

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 01-February-2015

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

## ***The Lord Our Teacher***

Today we celebrate him who speaks with AUTHORITY and to whom we must give our undivided attention. Some of the political parties, we are told, both in Ireland and across the pond are setting themselves on Election Mode. The political structures and machines are being set in motion with manifestos; the seeking and choosing of candidates; raising funding and finances; dealing with media as they build into a mode of frenzy. We then as citizens ponder and reflect on who we might give our mandate to as regards running the affairs of the State nationally and locally.

In the Church itself there is a period of transition as our own Diocese and others await decisions regarding leadership. It is always our hope that any leader is and will be somebody that people can identify with and who understands the realities of its citizens or flock. A leader with the ability to speak for those who need a voice. A leader humble enough to have honesty as an integral part of their work and ministry so that their words and actions match. Is all of that possible? Up to now I didn't use the word AUTHORITY as sometimes the word will have a very negative connotation. We tend to think of authority mostly in terms of imposing a position, a charge, a penalty, a law etc.

Now let us look at the concept of authority that is used to describe Jesus. The word authority is used in a positive and complimentary way. It is because His Words and Truths were uplifting, life-giving, life enhancing, offering direction, and offering potential, possibility. His altogether new type of Leadership was coming from one willing to be humble to serve to lead in a different way than before. His words and deeds were spoken with authority. As a leader he ate with sinners - touched the hands of lepers - prayed to His father - sat at the least important seat - allowed Himself to be called all sorts of names such as Son of the Devil instead Son of God - allowed Himself to form a gathering of people who would let Him down and betray Him. His leadership has authority because we understand all of His words and actions are coming from a place of love, God's love, Divine Love, and a human love enveloped by God's love.

Even in the leadership that Jesus offers He allows us to freely believe, freely listen, freely respond, and freely choose. No coercion just love.

*Dave O'Connell*

## ***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**

Let us pray with confidence to bring our needs before the Lord, knowing that he will listen to our cries as Jesus listened to the cry of the sick man in the synagogue.

### **Reader**

For the Pope and the Bishops: that they may preach the Gospel with authority.

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

For all who hold public office: that their deeds may match their words.

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

For the victims of broken promises.

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

For those who are suffering from mental illness, and for those who care for them.

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

For all gathered here: that our lives may bear witness to the faith we profess with our lips.

**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**

Lord, grant that what we have said with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and practice in our lives. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

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**BAPTISMS**

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

- Casey Emily Hegarty, Highfield Park.
- Satanna Kathleen O'Driscoll, Greystones.
- Maggie Rose Creedon, Cherry Walk.
- Lucey Marie Creedon, Cherry Walk.
- Tadhg Robert Ryan, An Caislean.
- Alba Furones-Bell, Maglin View.

**† IN SYMPATHY †**

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

- John Cotter, Wyndham Downs.
- Noreen Kelly-Fenick, Blarney.
- Teresa Langford, Farran.
- Eileen Gardiner, Grenagh.
- George Farrell, Dublin.
- Eileen Dinneen, Gurranabraher.

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

- Catherine Herbert, Inniscarra View.
- Denis & Kate Calnan, Youghal.
- Timothy & John O'Regan, Poulavone.
- Paddy Horgan, Inniscarra
- Margaret McSweeney, Kilnaglory.
- Bernard & Josephine Boylan, Maple Lawn.
- Catherine Wall, Ballinspittle.
- Mary Keyes, Ballyphehane.
- Joe Crowley, Copeen.
- Dec. Members Kelleher & O'Brien families, Bandon.
- Shay Graham, Glincool.
- Ellen O'Sullivan, Glanmire.
- Timothy Dinneen, Curraheen Cross.
- Nora Buttimer, Ahakeera.
- Kevin Broderick, Lough/Crosshaven/Ballincollig.
- Jerry O'Connor, Sunningdale.
- Mary Whelan, Rosewood.
- Shelia O'Donovan, Rochestown.
- Derry Murphy, Powdermills.
- Ellen Lucey, Station Cross.
- Paddy Lucey, Carriganarra.
- Thomas & Ellen Scully, Castlemartyr.
- Deirdre Cairns, Glendower.
- Cornelius Harrington, Skibbereen.
- Billy Coyle, Glincool Grove.
- Peter & Ellen Murphy, Winsor.
- George Knowles, Ballyphehane.
- Kitty & Con McCarthy, Poulavone.
- Charlie, Delia & Orla Kinnane, Douglas & Clare.
- Tim Murphy, Glounthaune.
- Shelia Murphy, Carrigrohane & Clash Road.
- Connie Jim O'Sullivan, Castletown-Kinneigh.
- Connie Jack O'Sullivan, Castletown-Kinneigh.

**Church of St. Mary & St. John  
Concert**

Cork ETB Youth Orchestra with special guests  
Today Sunday 1st February 2015 @ 7.00pm  
Free admission (...bring a cushion for extra comfort)

**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/2015**

Job 7:1-4, 6-7. Ps 146. 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23. Mk 1:29-39. Lect I: 747

**Listen...**

**...do you want to know a secret?**

Jesus Christ loves you with a real, deep, everlasting love. He says "Come to Me all of you who are tired and burdened and I will give you rest" So come and listen to a catechesis for adults and youth. Every Monday & Thursday @ 8.00pm

**St. Mark's Centre**  
**opposite Christ Our Light Church Innishmore, Ballincollig**  
More info phone Neil 086 8620569  
Baby sitting and transport can be arranged

**DYSLEXIA**

Free information evenings  
Oriell Court Hotel, Ballincollig  
Monday, 9th February, 8 pm  
  
Silversprings Hotel, Cork  
Tuesday, 10th February, 8 pm

A method that makes learning easier for people with dyslexia

**Contact:** Mary Clare Moriarty 086 4077819  
[www.dyslexia-at-bay.com](http://www.dyslexia-at-bay.com)

**Catholic Schools Week**

Catholic school week is being marked this week. Catholic schools are schools where inclusivity, tolerance, diversity and social justice are practised and encouraged. The virtues of honesty, justice, truthfulness and respect are also taught and lived. Regular prayer and preparation and the celebration of the sacraments is an integral part of the life of catholic schools.

Faith and love, those great virtues are at the centre of life in a catholic school Faith and love focus our ultimate concern on God. They foster a God focus in us. In religious terms faith makes us worshippers of God rather than of something created. Faith and Love of God refocuses our ultimate concern away from ourselves towards God. This is a time to say thanks to the dedicated teachers in our schools who share their faith and encourage faith in their pupils

Fr George

**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.

**Anam Cara Parental and Sibling Bereavement Support**

Anam Cara support groups are situated throughout Ireland and provide parents a safe, comfortable environment where they have the opportunity to connect with other bereaved parents. Anam Cara is an inclusive organisation where parents do not identify themselves by their children's age, how they died, or if their death was recent or many years ago. What Anam Cara provides is a safe place for bereaved parents to connect with others who understand the intensity of the grief and loss.

Anam Cara is holding its monthly Parent Evening on Wednesday 4th of February 2015 from 19:30 to 21:00 at the Silver Springs Hotel, Tivoli, Cork. Anam Cara Services are available free of charge to all bereaved parents.

**Creative Writing**

A 4-week workshop will take place in BRÚ COLUMBANUS, WILTON  
 Starting on Monday 2nd February, 2015  
 From 7.30 p.m. – 9.30 p.m.  
 Fee: Course - €55 / €15 per session  
 Phone: 087 6831623 to register

**Children's Corner**

**A Prayer to say...**

Dear Father in heaven, your Son is amazing, and so are you. Thank you for sending us Jesus, so that we can know the power of your love. Amen

**In the Gospel today...**

Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. There was a man who was ill. Jesus healed the man. Everyone who saw this was astonished. People saw that Jesus' words have power over evil and sickness.

**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 6.30pm 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.

**Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord**

Monday 2nd February the feast of the Presentation of Our Lord candles will be blessed at the 8.30am & 9.30am Masses

**Feast of St Blaise**

Tuesday 3rd February is the feast of St Blaise. Throats will be blessed at 7.30pm in the church of St Mary & St John.

**Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund**

Special Envelope Collection next weekend February 7th & 8th . This collection subsidises the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage for individuals whose health/or means would otherwise prevent them from travelling to Lourdes. It also subsidises medical expenses, travel and care personnel. Diocesan Pilgrimage from June 11th to June 16th Last year 460 travelled on the pilgrimage.

**Baptism Preparation**

The next Baptism preparation will take place on Saturday March 7th at 12.00 noon in the Annex, 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.

**New Ministers of the Eucharist**

Presently in Ballincollig Parish we are inviting parishioners to volunteer to become Ministers of the Eucharist. You are invited to minister in either Christ Our Light Church or St Mary & St John Church, approximately once a month at a week end Mass (rota will be provided).

The requirements are that you are:

- A person 18 years or over
- A person with faith in the Eucharist and anxious to deepen their own faith through ministry
- A person willing to serve and minister to others.

You are also invited to nominate a friend or neighbour as a minister of the Eucharist. Volunteers are also welcome as a Minister of the Eucharist. (Please give full name, address and contact no to Parish Office or Sacristy .) There will be a preparation for all those interested in becoming ministers.

**Ballincollig Parish Mission**

March 2nd to March 6th - Church of St. Mary & St. John  
**Fr. George**

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Feb/07 & Feb/08/2015

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**  
Rosarie Cotter  
Laura O'Keeffe  
**8:30 am**  
Tom McDonagh  
Sean Casey  
**10:00 am**  
Eoin McDonagh  
Diandra Buckley  
**12:00 Noon**  
Sean Hennessy  
Shane Lehane

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**  
Fiona Feely  
**11:00 am**  
Tomás Buckley  
Michael Buckley  
**12:30 pm**  
Joseph Manning  
Niamh Murray  
**5:30 pm**  
Christine O'Brien

**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. Dave O'Connell C.C.	021-4876171 or frdaveoconnell@gmail.com
Fr. James McSweeney	021-4873308

**Funeral Pastoral Team Rota**

Week 2nd Feb to 8th Feb

Michael O'Leary  
Kay O'Sullivan

**Social / Coffee Mornings**

Continue every Friday morning in parish house "Sonas" on Station Road at 10 am.

Everyone welcome as it is an ideal opportunity to get and know people from our community.

**The Alliance of the Two Hearts  
All-night Vigil of Reparation & Adoration**

First Friday 6th February

**C.U.H. Hospital Chapel  
Wilton, Cork.**

Rosary Starts @ 9pm

First Friday Mass @ 9.30pm

First Saturday Mass @ Midnight Friday

(Come for all or part of the night)



**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Feb/07 & Feb/08/2015

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6.00 pm** Eileen Murphy  
Ted Nelligan  
Eileen Corkery  
Maurice Bunyan  
Sheila Walshe  
Katie Collins

**7:30 pm** John O'Donoghue  
Mary Dineen  
Mairead Keenan  
Kay O'Sullivan

**8:30 am** Helen Kelly  
Michael Crowley

**11:00 am** Mary Twomey  
Mona Bowen  
Billy Barry / Diarmuid Horgan  
Mary Aylward  
Pauline Barton

**10:00 am** Fionnuala McDonagh  
Mary Buckley  
Fiona Kelly  
Mary O'Regan  
Martin O'Leary

**12:30 pm** Maura O'Driscoll  
Mary Lehane  
Dympna Byrne  
Suzanne Leech

**12 Noon** Ann-Marie Cosgrove  
Phil Kennedy  
Ellen O'Sullivan  
Ursula McAuliffe  
Sally Crowley  
Jim Lordan

**5:30 pm** Shelia Curran  
Elizabeth O'Sullivan

**Diocesan Certificates in Biblical Studies**

Are you interested in learning more about the Bible? There are a few places available on the four module programme in Bible Study. It will include an Introduction to the Bible, the Old Testament, the Gospels and the Early Church and Paul's Letters.

**Module 1** will consist of 5 nights and one Saturday workshop and begins on Monday Feb 9th at 7.30 p.m. in Scala, Blackrock. The presenters will be Fr Seán O'Sullivan, Diane Corkery, Mons Ned Goold and Fr. Kieran O'Mahony OSA.

**Cost:** €50 per module

For information and booking: contact Cork Scripture Group at corksripturegroup@gmail.com or 021-4295144 (Marian or Phil)