

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 12-September-2010

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The joy in heaven over one repentant sinner explains why Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. God hates sin, but he loves the sinner. He is so full of pity that he is more anxious to give forgiveness than we are to ask for it.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Twenty Fourth Sunday

September is a time for new beginnings in many lives. Young people make a new beginning in various schools, some in junior infants, and others move on to second level and a new crop prepare for third level. Teachers adjust to a new class of pupils and many to a different class. Parents are adjusting to new demands, uniforms, homework and timetables. I wish all those returning to education all the best for this year.

The re-opening of schools signals the recommencement of many activities in the life of the parish. Plans are already at an advanced stage to help families prepare for the Sacraments, first Communion, first Confession and Confirmation. There will be lots of preparation for the sacraments in school however the teachers and school can only build on the home. Making a place for prayer at home, taking an interest in the Alive 0 book and Sunday Mass are some of the steps that can be taken to keep Christ at the centre of all our lives. The meetings with first communion parents and the children's Mass are also a help to encourage all of us to play our part. Helping a son or daughter to prepare for a sacrament is an opportunity to renew our own faith and commitment to Christ.

The Baptism preparation will also make a fresh start in the near future. The visit of Accord to the parish last June got a good response, some parishioners have expressed an interest in becoming involved with the work of Accord; there will be a start in that area shortly.

The word of God this week speaks of God forgiving. Moses had to plead with God in the book of Exodus to put his anger to one side and forgive the people. The Gospel tells us of the genuine wisdom and love of the father that enabled him to forgive his son and welcome him home. Wisdom and love are found in their fullness in God when we become like God we mirror his forgiveness to one another.

Last weekend Siobhan Burke retired as sacristan in Christ Our Light. Siobhan faithfully and diligently acted as sacristan for 26 years. I thank her sincerely for her dedication, hard work and attention she gave to every body at Christ Our Light over those years. Thank You sincerely Siobhan.

George O'Mahony

Reflection for Parents

If you have ever lost a child either at a shopping centre, amusement park, or outside playing, you know the anguish of losing something beyond measure. The joy you experienced when you found each other is often something you can't even put into words. Part of you wants to be angry because the child caused you so much grief, but mostly you are just so happy to see the child, you can hardly speak. If we've had experiences like this, then we have an indication about how God feels when we are truly sorry for our sins and want to be part of God's family.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

We present our needs before the Lord, confident that the Lord of compassion who cares for his people will hear and answer.

Reader

We pray for all who spread the gospel; that they may preach the loving, forgiving virtues of Christ, who welcomes sinners and eats with them, to the world.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for married couples; that they may continue to grow in love for each other.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for peace; that all people may strive to build peace, especially where there is division.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for all those who have lost their way, worshipping golden calves; that they may return to worship the one, true God.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for our world; that we may learn to care more diligently for God's creation.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for those who have died; that they may share in the peace of Christ in heaven.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Priest

Heavenly Father, you cared for the people of Israel in the desert. Hear the prayers we make today and grant us what we need.

We make our prayers in the name of Jesus, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

I will leave this place and go to my father.

Visit Our Website: www.ballincolligparish.ie

BAPTISMS

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

Dylan Barry Anthony McSweeney, Faha, Dripsey.
 Ella Jane McCoy/Keane, Caislean Close.
 Gary Benjamin Cotter Cunningham, Fr Sexton Park.
 Marika Elzbieta, Jese, Cranford Pine.
 Killian Martin O'Brien, Holly Rd, Muskerry Estate.
 Alanna Dominique McGeough, Rosewood.
 Sean Alexander Casey-Galloway, c/o Hazel Grove.
 Ruby Sky Morrissey, An Caislean.
 Josh Robert O'Sullivan, Westcourt Heights.
 Addison Gerardene McNamara/Ryan, Tuairin Glas.
 Cormac John Gleeson, The Green, Coolroe Meadows.
 Conor David Ahern, Chestnut Crescent, Classis Lake.
 Cara Anne Brett, Greenfields Road.
 Harry Finn Twomey, The Cedars Classis Lake.
 Michael Sean Sweeney, Beech Park.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Charles Jenkins, Ballincollig & Macroom.

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

Denis & Eileen Murray, Ballingearry.
 Joe Linehan, Inniscarra View
 James & Evelyn McSwiney, Cloghroe.
 Anne Henchy.
 Mary O'Sullivan
 Joan Coughlan.
 Michael & James Coffey.
 James McMeekin.
 Peg Barry Murphy, Carriganarra.
 Terry McCarthy, Raheen.
 Mary Kelleher, Poulavone.
 Deceased members of the Sheehan Family, Toames
 Bridget & Gerry Kelly, Urhan.
 Mary & Daniel O'Leary, Gillabbey Street.
 Frank O'Brien, Wyndham Downs.
 Dec members of the Henchy family, Raheen
 Catherine & Patrick Cosgrove, Galway
 Kay Griffin, Spur Hill.
 Hannah Maria O'Sullivan, Blackpool
 Joan Coakley, "Hillview", Muskerry Estate.

National Tidy Town's

The results of the 2010 competition will be announced tomorrow in Dublin. Best of luck to the committee and its volunteers who have done Trojan work over the summer months in keeping our town litter free, also well done for achieving the cleanest town in Cork and being in 9th position nationally in IBAL league.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Twenty Fourth Week In Ordinary Time

12 Sunday Ex. 32:7-11, 13-14. Ps. 50. 1 Tim. 1:12-17. Lk. 15:1-32. Lect I: 906
 13 Monday 1 Cor. 11 :17-26,33. Ps. 39. Lk. 7:1-10. Lect II: 763
 14 Tuesday Num. 21:4-9 or Phil .2:6-11. Ps. 77. Jn. 3:13-17. Lect I: 996 or Lect II: 1186
 15 Wednesday Heb. 5:7-9. Ps. 30. In. 19:25-27 or Lk. 2:33-35. Lect II: 1189
 16 Thursday 1 Cor 15:1-11. Ps 117. Lk 7:36-50. Lect II: 769
 17 Friday 1 Cor. 15: 12-20. Ps. 16.Lk. 8: 1-3. Lect II: 772
 18 Saturday 1 Cor. 15:35-37,42-49. Ps. 55. Lk. 8:4-15. Lect II: 774

Next Sunday's Readings 19-September-2010

Am. 8:4-7. Ps. 112. 1 Tim. 2: 1-8. Lk. 16: 1-13. Lect I: 910

***Ballincollig Parish
 Bereavement Support***

There will be a Bereavement Support Programme commencing in Ballincollig on Tuesday 5th October. It will continue each Tuesday night for 8 weeks (7.30-9.30 pm). Anyone who is experiencing the grief and loss of a loved one, is very welcome to attend. For further information, please contact:

Sr Colette O'Leary: 086.3557375 or Parish Office:

Mothers Prayers' Groups

recommence on:

Wednesday 15th September, **10.30 am**
 Meeting Room at Christ our Light Church
 Thursday 16th September, at **10.00 am**
 Annex of Parish Hall

All Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers are welcome to come along on either of these mornings to pray for their children and the youth of our Parish



The Irish Blood Transfusion Service Will Hold
 A Blood Donor Clinic In
 The GAA Pavilion Ballincollig

On
 Monday, Sep 13, 4.30 pm – 8.00 pm
 Tuesday, Sep 14, 4.30 pm – 8.00 pm

Ennismore Retreat Centre - St Dominics

14th September (Tuesday) 7.30 pm
I'M SPIRITUAL BUT NOT RELIGIOUS -
 Many would say that their spiritual search is still active but they have abandoned the institutional Church - Have they a future?
Benedict Hegarty OP

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Ex. 32:7-11. 13-14
God hears our prayer for mercy.

Second Reading: 1 Tim. 1:12-17
Paul reminds us that Jesus came for sinners.

Gospel: Luke 15:1-32
In an attempt to show the people that God will forgive and accept sinners into the Kingdom, Jesus told three parables about being lost and then found. The first parable was about a shepherd who had one hundred sheep but lost one. The shepherd searched until he found the lost lamb. There was much celebration on the part of the shepherd and his neighbours because something lost was found. The second parable concerned a widow who searched her house until she found a lost piece of silver. Finally, Jesus told the parable of the prodigal son who squandered his share of his inheritance and went home to beg his father to let him be a worker. Instead, the father was so thrilled to see this son who had been lost to him that he threw a big party. All three of these parables illustrate the joy that will be in heaven when one lost sinner is found.

Engaged Encounter

A Wedding is a day...A Marriage is a Lifetime.

Catholic Engaged Encounter is a weekend away with other engaged couples with plenty of time alone together to plan for a sacramental marriage. Engaged Encounter is designed to give couples planning marriage the opportunity to reflect honestly and intensively about their prospective lives together, their strengths and weaknesses, desires, ambitions, goals, their attitudes about money, sex, children, family, their role in the church and society--in a face to face way.

For further information and booking check out the website www.marriageencounter.ie follow the link to the Engaged Encounter section.

Or you can contact Emmet & Mary on 048 79300340 Planned Marriage Encounter Weekends.

- 24th - 26th September 2010 Dromantine Conference Centre, Newry, Co. Down.
- 26th - 28th November 2010 The Lake Hotel, Killarney, Co. Kerry.
- 08th - 10th April 2011 The Lake Hotel, Killarney, Co. Kerry.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

To find out more about supporting or volunteering for the SVP please come along to our information night on next Thursday 16th September, between 6.00 pm and 8.30 pm, in the Silversprings Moran Hotel, Cork

Interested in exploring your Faith?

Enjoy being part of a group where you can freely discuss subjects like God, Life, Ministry, etc.?

If so, why not join us on the new **Pathways: Exploring Faith and Ministry** programme starting later this month. Nights include presentations from a variety of speakers and an opportunity to reflect with others. No previous knowledge or experience required. Contact Fr. Sean O' Sullivan in the diocesan Adult Religious Education office at 021-7336053 or email sean.osullivan@corkandross.org More information available online at www.corkandross.org under the Upcoming Events menu.

All are welcome. **Reflection for Parents** If you have ever lost a child either at a shopping centre, amusement park, or outside playing, you know the anguish of losing something beyond measure. The joy you experienced when you found each other is often something you can't even put into words. Part of you wants to be angry because the child caused you so much grief, but mostly you are just so happy to see the child, you can hardly speak. If we've had experiences like this, then we have an indication about how God feels when we are truly sorry for our sins and want to be part of God's family.

Bulletin Board

Children's Mass

The Children's Mass will resume on Sunday 19th September at 11 am in the Church of Christ Our Light. The children of 2nd class go to the crying room at the beginning of Mass there they celebrate Liturgy of the Word in a child friendly fashion –word searches, colouring and maze search are some of the methods used. Volunteers are welcome and needed to help. Training and practice will be given. Parents are welcome to join their Children for the celebration of the Word of God.

I am inviting Parents of First Holy Communion Children to please try and bring your Child to this Mass. Bringing your Children to the Sunday Mass is an important preparation for your Child's First Holy Communion.

A meeting will take place this Sunday 12th September after the 11.00 am Mass with parents and volunteers to help with the Children's Mass

Mass Book

The diaries to book Mass Intentions for October, November, and December are open in both churches.

Pakistan Collection

A total of €14,858 has been collected to help victims of the Pakistan floods.

Many thanks for your support and generosity.

New Sacristan

Pat Kelleher is the New Sacristan in Christ Our Light church, Clara Ebili will do two days a week. A warm welcome is extended to both, we wish them well and every success in their new role.

Fr. George

National Learning Network Kerry

Is currently recruiting for its Sporting Chance Programme, a free course providing training in the sport and leisure industry for those unemployed due to disability, injury or learning difficulty. For further details, please contact your local FAS office or Kevin Smith at 066 7122533 or 086 0404270.

CURA

Need to Talk?

We are there 6 days a week. Unplanned pregnancy can be hard to take. Also when baby is born coping can be difficult. We are there to listen and support you.

Call CURA at 021 427 7544

Free Trees Available

Ballincollig Tidy Towns has 200 trees to distribute to Residents Groups or other organisations who are interested. If your area would like some of these trees please logon onto Ballincolligtidytowns.ie And complete the online form by September 25th



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MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Sep-18 & Sep-19-2010

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Aine Sheehan
Mark Prendergast
8:30 am
John Healy

10:00 am
Rory Horgan
Kate Greene
12:00 Noon
Miriam Maunsell
Christine Coakley

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Michael Greene

11:00 am
Jacob Derham
Paul Donovan
12:30 pm
Joseph Manning
Robert Murphy
5:30 pm
Siobhan Keane-Hopcraft

MASS TIMES

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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	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	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	



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Sep-18 & Sep-19-2010

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

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

8:30 am Theresa Lucey
Rita Murphy
Mona Holland

10:00 am Tadgh Murphy
Mary Murphy
Joan Tobin
Eileen O'Connell
Niamh Nic Gerailt
Seamus O'Shea

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

7:30 pm Sheila O'Connor
John Canty
Brid Healy-Harris
Kit Cahill

11:00 am Bernadette Spillane
Angela Cunningham
Laurence Cunningham
Eileen Byrne
Carmel Ryan

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

5:30 pm Maire McCullagh
Olan O'Mahony

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