

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

150 Years



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

## Sunday 14-June-2015

Eleventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

*To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade.*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

### Good News for Today

The gospel today uses the seed as an example of Gods' kingdom. In Jesus' parable the seed growing of itself is what is emphasised once the sower has done his job. This parable is meant to give encouragement to the early disciples who had become discouraged because they saw so little happening. It was telling them to be patient and not to expect instant results.

Like those early disciples we want results and we want them fast. We live in the age of the instant product, we have instant communication, instant soup. We know the quality may suffer but we are prepared for that once time and effort are saved.

We forget that some things cannot be rushed, like the growth to maturity as a human being is a job for a lifetime. To build relationship with someone takes time, to get to know one's children takes time. To overcome one's sins and weaknesses takes time.

This age could also be called the push button age. All we have to do is turn a switch, press a button and things happen. Many of today's labour saving devices are a God send. They take the monotony and drudgery out of life and work. There is a negative to living in the world of the push button. The push button encourages the minimum effort, the least cost and the shortcut to everything. It may encourage us to take the easy option even when there is no easy option. Why bother to visit that old or sick person when you can phone them. Besides some things take time even in the push button age like the challenge of rearing children.

The farmer did his part in the parable, he sowed the seed. Things were now beyond his control all he could do was wait in patience, humility and hope. *George O'Mahony*  
These are not easy virtues.

### Reflection for Parents

Today's gospel reminds us that through God's care and blessing great things can grow from even the smallest of efforts. It is important that we place our thoughts, our words, our actions, our ideas and inspirations into God's hands. He helps us find the finest ground for all seeds to grow big and strong, Let us ask the Holy Spirit to help us plant seeds of goodness, forgiveness, joy, trust and faith that will enable us to grow into daughters and sons of God.

### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

#### Priest

Let us pray for the growth of God's Kingdom on earth and in our lives.

#### Reader

For the Church: that Christ may sustain it in its task of being a heaven in the world.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For government leaders that they may speak wisely and act justly, for God has made us responsible for the world.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For all those who are discouraged because of lack of results.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those who work on the land: that their work may bear fruit.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For all here: that each of us may play our part, however small, in making the world a better place to live in.

**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

Almighty and ever-loving God, help us to have confidence in your unchanging love for us, so that when things are difficult we may have the strength to persevere in goodness. We make our prayers through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.*

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**BAPTISMS**

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

- James Samuel Roche, Leslies Arch, Old Quarter.
- Nojus Joshua Smith, Fernway, Classes Lake.
- Zofia Suzanna Nowak, The Square, Highfield Park.
- Hugh Martin Kelleher, Maglin Grove.
- Leon Michael Hyde, Beverly, Ovens.
- Sophia Perez, Wyndham Downs.
- Leigh Barry O'Callaghan, Oaklands.
- Sadhba Anne Murphy, Rivers Court, Fionn Laoi.
- Conn Louise Quirke, Ashtown, Dublin.
- Oliver David Quirke, Ashtown, Dublin.
- Shane Edward Barber, Glendower Court.
- Tom Ciaran Fitzgibbon, Carrigrohane.
- Christopher Isaac O'Mahony Nolan, Tudor Grove Apts.
- Oisin John Seymour, Kanturk.
- Sienna Sue O'Hanlon, The Sycamores, Classes Lake.
- Paddy John Crowley, An Caislean.
- Matthew David O'Brien, Westgrove.
- Carly Marie Moloney Marshall, An Caislean.
- Rebecca Margaret Morrissey, Ballinora Waterfall.
- Peadar David Kelly, Waltham Abbey, Old Quarter.

**† IN SYMPATHY †**

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

- Rea O'Hea, Cork / South Africa.
- Christine Hallihan, Powdermills/England.
- Dermot Barry, Rosewood.
- Ed Corcoran, Rosewood.

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

- Gillian Smith-Kiely, The Elms.
- Mary Barry, Inniscarra.
- Thomas O'Sullivan, Kanturk.
- John Bowen, Sundays Well.
- Maureen Callanan, West Village.
- Lawrence O'Flynn, Lyras, Aherla.
- Padraig O'Riordan, Macroom.
- Dec. members of O'Riordan Family, Kilnamartyra.
- Patjoe O'Donovan, Manch, Ballineen.
- Peg O'Donovan, Manch, Ballineen.
- Mai Spillane, Glenflesk.
- James O'Sullivan, Tudor Grove.
- Noel Sexton, Gardiners Hill.
- Jerry O'Callaghan, Leevview, Carrigrohane.
- Liam Scully, Castlemartyr.
- Denis Coughlan, Ballydehob.
- John Anthony O'Driscoll, Kinsale.
- Nora Connolly, Bantry.
- Greg Lonyszyn, Poland.
- John Daly, Ballyburden.
- John Joe Shanahan, Fr. Sexton Park.
- Dan Lucey, The Crescent.
- Con & Maureen Cremin, Glasheen.
- Shelia O'Sullivan, Grange/Douglas.
- Frederick Strahan, Dublin.

Noel Lynch, Daffodil Fields.

Dec. members of Scully family Castlemartyr.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Eleventh Week In Ordinary Time

- 14 Sunday Ezek 17:22-24. Ps 91:2-3, 13-16, R/ cf. v. 2 Cor 5:6-10. Mk 4:26-34. Lect I: 763
- 15 Monday 2 Cor. 6:1-10. Ps. 97. Mt. 5:38-42. Lect II: 136
- 16 Tuesday 2 Cor. 8:1-9. Ps. 145. Mt. 5:43-48. Lect II: 138
- 17 Wednesday 2 Cor. 9:6-11. Ps. 111. Mt. 6:1-6, 16-18. Lect II: 140
- 18 Thursday 2 Cor. 11:1-11. Ps. 110. Mt. 6:7-15. Lect II: 142
- 19 Friday 2 Cor. 11:18, 21-30. Ps. 33. Mt. 6:19-23. Lect II: 144
- 20 Saturday 2 Cor. 12:1-10. Ps. 33. Mt. 6:24-34. Lect II: 146

**Next Sunday's Readings 21/June/2015**

Job 3:1, 8-11. Ps 106. 2 Cor 5:14-17. Mk 4:35-41. Lect I: 765

**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading Ezekiel 17:22-24

In this reading the prophet Ezekiel spoke about the better days that were to come for the Chosen People when Yahweh would take back His people once more, and dwell in their midst forever. Today's extract is a messianic prophecy in which God says that he will raise up a descendant—a sprig from the lofty cedar David, who will yet be the glory of Israel.

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

St Paul tells his Corinthians that his constant desire and motive in life is to please God. In this he wants them to imitate him. While on earth this is his aim and when he goes to God in heaven this will be his purpose and his delight.

Gospel Mark 4,26-34

The Gospel reading today contains the parable of the mustard seed. This parable, telling of how the smallest of all seeds of the Earth grew into the largest of plants, reminds us that through God's care and blessing great things can grow from even the smallest of efforts. It is important that we place our thoughts, our words, our actions, our ideas and inspirations into God's hands, and that we invite God to bless and to use all of these things for the greater good of the kingdom and for the greater good of the Church on Earth.

**Missionary Sisters of St. Columban.**

Sisters Eileen Rabbitte & Mary McHugh who recently visited our parish, wish to sincerely thank all parishioners for their wonderful support and financial contribution of €9,589.86 to their mission.

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**Mass will be Celebrated**

in  
St. James's Cemetery Chetwyd  
on  
Wednesday 17th June, 2015 at 7.30 p.m.



**The Praying Hands**

Two brothers dreamed of going to art school. Their father couldn't afford to send them so, in love, they agreed a plan: one would go while the other would support him; then they would change places. It all came down to the toss of a coin as to who would go first. Albrecht Durer (1471-1528) won, and went to the Academy in Nuremberg.

To fulfil his part of the bargain, Albert went down into the nearby mines and worked to finance his brother's study. Meanwhile Albrecht quickly impressed his teachers. His etchings, his woodcuts and his paintings were a sensation and, even by the time he graduated, he had established his reputation.

Faithful to his promise, Albrecht returned home to remind his beloved brother that it was now his turn to fulfil his ambition and that he, Albrecht, would support him. In tears, however, Albert told his brother that it was now too late for him: four years of toil in the mines had so badly damaged his hands that he could never be an artist.

To honour Albert for all that he had sacrificed on his behalf, Albrecht drew his brother's damaged hands with palms together and thin fingers stretched heavenward. He called his drawing simply Hands, but his great masterpiece, his tribute of love, would become known as **The Praying Hands**.

**Ballincollig Tidy Towns**

Ballincollig is simply the best. Please help us keep it better than all the rest. Adjudication for the National Tidy Towns Competition is now underway for 2015. Our town could be judged today, tomorrow or on any day to end of July. Therefore we appeal to all persons in Ballincollig to be alert and preserve the beauty of our town.

The first to APOLOGISE is the Bravest.  
The first to FORGIVE is the Strongest.  
The first to FORGET is the Happiest.

**Children's Corner**

**A Prayer to say...**

Father God, help us to grow big and strong and to learn all about you and how you want us to live. Thank you for loving us so much. Amen.

**In the Gospel today...**

Jesus taught the people about the kingdom of God. He said it was like when a man planted a tiny mustard seed and it grew into a huge plant so big that birds built their nests in its branches.

**Bulletin Board**

**Examination Time**

We ask for your continuing support and prayers for our students as they prepare for their Leaving and Junior Certificate Examinations. May they be successful in their efforts.

The next Baptism preparation will take place on **Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Coeliacs**

Please let the celebrants of Mass know if you need to receive a coeliac host at Holy Communion. Generally the Priest celebrating the Mass has the Coeliac Host.

**Special Collection**

Ballincollig Parishioner & Mass Missalette  
An EXIT COLLECTION will be taken up after all Masses next weekend 21st & 22nd June. Your Contribution will help towards the purchasing of the Mass Missalette and the printing costs of The Parishioner.

**Mass Diaries**

Mass Diaries to book Mass intentions for July, August & September are now open in both churches. Priority will be given to those booking 1st Anniversary Mass.  
**Fr. George**

**Pilgrimage**

The Presentation Brothers are organising a pilgrimage from Cork to Lough Derg (Friday, 26th - Sunday, 28th June) for young adults (18-40). Full details at [www.PresentationBrothers.org](http://www.PresentationBrothers.org)  
Contact Andrew at 01-2300824 or [comms@PresentationBrothers.org](mailto:comms@PresentationBrothers.org)

**Student's Prayer Card (Ballincollig)**

As I begin to study for the exams I face  
I ask you Lord for the courage and grace  
to meet this challenge and do my best  
to stay calm and focused during the test.  
This prayer I make to you today,  
help me Lord and with me stay.

**Prayer for Strength**

Every day I need you, Lord, but today especially, I need some extra strength to face whatever is to come.  
This day, more than any other day, I need to feel you near me to strengthen my courage and to overcome my fear.  
By myself I cannot meet the challenge of the hour. We are frail human creatures and we need a Higher Power to sustain us in all that life may bring.  
And so, dear Lord, hold my trembling hand. Be with me, Lord, this day and stretch out your powerful arm to help me. May your love be upon me as I place all my hope in you. Amen.

*Blessed Pope John XXIII*

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Jun/20 & Jun/21/2015

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**  
 Muireann Nelligan  
 Pdraig McAuliffe  
**8:30 am**  
 Triona Downey  
 Riain Brennan  
**10:00 am**  
 Louise McCarthy  
 Declan Crowley / Robert Noonan  
**12:00 Noon**  
 Emer Wiseman

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**  
 Fiona Feely  
  
**11:00 am**  
 Tomas Buckley  
 Michael Buckley  
**12:30 pm**  
 Joseph Manning  
 Niamh Murray  
**5:30 pm**  
 Tom Reck

**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>	

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**Funeral Pastoral Team Rota**

Week 15th Jun to 21st Jun

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**

Jun/20 & Jun/21/2015

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

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

**8:30 am** Theresa Lucey  
 Tom Butler  
 Triona Collins

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

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

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

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

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

**5:30 pm** Olan O'Mahony  
 Noel Kelleher

**Experiencing Grief and Loss**

Grieving as a Family can be devastating for individual members as well as for the family as a whole. As you work towards your own personal healing, it is important to remember what other family members are going through and to remain sensitive to their feelings. While grieving can feel overwhelming and be difficult to work through for you, remember to take some time to help children affected by the death as well. A child's perception of death is uncertain. Children are affected just as adults are by the loss of someone close, however they may not be able to articulate their emotions as well as adults can. As they go through the emotions, children may not understand why they feel angry. As a result, they may lash out at the people they love and respect the most. Also they may not be able to visualise that their loved one will not be coming back. You can help a child through their grief by talking openly with them, letting them know it's ok to feel sad, angry, or upset and giving them the opportunity to ask questions or express their feelings. One of the greatest needs then of children and adults alike, is to be able to talk about their loved one. While certain feelings can be expected, everyone's journey will be unique.

(Concluding part of the articles presented by Sr. Colette during 2009)