

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 05-February-2012

Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

*When we are sick or our lives are disturbed in some way we tend to see the darkness and to turn in on ourselves.*

*The healing that we need is more than a physical one, it involves being freed from self-concern to care for others.*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

## ***A Culture of Entitlement or a Culture of Service?***

Jesus came to bring hope and meaning to our lives, to bring light to a dark world. His message of love lifts our hearts, and is for all. He wants his followers to make a difference to the world around them, we are called to be in the world but to be different, to have standards based on something higher than self-interest. We need to remember that a grumpy inward looking Christian is a contradiction in terms. Yet at times we may share the feelings expressed by Job in today's Old Testament reading, being sick, joyless, restless and miserable. When circumstances bring us to this state, Job feels, life seems pointless, a matter of unremitting hard work, struggle and drudgery, virtual slavery. In the second reading Saint Paul tells of a different experience of slavery, as an apostle and follower of Christ. He travelled, preached, suffered and wrote, working hard to the point of making himself a slave of everyone. His reward was the joy in spreading the news of a better way of living in love and peace, news of eternal life. His enthusiasm never failed, the message was always fresh.

We are called to follow Christ who "came not to be served, but to serve and give his life as a ransom for many." Our Christian calling involves service to others, in a home or family context, as well as in the wider community. In meeting the needs of others our lives are enriched and given deeper meaning. Christian service to one another is focussed on the other, not on ourselves. In a healthy Christian community the various need of people are met by the giftedness, by the talents and abilities of those within the community. In Ballincollig we have groups of generous people who combine to provide service to the Christian community or to individuals, including for example family carers, members of the Society of St Vincent de Paul, church music groups and others who help or minister in our churches and the many involved in community, social, cultural and sporting activities in a voluntary capacity. Jesus made time for prayer in his life, and received renewed inspiration and energy for his mission from the Father. It is in prayer that we too will find the strength to persevere in our Christian service, and to keep it fresh and generous.

*Billy O'Sullivan*

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

### **Priest**

God hears the prayers of the humble. Let us now bring our petitions before him in humility and confidence.

### **Reader**

For all the followers of Christ: that they may realise that, without time for prayer and reflection, their lives are in danger.

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

For those in authority: that they may promote peace and goodwill among people.

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

For doctors and workers and all who work for the sick.

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

For all in this congregation: that through our own sufferings we may learn to feel the sufferings of others and show them compassion.

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

For all who serve in our parish - our priests, musicians, special ministers, sacristans, secretaries, and all who help to build up our parish community by their generous giving of their time and talent.

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

For the grace to bring our own special needs before God.

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

### **Priest**

Merciful God, help us to learn from your Son, who shows us your compassion in the face of human suffering, and how to combine action and contemplation. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

## ***Reflection for Parents***

The gospel today is especially helpful for parents. Many (maybe most) nights we fall into bed exhausted from a day of responsibilities. Perhaps it was our intention throughout the day to find time to pray, but sometimes we just don't get to it. At the end of the day, we resolve to talk with God, but wake in the morning to find out we fell asleep before we finished the prayer. Jesus gives us the example that we must take the time away from the busyness and demands of our lives to be fortified and strengthened to meet the most important responsibilities we have and that is the spiritual formation of our children and our family.

***Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.***

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**BAPTISMS**

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

Kasey Erin Coughlan, Island way, Muskerry Estate.  
Sean Alexander Garcia Connolly, Willow Court.

**† IN SYMPATHY †**

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

Michael Cuddihy, Nenagh, Tipperary.  
Frank McEvoy, Kilkenny.  
Sheila Murray, Glasheen  
Simon O’Driscoll, Rathmore Terrace.  
Catherine (Rene) Lucey, Station Road.  
Sheila Drew, Church View.

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

Margaret O’Keeffe, Kileens.  
Nora McAuliffe, Whitechurch.  
Tim & Maragret Kelleher, Bandon.  
Paddy Horgan, Collyduff, Inniscarra.  
Shay Graham, Glincool.  
Margaret Sweeney, Kilnaglory.  
Dan O’Leary, Glenville.  
Ellen O’Sullivan, Glanmire & Ballincollig.  
Paddy Lucey, Carriganarra.  
Ellen Lucey, Station Cross.  
Thomas Reck, Innishmore.  
Nora Heelan, Inniscarra.  
Catherine Herbert, Inniscarra View.  
Thomas & Elizabeth Randles, Kerry.  
Martin & Mary Staunton, Galway.  
Jerry O’Connor, Sunningdale.  
Donal Walsh, Fair Street.  
Dec. members of the Wilkinson & Bell Families.  
Thomas Forsack, Cameroon.  
Michael Gilleran, Rosewood.  
James & Mary McCarthy, Ballymacoda.  
David & Mildred McCarthy, Union Hall.  
Kevin & Saidbh McCarthy, Rosewood.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Fifth Week In Ordinary Time**

05 Sunday Job 7:1-4, 6-7. Ps 146. 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23. Mk 1:29-39. Lect I: 747  
06 Monday 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13. Ps 131. Mk 6:53-56. Lect II: 512  
07 Tuesday 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30. Ps83. Mk. 7:1-13. Lect II: 514  
08 Wednesday 1 Kgs 10:1-10. Ps36. Mk 7:14-23. Lect II: 517  
09 Thursday 1 Kgs 11:4-13. Ps 105. Mk 7:24-30. Lect II: 519  
10 Friday 1 Kgs 11:29-32, 12:19. Ps80. Mk 7:31-37. Lect II: 521  
11 Saturday 1 Kgs 12:26-32, 13:33-34. Ps 105. Mk 8:1-10. Lect II: 523

**Next Sunday’s Readings 12-February-2012**

Lev 13:1-2, 44-46. Ps 31. 1 Cor 10:31-11:1. Mk 1:40-45. Lect I: 750

**Ballincollig Parish Bereavement Support Group**

A Bereavement Support Programme will commence in Ballincollig on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February** and will continue each Tuesday night for 8 weeks (7.30 to 9.30 pm). This programme is held in a small group setting. It provides a safe place where all who are grieving the loss of a loved one will have the opportunity to share their own personal grief and experience the support of others.

For further details please contact:

**Sr Colette at 086 3557375**

**“Mothers’ Prayers”**

**Continue**

**Every Wednesday at 10.30 am**

**Meeting Room at Christ our Light Church**

**Every Thursday at 10.00 am**

**Library Room, Parish Community Hall**

We welcome Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers to join us in prayer for our children and the youth of our parish on one of these mornings.

**Free Computer Training**

6 hours of free training on internet/email usage at **The National Learning Network, Model Farm Road** on weekdays from 4 to 6 pm, weeknights 7 – 9 pm or on Saturday mornings 10 – 12 pm. you decide what time suits you best! Training Commences 4<sup>th</sup> February.

For more information:-

Contact alicia or maria at 021 4341028.

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**The Church I Believe in?**

*An opportunity to explore the Church of today with two of its most compelling speakers.*

**Bishop Willie Walsh, and Prof Mary T. Malone.**

Sacred Heart Hall Western Rd. Suggested contribution €5.

- Bishop Willie Walsh (Killaloe)  
**Saturday 3rd March**, 10.30 am-1.00 pm (registration 10.00 am).
- Professor Mary T. Malone (author and historian)  
**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April**, 10.30 am-1.00 pm (registration 10.00 am).  
*Anne Francis 087-228-2134 abfrancis@eircom.net*

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**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Job 7: 1-4. 6-7  
The Book of Job takes us to the depth of human suffering – even to the depths of despair.

Second Reading: 1 Cor. 9: 16-19, 22-23  
St. Paul tells of his enthusiasm for preaching the gospel.

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39  
We learn several important pieces of information from this gospel passage. First, Simon Peter had a mother-in-law. When we read previously that he left his fishing boat to follow Jesus, we can safely assume that he left much more than that. He had a family at home and we hear in this gospel of Jesus healing Peter's mother-in-law. Also, this gospel helps us recognise the need Jesus had to be away from the crowds and confusion to take time to pray and become revitalised and strengthened for his ministry.

**Church, State and Society in Modern Ireland 1912-2012**

An Introduction Including The Catholic Church and

- The struggle for independence
- Education
- Censorship
- Family
- The Constitution

An opportunity over three nights to gain an historical perspective on the relationship between the Catholic Church and State in today's Ireland.

All welcome.

With Gabriel Doherty (UCC).

Gabriel Doherty lectures in the History Department of UCC. His teaching and research specialities are in twentieth century Irish history.

Thursdays, February 23rd, March 1st, March 8th  
8.00 - 9.30 pm. Scala, Blackrock (opposite Blackrock castle, parking free).

This series is supportive of the modern history component of the Leaving Certificate history curriculum and will be of interest to Leaving Certificate students as well as the general public.

Suggested contribution €5 per night, students free.

**Further details:**

Gabriel Doherty g.doherty@ucc.ie or 021-4902783

**Details and bookings:**

Anne Francis abfrancis@eircom.net or 087-2282134.

**Society of Vincent De Paul**

Monthly collection in aid of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul will be taken place this weekend  
Saturday 4th, Sunday 5th February 2012.

**Troubled by someone else's drinking?**

Try Al-anon. Local Meetings S V de P Centre Station Road  
Thursdays 8.30 pm. Phone: 021 4311899.

**Bulletin Board**

**Diocesan Collection**

Diocesan collection last week end amounted to €4,309. Many thanks for your generosity which is greatly appreciated.

**Ballincollig Parish Pastoral Council**

The A.G.M. of Ballincollig Parish Pastoral Council will take place on

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2012** in the Annex Room, Community Hall.

**New members** very welcome. Members express different view points dealing with a wide range of activities within the parish. Parishioners organise the Lenten Retreat, out door Stations of the Cross for Good Friday and Holy Week Ceremonies. Becoming a member of the Parish Council is a way of giving your time and talent to the parish community and becoming active within the parish.

**Nomination forms** are available at the back of the church.

**Lenten Retreat 2012**

Lenten Retreat 27, 28, & 29 February 2012. The Retreat will be conducted by the Redemptorist Fathers.

**Taize.**

In July 2011 fifty three people from the parish travelled to Taize. Full details and photos of the trip can be viewed on *youtube* and also on the Ballincollig website: [www.ballincolligparish.ie](http://www.ballincolligparish.ie)

**World Day of Prayer for the Sick**

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2012 is a special day to remember and pray for the sick. The Sacrament of the sick will be celebrated during the 10.00 am Mass in St. Mary & St John.

**Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund**

Special Envelope Collection next weekend February 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2012. 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 and travel care personnel.

**Dates for Pre Marriage Courses**

Ballincollig	March 23 <sup>rd</sup> /24 <sup>th</sup>
	October 12 <sup>th</sup> /13 <sup>th</sup>
Carrigaline	Feb 24 <sup>th</sup> /25 <sup>th</sup>
	October 4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup>

Please contact Sandra in Bantry Centre on 027 50272 with any queries.

Bookings can be made directly on line email [admin@accord.ie](mailto:admin@accord.ie)

**Fr. George**



The Irish Blood Transfusion Service Will Hold A Blood Donor Clinic In

	<b>Ballincollig</b>	<b>GAA Pavilion</b>
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	February,	4.30 – 8.00
Tue 14 <sup>th</sup>	February,	4.30 – 8.00
<b>Ovens Éire Óg GAA Hall</b>		
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	February,	5.00 – 8.30
Thu 16 <sup>th</sup>	February,	5.00 – 8.30

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Feb-11 & Feb-12-2012

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**  
Karen Sheehan  
Padraig Graham  
**8:30 am**  
Triona Downey

**10:00 am**  
Rory Horgan  
Kate Green  
**12:00 Noon**  
Tony Lynch  
Shane Tully

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**  
Rebecca Feely  
Jessica Lingard  
**11:00 am**  
Alex Hatsigrigoriou  
Alison Henchion  
**12:30 pm**  
Brian O'Donoghue  
Chidera Ebili  
**5:30 pm**  
Brian O'Donoghue

**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

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**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  
Except First Saturday of  
Month

**Saturday**

4:30 pm  
First Saturday of Month

12:45 pm

**Sunday**

**PARISH CLERGY**

**Priest on Duty**

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**Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C.**

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**Fr. Billy O'Sullivan C.C.**

**021-4876171**

**Fr. James McSweeney**

**021-4873308**

**Ballincollig Tidy Towns**

**Annual General Meeting**  
Wednesday February 15th @ 8 pm  
The Oriel House Hotel

Reports on 2011 activities and achievements. Looking ahead to 2012 with some interesting projects in the pipeline. If you are interested in joining us we will be needing people to work on various tasks such as clearing overgrowth, grass cutting, painting, administration etc.

All welcome to this important meeting.



**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Feb-11 & Feb-12-2012

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6.00 pm** Eileen Murphy  
Ted Nelligan  
Eileen Corkery  
Ann O'Connell  
Sheila Walshe  
Ann McCarthy

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

**8:30 am** Helen Kelly  
Mary O'Connor  
Michael Crowley

**11:00 am** Mary O'Mahony  
Mona Bowen  
Billy Barry  
Mary Aylward  
Pauline Baston

**10:00 am** Fionnuala McDonagh  
Mary Buckley  
Breda Ring  
Mary O'Regan  
John Henchy  
Martin O'Leary

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

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

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



**For Families of Children Preparing for First Holy Communion**  
**Learning About the Mass with Kath and Qumen**

**The Homily**

We all sit down to listen to what the priest has to say about the readings we have heard and how we might be able to put this into practice in our everyday lives.

We call this the homily. The priest normally stands at the ambo to give the homily. At the end of the homily the priest may sit down and we can spend a few minutes in quiet prayer. This time lets us think about what the priest has said and ask God to help us to live as he would want us to.

