

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



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

**Sunday 04-February-2007**

## **Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

*The vocation to serve God does not follow a standard pattern; it is as unique as the person who is called. It came for Isaiah while he was at prayer; it came for Peter in the middle of his work. For both men it meant a sense of unworthiness before the presence of God, but both learnt that the service of God does not spring from innate human goodness as much as from the forgiving power of God's love.*



**Christ Our Light  
Innishmore**

## **The Gospel of Luke**

The Gospels were written in a place and time other than our own, we will sometimes need help to understand the story they tell. The Gospels give us an account of the life of Jesus and in doing this they speak of the people of their time and also it's culture. The gospels relate stories concerning centurions, Samaritans, Sadducees and Magi, - people that we are very unfamiliar with. We also hear of tax- collectors and lawyers, who are still with us, but in biblical times these professions evoked different associations. Tax collectors were seen as traitors as they worked on behalf of the conquering power, The lawyers job was to interpret the scriptures, a little different to the work of lawyers in our culture. Information about the customs of the time and its history can also be of assistance.

During his presentation on Tuesday January 30th, Fr Sean O' Sullivan addressed a number of areas to help us appreciate and understand Luke's gospel.

Who is Luke? There is a long standing church tradition that attributes this gospel to " Luke the physician" a companion of Paul mentioned a number of times in Paul's letters. However some scholars question this as the writer seems to have little knowledge of Paul's letters. He tells us himself that he was not an eyewitness to Jesus' ministry, but has received the tradition handed down carefully to him. He is fluent in Greek and is very familiar with the Old Testament. The gospel is dated sometime around 85 about fifty years after Christ.

Who is this gospel written for? The gospel is written for believers, 'so that they may know the truth about the things in which they have been instructed.' The church at this time was quickly becoming more Greek than Jewish in composition. The early Christian communities had suffered under Nero, Christianity continued to be illegal. The readers were speaking Greek rather than Aramaic and they were also urban dwellers rather than the poor peasants in the days of Christ. (To be continued).

*The presentation by Fr. Sean O' Sullivan was well attended and much appreciated by those who came along. A sincere thanks to Fr Sean*

**George O'Mahony**

## **Reflection for Parents**

Jesus wants us to be active in spreading his Kingdom, but he will help us and guide us. We can start by considering with our children the good things in our lives, and thanking God for them. Just as Jesus called Peter and his friends through their fishing, so he calls us through the wonders of our daily lives.

## **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

### **Priest**

God cares for us and for our every need. And so we are encouraged to present our needs.

### **Reader**

That the Church may respond to God's call to proclaim the Good News to all peoples.

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

That all priests may be blessed in their ministry of preaching the Word of God.

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

That parents, teachers, catechists, baptismal sponsors and all those who educate others in the faith may continue to do so with courage and conviction.

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

That young people may not be afraid of witnessing to their Christian faith, and that they may be messengers of hope and joy to their generation.

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

That those who are sick or in sorrow may find healing and relief.

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

That those who have gone before us in faith may join the company of the saints.

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

### **Priest**

Loving God, your goodness knows no bounds. Hear the prayers we make this day in the name of Jesus, your Son, who is Lord forever and ever.

Amen.

***Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.***

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**BAPTISMS**

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

Sarah Kate Kent, Asherott, Carriganarra.  
 Sophie Agnes O'Donovan, 28 The Green, Coolroe Meadows.  
 Jack Senan O'Sullivan, 1 Leslie Arch, Old Quarter.  
 Faye Kelsey McCarthy-O'Mahony, 4 Oak Drive, Bride-wood, Ovens.  
 Katelyn Nano Nagle, 123 Castle Park.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Maureen Kenny, Fr. Sexton Park.  
 Donal Sullivan, Eyeries.  
 Seamus Ó Riain, Moneygall, Co. Tipperary.  
 Alice O'Callaghan, Dundalk.  
 Michael Cregan, Ivy Circle.  
 Siobhan O'Donoghue, Raheen.

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

Paddy Horgan, Collyduff, Inniscarra.  
 Michael Hickey, Greenfield.  
 John O'Regan, Poulavone  
 Timothy O'Regan, Poulavone.  
 Dan O'Leary, Glenville.  
 Josephine Boylan, Maple Lawn  
 Thomas Reck, Innishmore.  
 Margaret McSweeney, Kilnaglory.  
 Sheila Murray, Carrigrohane.  
 Michael Murphy, Windsor.  
 Tim Murphy, Glounthaune.  
 Donal Walsh, Fair Street.  
 Margaret O'Connor, Carrigrohane.  
 Noel Buckley, Carrigdena.  
 Deceased members of the Linehan family, Kanturk & London.  
 Trevor Philip, England.  
 Gerard Spillane, Castleknock.  
 Dan & Eileen Feehely, Crossbarry.  
 Michael Gilleran, Rosewood.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Fifth Week In Ordinary Time**

- 04 Sunday Is 6:1-8. Ps 137. 1 Cor 15:1-11. Lk 5:1-11. Lect I: 849
- 05 Monday Gen 1:1-19. Ps 103. Mk 6:53-56. Lect II: 54
- 06 Tuesday Gen 1:20-2:4. Ps 8. Mk 7:1-13. Lect II: 56
- 07 Wednesday Gen 2:4-9, 15-17. Ps 103. Mk 7:14-23. Lect II: 59
- 08 Thursday Gen 2:18-25. Ps 127. Mk 7:24-30. Lect II: 61
- 09 Friday Gen 3:1-8. Ps 31. Mk 7:31-37. Lect II: 63
- 10 Saturday Gen 3:9-24. Ps 89. Mk 8:1-10. Lect II: 65

**Next Sunday's Readings 11-February-2007**

Jer. 17:5-8. Ps. 1. 1 Cor. 15:12, 16-20. Lk. 6:17. 20-26. Lect I: 853

***Ecumenical Prayer Service***

Sunday 28th January the ecumenical prayer service was held in St Mary and St Johns to mark the week of prayer for Christian Unity. Well done to all who attended from the various denominations. A pleasant get together took place afterwards in the Scout hall.

***Young People Speak Out for a Better World***

*Come listen to over 400 local young people speak out on social issues that concern them and outline concrete actions they are taking to respond.*  
**10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Cork City Hall, 8th February 2007**

***"We are God's work of Art"***

*(Eph. 2.10)*

Bishopstown Lay Dominican Chapter invite you to join them in a day of Reflection and Prayer, on Saturday, 17th February in St. Dominic's Retreat House, Ennismore, Montenotte. (Tel. 021 4502520)  
 Registration 10.00 am. Mass at 12.00 noon.  
 Offering €25 including lunch, coffee breaks and tea at 5.30pm.  
*For booking contact Rose O'Luasa 4874595 or Jean McKeown, 086 1547944*

***Tax Rebate***

This week the greatest numbers to date signed on. Now the number is sixty-nine, so do keep up the good work. The money that this rebate will raise is dedicated to helping the young people of the parish to deepen their faith.

Fr George

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**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-2,3-8  
 The Lord comes to Isaiah and purifies him. Isaiah then begs the Lord to send him out to do the work of God.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
 Some people began to deny the resurrection. Paul tells them the story of this miraculous happening to remind them of what they once believed in.

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11  
 Luke connected the great fishing catch with the calling of the disciples. While it is an important miracle about the mission of the disciples, it appears here with the calling of Peter, James, and John. Apparently business partners, Peter called James and John to help him with the big catch Jesus provided. The invitation to these three was to "net in" people for the Kingdom as abundantly as they had netted in the fish.

**Ballincollig Parish Council**

The Annual General Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2007 in the Annex Room Community Centre. Any person willing to serve in the parish are more than welcome to come to this meeting.

**St Dominic's - February Events**

Starting February 9 - Every Friday - 7.30 – 9.00 pm  
 LECTIO DIVINA – every Friday  
 Introduction to the method, principles and practice of Lectio Divina.  
**Joseph Ralph OP**

Starting February 14 – Every Wednesday - 7.30 pm – 8.15 pm  
 Mid-week meditation in St Dominic's choosing silence and stillness to listen to God in the midst of everyday life.  
**Martina Lehane Sheehan**

**The Pyke Theatre Group  
 Ballincollig**

10<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party  
 1997 - 2007  
 Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February  
 8.30 sharp in  
 The Rugby Club, Tanner Park.  
 Music by  
 Kevin McSweeney

**Lee Valley Ladies Club**

February Meeting  
 Wednesday 7th February 2007  
 Venue: White Horse Inn (upstairs)  
 Time: 8.30 pm.  
 Guest Speaker: Jenny Webb  
 Topic: The Story of Ballincollig.  
 All Ladies welcome.  
 Non members €5.

Mary Immaculate College, The Dominican Biblical Centre and the Presentation Brothers, Cork  
 Present

**Introduction to the Bible**

6.30 – 9.30 p.m. in Mardyke House, Cork.  
 for 9 Thursdays beginning 1<sup>st</sup> February 2007.

Includes *Lectio Divina Workshop*  
 by Fr. Brendan Clifford O.P. on three Saturdays from 10 am to 1 pm (24<sup>th</sup> March, 31<sup>st</sup> March, 21<sup>st</sup> April).  
 This workshop may also be taken independently of the Thursday evening course.  
 Course can be taken for credit towards an Accredited College Certificate.  
*Limited places available.*

Information from:  
 Fr. Eamonn Fitzgibbon, Mary Immaculate College.  
 Eamonn.Fitzgibbon@mic.ul.ie Tel: 061 204379

**49<sup>th</sup> Cork Ballincollig Scout Group**

Last Sunday saw 120, Scout Cubs/Macoinmh from 9 groups; assemble at the G.A.A. pavilion, in Ballincollig. The local Scout Group was hosting the County challenge day. The day started with a Quiz, which included rounds on general knowledge, sport, scouting, music and famous people. At the end of the quiz there was a three way tie at the top and a tie breaker round had to be played off with Blarney coming out on top and the 4<sup>th</sup> Cork coming second with the 5<sup>TH</sup> Cork coming in third.  
 After lunch the Challenges started, these were divided into 4 groupings Thinking, Skills, Physical and mystery. The cubs had to go from Base to base working out puzzles, making clove hitches, playing games and having fun. The winners of this section was Ballincollig Friday night with Cloroghe second and Bishopstown third,  
 The overall winners on the day were Ballincollig Tuesday night with Macroom coming second and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Cork coming third. On behalf of the Scout County we would like to thank the G.A.A. for the use of their excellent facilities.

The senior Scouts, The PLs and APLs went on a training course to Mount Melleray Scout centre for the weekend, where they were taught how to be better at the jobs they have taken on in the troop. We will have to wait and see how much they retained.

*It is with ideas, as with umbrellas, that if left lying around they are liable to a change of ownership.*

The presentation by the **Faith Development Group** will continue in Westgate  
**Monday February 5th. - 8.00 p.m.**

**Envelope Collection**

Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund  
 Next Weekend  
 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> February 2007

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

**Monthly Collection**  
 This Weekend  
 3rd & 4th February 2007  
**Please Support**

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Feb-10 & Feb-11-2007

**St. Mary & St. John      Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**

Carmel Keane

**8:30 am**

Niamh Gallagher

**10:00 am**

Hanah Bunyan

Katie Collins

**12:00 Noon**

Declan Chalmers

**8:00 pm (Vigil)**

Rosarie Cotter

Louise McGrath

**11:00 am**

Joseph Manning

**12:30 pm**

Kay Carew

**5:30 pm**

Brian O'Donoghue

**MASS TIMES**

**St. Mary & St. John**

8:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon

**Christ Our Light**

11 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm

9:30 am

**Monday**

8:30 am

9:30 am

**Tuesday**

8:30 am

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**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**

8 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. Sean O'Driscoll C.C.**

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**Fr. Anthony O'Mahony**



**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Feb-10 & Feb-11-2007

**St. Mary & St. John      Christ Our Light**

6.00 pm Patsie Murphy

Breda Foley

Mary Walsh

Finbarr Lehane

Margaret Kearney

Nora Barry

8:30 am Theresa Lucey

Rita Murphy

Mona Holland

10:00 am Tadgh Murphy

Mary Murphy

Joan Tobin

Tony O'Leary

Phil Kennedy

Claire McCarthy

12 Noon Michael Crowley

Breda Lenihan

Noel Hennessey

Marie O'Callaghan

Rena O'Connor

Sean Farrell

8:00 pm

Jim Cahill

Kit Cahill

Sheila O'Connor

11:00 am

Brid Healy-Harris

Angela Cunningham

Laurence Cunningham

Eileen Byrne

12:30 pm

Eileen Garvey

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Phil O'Connell

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**Monday**

**Closed**

Tuesday

9.30 – 5.00 pm

Wednesday

10.30 – 5.00 pm

Thursday

9.30 – 5.00 pm

**Friday**

**9.30 – 5.00 pm**

Saturday

9.30 – 12.30 pm



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9.30 – 7.30 pm

Friday

9.30 – 7.30 pm

Saturday

9.30 – 5.00 pm