

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 15-February-2015

Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

A leper was an outcast, an untouchable. The love of Christ brought such people back into the community. We who follow Christ are called never to ostracise another, never to isolate those who don't fit into our ways. Our task is to help them along.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Jesus, Friend of Outcasts

I'd like to thank those of you who came along last Wednesday to take part the special liturgy to mark World Day of Sick. Thanks to those of you who made your own special effort and thanks to those who helped to bring a family member, relative, friend or neighbour. Thanks to all who supported our gathering in any way?

Today again in the Gospel Christ the Healer is again among the sick and this time stretches out his hands and touched the leper. It may seem an extreme example of Jesus' outreach to the sick. There's no logic to it. There are no rules. He's doing something new. He touches the leper. Wow. And the leper is cured. And then the odd reversal of lifestyle. The leper goes into community and Jesus is isolated and almost becomes a leper. And yet the community still seeks Him out and wants to be touched; touch His cloak; to be close.

The gesture of touch in our lives has particular connotations for many of us. Some like and others dislike. The gesture of touch can convey so much and in the right context it certainly conveys accompaniment, intimacy and oneness.

In recent days again we have seen local hospitals having to restrict visiting due to the presence of infection. The danger of touch or proximity to others increases the likelihood of the spread of infection. We have seen the terrible effects of Ebola in some parts of Africa. While many people died I have been struck by the equally harsh effects that Ebola has had on day to day lives. In recent interviews with an Irish missionary sister from Donegal she has spoken of the sheer devastation of the lives of family and communities. It is after the example of Christ the Healer that many are drawn to all sorts of disciplines to be there for those who are sick and in need. The Gospel is Good News as once again it tells us of the extraordinary events of the Incarnation.

Christ is speaking and acting with authority and so pushes the boundaries beyond the logic to the realm of mystery. The Incarnation, and our sharing in this incarnate presence by our words, touch, look, acknowledgement are signs and gestures which transmit something of the human and divine spirit, heart, love. There's to be, as I see it, in our living in family, community, society a desire for the good and the desire that creates presence and uplifts individually and collectively. Lord bless us in our gift of touch to others and through your Spirit of Wisdom and guidance let it always convey something of love and presence.

Dave O'Connell

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us bring our needs before the Lord who in his great compassion reached out to the leaper and healed him.

Reader

For the Christian community: that it may be warm and caring towards those who society rejects.

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

For the human family: that God may bind its members in ties of friendship and mutual acceptance.

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

For prisoners, drug addicts, and all those who feel the pain of rejection.

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

For all gathered here: that the Lord may open our hearts and our eyes to those who suffer so that they may need not carry their cross alone.

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

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

For a moment, we remember in silence our own particular needs

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

Priest

God of love and mercy, you know our weakness. May we reach out with joy to grasp the hand you stretch out to us in Christ, and so walk more readily in your ways. We make this prayer through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.

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BAPTISMS

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

Kaylan Mia McGill, Leslies Arch, Old Quarter.
Robert Nawra, Fernway, Classes Lake.
Mark Anthony Ryan, Old Court, Greenfields.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Sean O'Dwyer, Toomevara, Co Tipperary.
Mary Hurley, Albert Road/Blackpool.
Mary Beale, Blackrock.

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

Martin & Patrick Ginnane, Shanakiel Road.
Richard O'Halloran, Muskerry Estate.
Ted & Rose Moylan, Earlwood Estate.
Margaret White, Coolroe.
Kitty O'Mahony, Drimoleague.
Patrick & Catherine Howard, Ballinlough.
Norma McCarthy, Mahon.
Patrick, Bridget & Mary Boyd, Spangle Hill.
John Hegarty, McCurtin Villas.
Ann Downey, Model Farm Road.
William & Annie O'Brian, Connolly Road.
Sr. Mary de Lourde Kelleher, Clonadalkin.
Sr. Bernadette Kelleher, South Africa.
Tim & Eileen Murphy, Bishopstown.
Nora Molloy, Tullamore.
Margaret & Maurice O'Connor, Castlegregory.
Dan & Charles O'Connor, Castlegregory.
Eoin O'Dwyer, Ballyshoneen.
Kathleen & Sonny Murray, Carrigrohane, Straight Road.
Bernard O'Brien, Inniscarra View.
Michael Tully, Longford.
Jack Lucey, Station Cross.
Helen Lynch, Gurranes.
James O'Mahony, Ballinora.
Frances & Margaret O'Farrell, Station Road.
Daniel O'Sullivan, Inniscarra.
Michael & Nora Harrington, Blarney.
John C & Ellie Creedon, Ballyvourney.
Dec. members of Creedon family, Ballyvourney.
Margaret White, Coolroe
Billy Whelton, Muskerry Estate.
Lisa Mckane, Leo Murphy Terrace.
Thomas Reck, Innismore.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sixth Week In Ordinary Time

15 Sunday Lev 13:1-2, 44-46. Ps 31. 1 Cor 10:31-11:1. Mk 1:40-45. Lect I: 750
16 Monday Gen. 4:1-15,25. Ps. 49. Mk. 8:11-13. Lect II: 68
17 Tuesday Gen. 6:5-8; 7: 1-5, 10. Ps. 28. Mk. 8: 14-21. Lect II: 70
18 Wednesday Joel. 2:12-18. Ps. 50. 2 Cor. 5:20-6:2. Mt. 6:1-6. 16-18. Lect I: 191
19 Thursday Deut. 30:15-20. Ps. 1. Lk. 9:22-25. Lect I: 194
20 Friday Is 58:1-9. Ps 50. Mt 9:14-15. Lect I: 196
21 Saturday Is 58:9-14. Ps85 Lk 5:27-32. Lect I: 198

Next Sunday's Readings 22/February/2015

Gen. 9:8-15. Ps. 24. 1 Pet. 3:18-22. Mk. 1:12-15. Lect I: 205

Listen...

...do you want to know a secret?

Jesus Christ loves you with a real, deep, everlasting love. He says "Come to Me all of you who are tired and burdened and I will give you rest"
So come and listen to a catechesis for adults and youth.
Every Monday & Thursday @ 8.00pm

St. Mark's Centre

Opposite Christ Our Light Church Innishmore, Ballincollig
More info phone Neil 086 8620569
Baby sitting and transport can be arranged

The Christian Vocation

A Talk by the Papal Nuncio
His Excellency, The Most Rev Charles J. Brown, Papal Nuncio to Ireland, will be in Cork to deliver a Talk on 'The Christian Vocation' as part of the St. Columba's Church Bi-centenary Talk Series.

Venue: St. Columba's Church, Douglas
Date: Thursday 26th February
Time: 8pm.
All Welcome.

St. Patricks Day 2015

Get your club/organisation involved
Contact admin@ballincollig.ie
or 086 0551911

Reflection for Parents

Not many things break the heart of a parent so quickly as seeing their child rejected by another person. Sometimes children are cruel and shun others or exclude them. Even more difficult are circumstances where adults or someone once trusted turn away from a child. Most of us don't witness these acts in our lives personally, but we certainly read about them in the paper or hear about them on the news. We get just a small glimpse of what it might have been like for the leper in today's gospel who was not even allowed to live with healthy people. We also better understand the courage and compassion of Jesus who touched the man and accepted him.

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Leviticus 13: 1-2, 44-46
 The Hebrews always regarded leprosy as a contagious disease and perhaps as a punishment by God. This explains both the isolation of the diseased person and the necessity of ceremonial purification. In some societies AIDS is similarly regarded today.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10: 31- 11:1
 This is a cry for tolerance at a time when Christians who had come from the Jewish tradition tried to impose their customs on converts from paganism. The scrupulous are not entitled to impose their scruples on others. Tolerance and kindness must be mutual.

Gospel: Mark 1: 40-45
 Lepers were compelled to lead an isolated life, wearing a special garb, and giving notice of their approach by crying out: "Unclean", in order to prevent contagion. Jesus cured the man but spoke sternly to him because he had violated the prudent regulations by coming into contact with others who might receive the contagion.

Pancake Morning

Bishopstown Community Gardai will be hosting their annual Pancake Morning at the S. M.A centre Wilton from 9.30am till 2pm on 17 Feb 2015. Proceeds from the morning will go towards the Cork City Hospitals Children's Club.

A Prayer for Peace

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
 Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
 where there is injury, pardon;
 where there is doubt, faith;
 where there is despair, hope;
 where there is darkness, light;
 where there is sadness, joy.
 For it is in giving that we receive
 in pardoning that we are pardoned,
 and in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Muskerry Local History Society

The Society is presenting a very interesting lecture by Richard Wood on the Great Houses of County Cork & Beyond. This illustrated lecture will examine the architecture and lifestyle of some of the great houses from our own locality and further afield. The lecture will be held in Ballincollig Rugby Club at 8.00 pm on Monday, 16 February, 2015.

Children's Corner

A Prayer to say...
 Dear Jesus, thank you for loving me. Help me to share your love with everyone, especially anyone who is left out. Help me to be brave like you were and to include everyone. Amen.

In the Gospel today...
 A man with a skin disease asked Jesus to make him well Jesus felt sorry for the leper and healed him. Jesus asked the man not to tell anyone, but to go to the priest and show that he was cured. The man told everybody! Lots of people came from all around to find Jesus so that he could heal them.

Bulletin Board

Ash Wednesday

Lent begins this Wednesday February 18th. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at all Masses.
 Daily Masses & Evening Masses during Lent
 Church of Christ Our Light
 8.30am & 6.30pm
 St Mary & St John
 9.30am & 8pm.

Trocaire Boxes

Lenten boxes are available at the back of both churches. Parishioners are asked to please take one and to make a weekly contribution during lent. Boxes will also be distributed to the schools.

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place on Saturday March 7th 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.

New Ministers of the Eucharist

Presently in Ballincollig Parish we are inviting parishioners to volunteer to become Ministers of the Eucharist. You are invited to minister in either Christ Our Light Church or St Mary & St John Church, approximately once a month at a week end Mass (rota will be provided).

The requirements are that you are:

- A person 18 years or over
- A person with faith in the Eucharist and anxious to deepen their own faith through ministry
- A person willing to serve and minister to others.

You are also invited to nominate a friend or neighbour as a minister of the Eucharist. Volunteers are also welcome as a Minister of the Eucharist. (Please give full name, address and contact no to Parish Office or Sacristy .) There will be a preparation for all those interested in becoming ministers.

Ballincollig Parish Mission

March 2nd to March 6th - Church of St. Mary & St. John
 Mission Mass 7 am & 9.30am
 Liturgy, Homily & Prayer 7.30pm
 No evening Masses during Retreat.

Church of St. Mary & St. John

150 Anniversary Celebrations
 A flower festival will be hosted in the Church as part of the on-going celebrations on the week-end 8th -10th May, 2015. Proceeds will go to the Hope Foundation in Calcutta. Ballincollig Flower and Garden Club have kindly agreed to organise the floral exhibits.
 Sincere thanks to all who returned sponsorship envelopes.

Mass Diaries

Mass Diaries to book Mass intentions for April, May and June will open in both churches on Saturday March 14th at 9.00am. Priority will be given to those booking 1st Anniversary Masses.

Fr. George

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Feb/21 & Feb/22/2015

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
 Karen Sheehan
 Darragh Lankford
8:30 am
 Eadaoin O'Leary
 Gerard O'Leary
10:00 am
 Jordan Crowley
 Fergal Monahan
12:00 Noon
 Chloe Dalton O'Connor
 Katie Tobin

7:30 pm (Vigil)
 Rebecca Feely
 Josh Nyagaya
11:00 am
 Cormac Manning

12:30 pm
 Cathy Naughton
 Una Lynch
5:30 pm
 Marlyn O' Connor

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 & 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

Priest on Duty	087-2479140
Fr. George O'Mahony P.P.	021-4871206
Fr. Dave O'Connell C.C.	021-4876171 or frdaveoconnell@gmail.com
Fr. James McSweeney	021-4873308

Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

Week 16th Feb to 22nd Feb

Joan Barrett
 Margot Twomey

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

Feb/21 & Feb/22/2015

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Michael Maher
 Bernadette Bell
 Betty Casey
 Frank Riordan
 Siobhan Riordan
 Pauline Quane

8:30 am Mary Buckley
 Theresa Lucey / Triona Collins
 Mary B. Murphy

10:00 am Cathy Horgan
 Claudine Tiendioh
 Betty Flavin
 Anne Spillane
 Betty Sheehan

12 Noon Seamus O'Donovan
 Eleanor Knowles
 Catherine Greene
 Joan Barrett
 Frances Hogan

7:30 pm Geraldine Lynch
 Charlie Vaughan
 Joan Stephenson
 Bernie Bowen

11:00 am Neil Jeffers
 Eileen O'Donoghue
 Bridie Hanrahan
 Padraig Fleming
 Hugh & Catherine Moran

12:30 pm Denis O' Mahony
 Christine O'Mahony
 Tom Murray
 John O'Regan
 Gerard Dunne

5:30 pm Bernard Curran
 John Canty

Lourdes Young Adult Helpers

Over the years Cork and Ross Lourdes Pilgrimage has extended a special invitation to Young Adults (18-30 year olds) to consider giving five days to come to Lourdes and join the Diocese as helpers. This is a unique opportunity to journey together in faith to pray to Our Lady at the shrine where she appeared to Bernadette in 1858.

Our Young Adult Helpers always excel in their attention to our sick pilgrims, and without our team of helpers the sick could not come to Lourdes. This year the group of new and first time helpers is confined to a group of 25 young adults, and enquiries and bookings by the 28th February 2015 are to be made directly to:

Fr. Charles Kiely,
 Pastoral Development Office,
 Parochial House,
 Ballypehanane, Cork
 021-4537603
 email: charliekiely@gmail.com

The Matt Talbot Mass And Novena Prayers

Will take place at 7.30p.m. in The Way of the Cross Church, Togher on Thursday 19th February and will run for the 6 Thursdays of Lent.

The celebrant and preacher for the first night is Rev. Fr. John Walsh, Adm. Church of the Resurrection, Farranree.

Organised by Cork Regional Pioneer Council