

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 01-February-2009

Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

For some people it is a fearful thing to imagine being face to face with God. For those in Christ, however, such fear is overcome because with him the presence of God neither torments nor annihilates but brings human life to perfection.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

God's Words!

As we heard recently, the boy Samuel addressed God saying: "speak Lord, your servant is listening." Sometimes we are not ready to listen to God's words, our attitude in prayer is more akin to: "listen, Lord, your servant is speaking." Our Church teaches that ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ (Dei Verbum). We listen to God when we listen to Scripture read during the Liturgy of the Word, and when we read our Bibles at home, alone or with others.

Today's reading from Deuteronomy tells of a prophet to be raised up by God, a new Moses, in whose mouth God will put His words. Jesus' words are the words of God, and we may ask ourselves if we are ready to listen to them, or do we prefer just to speak ourselves. The psalm laments "O that today you would listen to his voice, harden not your hearts," and we remember the voice of the Father on the Mount of the Transfiguration, "this is my beloved Son, listen to him!"

We are still in Chapter 1 of Mark's gospel, and the scene is being set for the story of Jesus' mission. His preaching made a deep impression on those in the synagogue at Capernaum, it was teaching with authority and the listeners asked, "what is this?" Here also was a revelation of power, there was power in the words spoken by Jesus, God's words, spoken by the Word of God, words to confront evil. Jesus was the Holy One of God, the strong one that John the Baptist had spoken of, who had come to put things right, who had come to give life. He comes to confront the darkness in our live too, and to say to the death voices of our contemporary world, "be quiet!" He speaks to our addictions, our attitudes of selfish individualism, our sin.

The Psalmist says "O that today you would listen to his voice," the choice is ours, to listen or not. Are we ready to be healed, to be set free. Are we ready to live out his words in our lives and share in the prophetic ministry of Christ by witnessing to the life-giving power of those words in a world sorely in need of witnesses. Let's pray that we will have the courage to be still for a while so that we may hear and heed the voice of God, that we may say, "speak Lord, your servant is listening."

Billy O'Sullivan

Reflection for Parents

It is an awesome responsibility to have authority over another person. Our very use of that authority has the potential of lifting people up or tearing them down. The greatest responsibility we have rests in the authority we have over our children. The words we choose, the tone of voice we use to speak to them and the actions our children see us take, relate to them the authority Jesus has over us. It's often a sobering experience to think back over the day and recall what kind of witness we've been for Jesus. Our hope is that we can try again tomorrow.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

We now bring our prayers to God, whose care of all creation has been shown to us in the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth.

Reader

Through the power of Jesus, we pray that all the students of our Catholic Schools will be enabled to develop their full potential as human beings made in the image and likeness of God and become people who experience life in all its fullness.

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

We pray with gratitude, for all the teachers in our Catholic Schools. May they, in their work, continue to combine the authority and compassion of Jesus.

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

We give thanks too for all those who exercise a ministry of healing in home or hospital, in our parish and in our society.

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

We pray that each person - married, single, widowed or celibate - may give themselves to the affairs of God by the way they live their lives.

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

That all world leaders may be guided in their task of governing and reconciling peoples and nations.

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

We pray for those who have died. May the Lord lead them by the hand to the place of perfect peace.

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

Priest

Father, we pray to you through the presence of the risen Jesus who frees us from all evil and oppression, hear us and grant us what we ask in his name.
Amen.

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Visit Our Website: www.ballincolligparish.ie

BAPTISMS

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

Dylan James Murphy, The Avenue, Highfield Park.
 Hannah Rose Ryan, An Caislean View.
 Audrey Mary Kane, Beech Park.
 Kellan Anthony Pdraig Kirby, Westcourt.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Dermot O'Reilly, Madonna House.
 Kevin Byrne, Parknamore.
 Wade Lambert, Rosewood.
 Bill Daly, Douglas.

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

Jack McCarthy, Ballintemple.
 Kitty & Bill O'Sullivan, Pouladuff.
 John & Tadgh O'Regan, Poulavone.
 John Murphy, Clash.
 Eileen Murphy, Windsor.
 Joe & Mary Brennan, Kilkenny.
 Margaret McKenna.
 Josephine Boylan, Maple Lawn.
 Ted & Bridie Brennan, Kilkenny.
 Margaret McSweeney, Kilnaglorry.
 Jack & Eileen Lucey, Station Cross.
 Paddy Lucey, Carriganarra.
 John Cashman, Glounthane.
 Noel Goarty Hawthorn Avenue.
 Pat Manning, Farranree.
 Frank Collins, Ballingulley.
 Mary & Gilbert Considine, Kilmihil Close
 Deceased members of the Murphy Family.
 Sheila O'Donovan, Rochestown.
 Phil Murphy, South Douglas Road
 Martin & Emily Murphy, Hodders Villas.
 Michael, Elizabeth & Michael (Jnr) Cunningham, Waterford
 Tim & Emily O'Herihly, Glasheen.
 Kieran Brennan, Shamrock Drive.
 Tim O'Mahony, Ballymacoda.
 Mary O'Leary, Tower.
 Tom Mulqueen, Rosewood.
 Thomas Reck, Innishmore.

Bereavement Support

The next Bereavement Support Programme will commence on Tuesday 3rd February 2009 and will continue each Tuesday night for 8 weeks.
 For further information, please contact Sr Colette O'Leary: 086.3557375 or the Parish Office: 4871206.



The Coeliac Society of Ireland

Date: Tuesday, 3rd of February, 2009
 Place: SMA Hall, Wilton
 Time: 8.00 p.m.
 Talk from Anne Manning, who is responsible for Manufacturers Booklet, and from Ellen O'Mahony, Dietitian
 Refreshments will be served.
 Everyone welcome.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Fourth Week In Ordinary Time

- 01 Sunday Deut 18:15-20. Ps 94. 1 Cor 7:32-35. Mk 1:21-28. Lect I: 745.
- 02 Monday Mal. 3: 1-4 or Heb. 2: 14-18. Ps. 23. Lk. 2:22-40. Lect I: 967 or II: 940
- 03 Tuesday Heb 12:1-4. Ps 21. Mk 5:21-43. Lect II: 42
- 04 Wednesday Heb 12:4-7, 11-15. Ps 102. Mk6:1-6. Lect II: 45
- 05 Thursday Heb. 12: 18-19, 21-24. Ps. 47. Mk. 6:7-13. Lect II: 47
- 06 Friday Heb. 13: 1-8. Ps. 26. Mk. 6: 14-29. Lect II: 49
- 07 Saturday Heb. 13: 15-17. Ps. 22. Mk. 6:30-34. Lect II: 51

Next Sunday's Readings 08-February-2009
 Job 7:1-4, 6-7. Ps 146. 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23. Mk 1:29-39. Lect I: 747

Scoil Barra

Presents 'MAMMA MIA!

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Performed and produced by the pupils, staff, parents and friends of Scoil Barra under the direction of Karen O'Sullivan. Don't miss the opportunity to see this wonderful theatrical treat! The show runs from **Sunday 8th February to Friday 13th of February at 8 p.m. nightly** and tickets are available from Scoil Barra, Innishmore. Tel. 021-4873459.

Celebrating 8 Years of Vigils

First Friday Vigil of Reparation / Adoration in South Presentation Chapel, Douglas Street, Cork. First Friday Mass 10.30 pm.
 Celebrant: Bishop John Buckley.
 All Welcome.

Calling all Family Carers!

Cork City and County Carers' Forum will take place on Thursday 26th February at The Ambassador Hotel, Military Hill at 8 pm.
 Speaker Kathy Sinnott MEP
 All are welcome. Refreshments served afterwards.
 For more information contact the carers association on 021 4806397

Society of St. Vincent De Paul

Monthly Collection

This Weekend
 31st January & 1st February 2009
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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20
 God promises to raise up a prophet who will speak God's word to the people.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35
 St Paul explains that the gift of celibacy helps him give full attention to the Lord.

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28
 Much of Jesus' teaching took place in a synagogue and specifically in today's reading, the synagogue at Capernaum was filled with Jewish people from Galilee. Jesus' listeners were surprised by his knowledge and authority. He especially surprised them when he cast out an evil spirit from one of the men. The evil spirit recognized who Jesus was and called him "the Holy One of God." The people didn't understand this meaning. Only the evil spirit recognised Jesus. The people, however, were impressed by Jesus' deeds and brought others to him for healing.

Open Day

At Coláiste Stiofáin Naofa,
 College of Further Education, Tramore Road, Cork.
 Friday, 6th February, 10 am to 3 pm.
 40 Full-time and Part-time courses.
 Talk to students, meet the tutors.
 Information meetings every hour.
 All welcome.

Alpha Training Seminar

Saturday February 7th In the Haven, Cork
 Fr. Pat Collins and Helen Murray will outline the principles and practicalities of Alpha.
 Bishop John Buckley will open this Seminar.
 For further information contact Sr. Bridget Dunne,
 The Haven, Bachelor's Quay, Cork on 021-4251100.
 Email: bridgetdunne@eircom.net

**Ballincollig Parish
 Bereavement Support**

The next Bereavement Support Programme will commence on Tuesday 3rd February 2009 and will continue each Tuesday night for 8 weeks. This programme is held in a small group setting and is open to all who are grieving the death of loved ones. During grief it is normal to experience many emotions such as shock, numbness, anger, guilt, loneliness, depression. A Bereavement Support Group provides a safe place where the bereaved can, in a confidential setting, share their experiences with others, explore the different stages of grief, and be supported during a difficult time. For further information, please contact Sr Colette O'Leary: 086.3557375 or the Parish Office: 4871206.

Scoil Eoin

Was established in 1953 and has a long and proud history in Ballincollig.
 Pupils of 5th class (Ms. Crowley) are currently researching its history.

Can you help?

If you have anything to contribute in the line of stories, photos, memorabilia, etc.
 Please contact the School Reception at (021)4871321

Bulletin Board

First Friday

Friday February 6th is the first Friday of the month. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St Mary & St John from 6:30 pm to 8 pm, followed by evening Mass at 8 pm. You are invited to come and spend some time with the Lord. 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.

Baptism Preparation.

The next Baptism preparation will take place on **Saturday February 14th in the Library Room, Community Hall, Station Road at 1 pm.** 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? We recommend parents book baptisms a few weeks in advance in order to give ample time to take part in the preparation.

Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord.

Monday 2nd February the feast of the Presentation of Our Lord, candles will be blessed during the morning masses.

Feast of St. Blaise

Tuesday 3rd February is the feast of St. Blaise. Throats will be blessed after morning masses and at 7.00 pm in St Mary & St John.

Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund

Special Envelope Collection next weekend February 7th & 8th. This collection subsidises the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes for individuals whose health and / or means would otherwise prevent them from travelling to Lourdes. It also subsidises medical expenses and the travel of essential care personnel.

Baptism Notice

There will be **NO** Baptisms on Easter Saturday, 11th April, 2009

Catholic Paper

Copies of the Catholic Paper -**The Universe** - are available in both Churches every week.

St Oliver's Cemetery

The new extension to St Oliver's Cemetery is now open. The Co. Council are now selling plots, anybody interested please contact Mr Lane the caretaker at St Oliver's phone 021 4873709.

Fr. George

Msza Św. Mass in Polish

w języku polskim w Ballincollig
 21 luty - 21 February
 sobota - 19:00 - Saturday 19:00
 Zapraszamy
 Powiadom znajomych

Coffee Mornings

Following the success of The Coffee Mornings held in the Church of Christ our Light during 2008, we would again like to invite all Parishioners to join us for a cuppa & chat in the crying room after the 12:30 pm Masses on:

Sunday 15th February
 St, Patrick's Day, Tuesday 17th March
**Communications Group
 Ballincollig Parish Council.**

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Feb-07 & Feb-08-2009

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Aine Sheehan
Mark Prendergast
8:30 am
Elizabeth Daly
10:00 am
Hannah Bunyan
Stephen Bunyan
12:00 Noon
Miriam Maunsell
Evan Smith

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Pauline Collins
Niall Cronin
11:00 am
Meabh Nic Mheanmain
Maire Buckley
12:30 pm
Bernard Valley
5:30 pm
Emily Hardman

MASS TIMES

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

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| 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 & 8 pm | 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

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|--------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| 4:30 pm | Saturday | 4:30 pm |
| Except First Saturday of Month | | First Saturday of Month |
| 12:45 pm | Sunday | |



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Feb-07 & Feb-08-2009

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Patsie Murphy
Marie Bohan
Mary Walsh
Marie Healy
Margaret Kearney
Nora Barry

7:30 pm Sheila O'Connor
John Canty
Brid Healy-Harris
Kit Cahill
11:00 am Carmel Ryan
Angela Cunningham
Laurence Cunningham
Eileen Byrne

8:30 am Theresa Lucey
Rita Murphy
Mona Holland

10:00 am Tadgh Murphy
Mary Murphy
Joan Tobin
Tony O'Leary
Phil Kennedy
Seamus O'Shea

12:30 pm Eileen Garvey
Sally Power
Breda Callanan
Catherine Freehill
Attracta McKiernan

12 Noon Michael Crowley
Breda Lenihan
Noel Hennessey
Jacinta Jeffers
Rena O'Connor
Sean Farrell

5:30 pm Phil O'Connell
Maire McCullagh
Olan O'Mahony

PARISH CLERGY

Priest on Duty 087-2479140

Fr. George O'Mahony P.P. 021-4871206
Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C. 021-4877161
Fr. Billy O'Sullivan C.C. 021-4876171
Fr. James McSweeney 021-4873308



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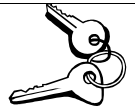
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Sat 10:30 am - 12 Noon. Phone No. (021) 4871206, Office Secretary Catherine Crowley.



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