and from prison he sends disciples to ask, "Are you the one who is to come or do we have to wait for another." We often mistake questioning for doubt. John's question is a sign of a genuine search for God.

May we be able to say with assurance "Behold the lamb of God."

Fr. George O'Mahony

Well Done to our Students

The parish and our neighbouring parish of Ovens extends its congratulations to Coláiste Choilm and students Cormac Harris and Alan O'Sullivan for obtaining the overall prize in the 2020 BT Young Scientists & Technology Exhibition for their ground-breaking research on gender bias in young schoolchildren. Winning the competition for the second time in three years is a prestigious honour for Coláiste Choilm its students and teachers.

Reflection for Parents

As parents we certainly can understand the image of Jesus as "shepherd." We are constantly leading the way for our children and serving them with endless love. When they are sick or hurt, we would gladly take their pain and suffering if we could. It is clearly through these feelings that we begin to understand just what Jesus has done for us. As parents, when we show our unending love for our children, they too get an inkling of what Jesus' love is for them as well.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

In this gathering of grace and peace, let us confidently make our prayers to the Father of all graces.

Reader

As we continue through this winter season, we pray that the Church's ministry may bring the light of Christ to all men and women.

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

May God bless the efforts of all those in civic life who strive to bring the Gospel values to bear on their public service.

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

In this liturgical period known as 'Ordinary Time', we ask for the grace to live our faith in the concrete, ordinary details of life.

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

For those who find it hard to forgive; by God's mercy, may they be freed of the burdens of anger, resentment and forgiveness.

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

For the faithful departed, that they may experience the truth that for God's faithful, at the time of death life is changed, not ended.

**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

Help us, Father, to wait patiently on your goodness, confident that your providence is at work in all things. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Josephine Corkery, Daffodil Fields.

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

Fintan Browne, Innishmore Drive.
 Denis O’Callaghan, Innishmore Grove.
 John Cotter, Wyndham Downs.
 Mary Daly, Beech Park.
 Daniel Riordan, Rathcoole.
 Jerry & Maura Hurley, Ballinora.
 Tony Ahern, Farran.
 Eddie O’Donovan, Station Road.
 Fr. Christy Harrington.
 Joseph Sheehan, Kilcorney.
 PJ Hagan, Sunningdale.
 Timothy Dinneen, Curraheen.
 Timothy & Joan Murphy, Currabeg.
 Richard Fitton, Ballincollig/Aherla.
 Kevin Byrne, Parknamore.
 Haulie O’Mahony, Main Road.
 Mary Murphy, Ballinhassig.
 Fr. Jerome McCarthy, M.S.C.
 Michael Hickey, Scotland/Ballincollig.
 Una Twohig, Inniscarra View.
 Dec. Mem’s of Murphy Family.
 Donal Coughlan, Schull.
 Chris Foley, Muskerry Estate.
 Michael Canty, Daffodil Fields
 Sheila O’Mahony, Coachford/Ballyvolane.

He who truly desires Love, seeks it truly. And he who truly seeks it, surely finds it. And he who finds it has found the Fountain of Life

St. Francis de Sales

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Second Week In Ordinary Time

19 Sunday Is. 49:3,5-6. Ps. 39. 1 Cor. 1:1-3. In. 1:29-34. Lect I: 641
 20 Monday 1 Sam. 15:16-23. Ps. 49. Mk. 2:18-22. Lect II: 470
 21 Tuesday 20 Tuesday 1 Sam. 16: 1-13. Ps. 88. Mk. 2:23-28. Lect II: 472
 22 Wednesday 1 Sam. 17:32-51. Ps. 143. Mk. 3:1-6. Lect II: 475
 23 Thursday 1 Sam. 18:6-9,19:1-7. Ps. 55. Mk. 3:7-12. Lect II: 477
 24 Friday 1 Sam. 24:3-21. Ps. 56. Mk. 3:13-19. Lect II: 479
 25 Saturday Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9: 1-22. Ps. 116. Mk. 16: 15-18. Lect II: 928

Next Sunday’s Readings 26-January-2020

Is. 8:23-9:3. Ps. 26. 1 Cor. 1:10-13, 17. Mt. 4:12-23. Lect I: 644

BAPTISMS

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

Alex Tadhg O’Donovan, Leevue.
 Conor Barry O’Kelly, Ovens.

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6
 The Lord said, "You are my servant, Israel, through whom I show my glory. . . . I will make you a light to the nations that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3
 "Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus," greeted the holy people of the Corinthian church with God's grace and peace. He addressed them as "sanctified in Christ Jesus."

Gospel: John 1:29-34.
 John the Baptist knew Jesus as his cousin, but it is not clear until we read today's Gospel that John recognised Jesus as the promised Messiah. John called Jesus the "Lamb of God." We are familiar with the title for Jesus, "Lamb of God," because we hear it in our Eucharistic prayers during mass. The Lamb of God comes to take away the sins of the world. And, indeed, Jesus died that we might be free of our sins. The lamb figured in much of Jewish tradition, especially as a symbol of sacrifice, but certainly we recognize the image of "shepherd" as one who leads the flock through darkness and difficult terrain. The message of John's gospel is for us—the simple sheep - to follow Jesus, the shepherd.

Pope Francis' Finger Prayer

Using the fingers on your hand, start with the thumb and pray these intentions in this order:

- 1.) The thumb is closest finger to you. So start praying for those who are closest to you. They are the persons easiest to remember. To pray for our dear ones is a "Sweet Obligation."
- 2.) The next finger is the index. Pray for those who teach you, instruct you and heal you. They need the support and wisdom to show direction to others. Always keep them in your prayers.
- 3.) The following finger is the tallest. It reminds us of our leaders, the governors and those who have authority. They need God's guidance.
- 4.) The fourth finger is the ring finger. Even though it may surprise you, it is our weakest finger. It should remind us to pray for the weakest, the sick or those plagued by problems. They need your prayers.
- 5.) And finally we have our smallest finger, the smallest of all. Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. When you are done praying for the other four groups, you will be able to see your own needs but in the proper perspective, and also you will be able to pray for your own needs in a better way.

**A Winter Road Safety Message
Primary Road Safety Winter Hazards**

- Reduced visibility
- Glare of sun due being lower in the skyline
- Shorter days/ lower levels of daylight,
- Fallen leaves, rain and ice creating wet and slippery surfaces.

Pedestrians & Cyclists

- Be Seen - Light Up
- Wear Bright Reflective Clothing
- Stay on designated cycle and pedestrian pathways where possible
- Take extra care crossing at road junctions

Driver Safety

- Allow more Time for your Trip
- Reduce Speed / Slow Down
- Check and Switch on Lights (even during day time)
- Check Your Tyre Grip & Air Pressure

*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.*

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.

Diocesan (Second) Collection

The quarterly collection in aid of the Diocesan Funds will be taken up this weekend 18th & 19th January at all masses.

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.

Fr. George & Fr. Cian

If God Has Your Heart

St. Therese of Lisieux used to say

"If God has your heart he has everything;
If he hasn't got your heart, he has nothing."

Parents may give their children many things but if they don't give them love they are deprived. The same is true of children towards their parents when the parents are old. They can put them into fine nursing homes and see that they are materially well looked after but if they don't give them love the most important thing is missing. It is the same with Jesus. He wants our friendship, our company, more than anything else.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Come in love and power and bring us life.

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.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Jan-25 & Jan-26-2020

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)

Ben Purcell
Alicia Leahy
8:30 am
John Healy
Kerry O'Leary
10:00 am
Louise McCarthy

12:00 Noon
Dia Harry Thomas

7:30 pm (Vigil)

Nonye Ebili
Yago Greaux
11:00 am
Ciara Healy
Luke Telford
12:30 pm
Gretta Fleming
Triona Downey
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

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Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

20-Jan-2020 to 26-Jan-2020

Joan Barrett
Margot Twomey

Reflection

I pray Lord, for the needy of our world: come among us as one who will help, and call us all to help the hungry and sick, the uneducated and homeless, those who are victims of violence and war, the lonely and depressed. May your coming this Christmas be for them a time of peace and love; may we bring to them, in what way we can the joy of your coming.



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Jan-25 & Jan-26-2020

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
Diarmuid Horgan
Sylvia Manley

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

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

Night Prayer

Now I am going to sleep and if this sleep be for me the sleep of death then may your own mighty hand lead me from the light of this world into the great light of eternity. Our night prayers are our final conversation of the day with God, and this lovely old prayer from the Scottish Gaelic is a wonderful example of the spirit that should permeate our night prayer. This little prayer touches on so much of Christian faith and hope. It is a solemn but confident handing over of ourselves to God's loving care; it is a calm acknowledgement that we are pilgrims on this earth and that day by day, night by night, our heavenly Father is leading us to himself and to our heavenly home. Such an approach can help make our night prayer a richer experience. Many of us may have been encouraged or even dragooned, in our earliest years - 'Say your night prayers' before going to bed. What did that mean for us? Perhaps it was a quick act of contrition for anything we had done wrong in the day. Now, an examination of conscience and an act of contrition at the end of the day are excellent practices, and I hope we are doing this and leading our children to do likewise. However, our night prayer is not to consist of these acts only - it is, like all our prayers, to be centred on God and his grace. It reaches out to God in gratitude, contrition, trust, hope and petition. We need not focus straight away on our failures, rather try and see how God was with us during the day, what God was doing with us and for us, and how we responded. then we can thank God for his grace at work in us and ask pardon for our failures. Finally, we can ask God for the blessings of his protection and a good night's rest - no small matter in our stressful world.