

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

150 Years



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 01-November-2015

Feast of All Saints

Today we remember all the saints who share the happiness of heaven. We are called to be saints by becoming children of God, by becoming more like our Father. This is our greatest possible fulfilment. It begins already, if we ourselves be moulded by the Beatitudes.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Feast of All Saints

And closing thoughts as Fr Dave leaves Ballincollig to move to Barryroe

Hope you still get a chance to enjoy the bit of humour that I shared last weekend. The story goes that the local curate was preaching his last sermon before he moved to a new parish. In the curate's enthusiasm to soften the blow he said that the Bishop "had promised to send an excellent replacement". At the end of Mass, as people left, many with disappointed and downcast faces, there remained on an elderly lady as she lit a few votive candles. She was crying and sobbing in a very distressed state. The curate saw what was happening and instinctively decided to try and comfort her. He offered again of what he thought were those few words of assurance - the Bishop "had promised to send an excellent replacement" With that the elderly utters a reply in an unusual clear but unhappy and dissatisfied tone - That's what he said the last time.

By now most of you may know I've left Ballincollig to take up my new post as Parish Priest of Barryroe/Courtmacsherry in West Cork. And I wish my new successor Fr Cian O'Sullivan the very best wishes and God's blessing in such a busy vibrant community and Parish. The three short years just flew by. Such a variety of the young and old coming to all kinds of settings for prayer, music, reflection, meeting, celebration. I'd like to thank Fr George for the great unstinting work he does. Equally I'd like to thank your sacristans, secretary, Parish Council, Choirs, and the many voluntary staff who play such a vital role in the Parish.

I shall take great memories with me of my Silver Jubilee in June which was such a huge surprise and wonderful time for family, friends, parish and myself. My thoughts are with those who brought their child for baptism; young people who committed themselves to marriage; and families who brought their loved ones for funerals and burial. There are those who shared my wild unorthodox sense of humour. There will be some too who I wouldn't have seen eye to eye with. I thank you for the privilege of sharing some great liturgical occasions at Christmas and Easter.

There are many of you for whom we had some connection and at the end of the day I really hope that that connection was some sign of the affection and love of God's presence in the bits and pieces of our lives.

Fr. Dave O'Connell

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Confident in our communion with all the saints, let us bring our needs before God, who call us to live a life worthy of our dignity as his children.

Reader

For Christians: that they may strive to imitate the saints in their goodness of heart and nobility of spirit.

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

For all people of goodwill: that they may persevere in the path of goodness, for that is the path of holiness.

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

For all those who are weighed down by troubles and disappointments:

That the example of the saints may give them courage and hope.

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

For all gathered here: that we may live our lives in such a way that we may become an example for others.

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

For those who have died; that they may be received into the communion of all the saints in heaven.

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

For grace to bring our needs before God, in silence and in trust.

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

Priest

Lord you have given us many friends in heaven. Their example inspires us and their prayers help us. In your goodness, give us fellowship with them and unending joy in your kingdom. We make all our prayers through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Fr. Cian O'Sullivan

Bishop Buckley has appointed Fr. Cian O'Sullivan to the Parish of Ballincollig. I welcome Fr. Cian, and look forward to working with him. I wish him happiness and fulfilment in his priesthood in Ballincollig Parish. Fr. George.

Such are the ones who seek your face, O Lord.

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BAPTISMS

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

Ellie Anna Hogan, Clash, Carrigrohane.
 Ruby Elizabeth Harrison, Wood View House, Inniscarra.
 Ava Michelle Healy, The Oaks, Classes Lake.
 Jack Michael Garry, Beech Park.
 Christopher Kriauciunas, Highfield Park, Carriganarra.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Frank Cunningham, Mallow.
 Fr. Denis Wilkinson, Wicklow.
 Paddy McInerney, Doneraile.
 Daniel Szalai, An Caislean.
 Monita Holland, Sunday's Well.
 Olan Kierse, Innismore Lawn.

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

John & Eugene Cremin, Collyduff.
 Kathleen O'Keefe, Aylsbury.
 Joe Fitzpatrick, Curragbeg.
 Betty O'Regan, Crookstown
 Bernie Owens, Inniscarra View.
 Michael & Sheila Duggan, Dunmanway & Bandon.
 Justin & Monica Monaghan, College Road.
 Joe Guerin, Knocknagree.
 Daniel O'Callaghan, Clash Cross.
 Tim Horgan, Carriganarra Estate/Macroom.
 Liam Horgan, Pine Walk.
 Billy Casey, Waterfall.
 Dec. members of Guerin family, Knocknagree.
 Noreen Murray & dad Tom, Straight Road.
 Margaret & Maurice O'Connor, Castlegregory.
 Dan & Charles O'Connor, Castlegregory.
 Patrick O'Leary, Poulavone.

Marriage Encounter

Keep your Marriage Healthy. Busy life? – Not enough quality time for the two of you?

If your answer is - "YES". Why not Gift yourselves a Marriage Encounter Weekend! This is a break with a difference that will help rekindle and enrich the love and joys you share together. The next weekend takes place in Kerry at the Lake Hotel from 13th to 15th November 2015.

For details and booking visit: www.marriageencounter.ie or phone 086 8334382 / 064 6644319.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Thirty First Week In Ordinary Time

- 01 Sunday Wis. 11 :22-12:2. Apoc 7:2-4, 9-14. Ps 23. 1 Jn 3:1-3. Mt 5:1-12. Lect I: 999 or II: 1244
- 02 Monday Is 25:6-9. Ps 26. Rom 5:5-11. Mk 15:33-39, 16:1-6. Lect I: 1002
- 03 Tuesday Rom. 12:5-16. Ps.130. Lk. 14: 15-24. Lect III: 402
- 04 Wednesday Rom. 13:8-10. Ps. 111. Lk. 14:25-33. Lect II: 404
- 05 Thursday Rom. 14:7 -12. Ps. 26. Lk. 15: 1-10. Lect II: 406
- 06 Friday Eccles (Sir) 44:1-15. Ps 125. Lk 6:20-26.
- 07 Saturday Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27. Ps. 144. Lk. 16:9-15. Lect II:410

Next Sunday's Readings 08/November/2015

1 Kgs 17:10-16. Ps 145. Heb 9:24-28. Mk 12:38-44. Lect I: 822

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Apoc. 7:2-4, 9-14
 In commemorating all the saints in heaven we give thanks to God for the inspiration which their witness continues to give us. Though not known to us by name, these are the women and men who showed perseverance and trust in their pilgrim journey of faith. Far from fleeing in the face of challenge, they faced difficulty with confidence and hope and now rejoice in God's presence for ever.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3
 John reminds us of our identity as children of a God who is lavish with his gifts. We are asked to hold fast to the hope contained in God's promise to us. As we journey together towards our heavenly home, we are strengthened in the knowledge that he is with us guiding us, perfecting us, preparing us for a destiny which is beyond our wildest imaginings.

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12
 The first three words in today's Gospel passage provide us with the key to understanding why Jesus climbed the hill and began to teach: 'seeing the crowds ...' In the Scriptures, the image of sight is often used to describe not just the physical act of looking at and recognising someone or something but also — and at a more profound level — 'seeing' describes spiritual insight. When Jesus looks at us, he sees as God sees. He recognises our need. He speaks words of life to us. He enlivens our hearts with hope and he helps us to see that the poor, humble, little ones of the earth are those who will inherit the kingdom of heaven.

Live Broadcast

The Children's Mass at Christ Our Light on 13th December will be broadcasted on Long Wave 252 & RTE Radio 1 Extra from 11am.

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Our Favourite Psalms

Psalm 62 (Longing for God)

O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you as in a dry and weary land without water. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary seeing your power and glory.

Because your faithful love is better than life my lips will speak your praise. 'So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul is filled as with a banquet, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips.

On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night for you have been my help; and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

Aleppo September 2015

Letter continued from Fr. Irbahim to Ballincollig Parishioners

Several families had their houses destroyed and there is no way to rebuild them because their neighbourhoods have become a constant target and it is not recommended to go back and live there.

The bombings are not coming to an end, on the contrary they are increasing significantly both during the day and at night. People suffer a lot. Many are no longer able to sleep even an hour a night and those lucky few who still have a job, in the morning, in spite of everything, still go to work.

As if all this were not enough, yesterday we once more run out of water. We, immediately, started to distribute water, using trucks that carry water to the houses or through plastic containers, taking special care to help first the elderly who cannot wait.

Life here is absurd and I don't wonder anymore why people seek to emigrate; why they throw themselves "into the sea" risking all for even life itself. Considering the events we see happening -according to human reason- staying here in Aleppo would seem absurd.

We friars, however, remain here to help the people. This is the time to be present, in the strongest way, standing close and taking care of the poor and of all those who suffer: we, who are poor with them, we suffer with them and pray to the Father who is provident and "rich in mercy".

I want to thank you all because, though you are distant, you pray for us; you who in your hearts think of us and make yourselves available to the breath of the Holy Spirit, so to be the attentive presence, tender and active, of the "good Samaritan" who takes care of the poor people suffering in Aleppo.

From the ruins and from the catacombs of Aleppo, a prayer always rises from our hearts in our mouths for each one of you.

May God bless you all!

Father Irbahim,
Parish priest of the Latin Community in Aleppo (Syria)

(At time of print we learn that the church has been bombed some minor injuries hope to have more next week)

Bulletin Board

Directed Prayer

Commencing 8th – 13th November inclusive. Last year people who took part were delighted and enriched following participation. This is an opportunity to deepen and enhance our prayer life.

Novena for the Dead – November 2nd to 10th, 2015

November is a month dedicated to our dead relatives and friends. It is the time of year when we are asked to pray for our dead and thank God for their efforts and goodness to us. Christ's prayer to his Father is "I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, so that they may always see the glory you have given me."

We encourage everyone to make a special effort to come to daily Mass during the Novena for the Dead and may be even keep up the effort for the month of November.

There will be evening Mass (morning Masses as usual) in both Churches during the Novena- 6.30pm Christ Our Light and 8pm St Mary & St John.

Special Mass

There will be a Special Mass to remember all our loved ones who died during the past year on Wednesday November 11th at 8.00pm in St Mary & St John. All those who died from the Parish will be remembered at this Mass. Families who wish to have deceased family members (who died during the past twelve months) included in this Mass are invited to hand in their names to the Sacristy or Parish Office during the week and please include a contact name, phone number and an address.

Cemetery Masses

Mass in St Oliver's Cemetery Saturday November 7th at 2pm
Mass in St Mary's & St John Cemetery November 14th at 12 noon

Altar Servers

Young boys and girls who have made their First Holy Communion and who are interested in serving at Mass are ask to hand in their names and address to either Sacristy. You will serve at a Mass of your choice and training will be given.

Advent Retreat

Will take place from November 30th to December 2nd Church of St. Mary & St. John. Conducted by Fr. Dave Hannon.

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place on Saturday November 28th 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.

Fr. George

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Nov/07 & Nov/08/2015

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)

Aine Sheehan
Michael Collins

8:30 am

Triona Downey
Riain Brennan

10:00 am

Cormac Kelly
Ashling O'Shea

12:00 Noon

Oliver O'Donovan
Niamh Heelan

7:30 pm (Vigil)

Nonyi Ebili
Jennifer Nyagaya

11:00 am

Jack Dorgan
Jacob O'Brien

12:30 pm

Kay Carew
Jane O'Leary

5:30 pm

Marlyn O'Connor/ Ase
O'Riordan

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 & 8 pm

Monday

8:30 am & 6:30 pm

9:30 am & 8 pm

Tuesday

8:30 am & 6:30 pm

9:30 am & 8 pm

Wednesday

8:30 am & 6:30 pm

9:30 am & 8 pm

Thursday

8:30 am & 6:30 pm

9:30 am & 8 pm

Friday

8:30 am & 6:30 pm

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

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Fr. George O'Mahony P.P. 021-4871206
Fr. Cian O'Sullivan C.C. 021-4876171

Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

Week 2nd Nov to 8th Nov

Tim Murphy
Siobhan Glavin

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.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Nov/07 & Nov/08/2015

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

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

7:30 pm Sheila O'Connor
Martin O'Regan
Brid Healy-Harris
Kit Cahill

8:30 am Theresa Lucey
Tom Butler
Triona Collins

11:00 am Carmel Ryan
Eileen Byrne
Bernadett Spillane
Laurence / Angela Cunningham
David Mahony

10:00 am Margaret Bunyan
Mary Murphy
Joan Tobin
Breda Monaghan
Niamh Nic Gearailt
Mary Hennigan

12:30 pm Eileen Garvey
Breda Callanan
Catherine Freehill
Betty Walsh

12 Noon Marie Bowen
Breda Lenihan
Jacinta Jeffers
Rena O'Connor
Sean Farrell

5:30 pm Olan O'Mahony
Noel Kelleher

Cantairí Mhuscraí - John Rutter's Requiem

The Ballincollig based choir, Cantairí Mhuscraí, will perform John Rutter's acclaimed Requiem at the Church of St. Mary & St. John, Ballincollig, at 7.30pm on Sunday 22nd November. This performance of the Requiem coincides with the 150th Jubilee Year of the Church of St. Mary & St. John and appropriately takes place during November, the Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory. This wonderful and very accessible work was written by the composer John Rutter who celebrates his 70th birthday on 24th September this year. It is a musical setting of parts of the Latin Requiem with added psalms in English and was first performed 30 years ago in October 1985. It has since become a mainstay of the choral world being recorded many times and performed all over the globe. Classic FM says of the composer "John Rutter unashamedly composes instantly memorable tunes. In a world where so many composers believe music is no longer primarily about melody, Rutter stands out as someone who defiantly bucks that trend."

Tickets @ €20 and now on sale from choir members.

Telephone 0876658021, 0872514816 or 0862998239 or any choir member for further details.

Tickets also available from Catherine in Parish Office.

Telephone: 021 487 1206

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