

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 15-January-2006

Second Sunday In Ordinary Time
(World Day for Migrants and Refugees)

The call of God comes in different ways. To Samuel it came by night, mysterious, uncertain. To Andrew it came as an invitation from Jesus 'Come and see'. Whatever our vocation (and we all have one) our response must always be 'Speak Lord. Your servant is listening'



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

A Feeling of Home

The word 'church' or parish has a bad feel for many people. It is about a personal experience of hurt or condemnation. It is about fear and guilt. It is about authoritarian teaching that seems to have little concept of what it is to be an autonomous adult human being. That this is not the complete picture, hardly needs to be stated. It does not include all that is positive and prophetic in the Christian vision. Part of the mission of the parish today is to be a place where this pain is addressed and this alienation healed.

An alternative image is to see church as 'home'. In exploring this image I am thinking of parish as a place where people can have an alternative experience of church. The image speaks of parish as 'the family of God, a familiar and welcoming home'. I do realise that because of our own personal experiences, not all will warm to the idea of home. So I pursue the image without trying to idealise 'home'.

The spirit in which the image of home is intended is captured well by Robert Frost in a poem, where he writes: 'Home is a place where, when you have to go there, They have to take you in'. 'I should have called it, Something you somehow haven't to deserve'.

Home is where a person always belongs, where there is a place at the table, when belonging does not have to be earned. This is true even for the black sheep of the family, while things may never be what they used to be, gradually people will come to break bread together again. To speak of the church as home is to see the church as always open to be big enough for those who belong to the family. It is to see the faith community as a house of welcome for all and a place of service to all. Pope John XXIII's image of parish 'as a village fountain' to which all might have recourse in their thirst is valuable insight.

George O'Mahony

Reflection for Parents

Try to imagine the excitement these first disciples felt when they heard Jesus' words. There must have been something very compelling in what Jesus said and the hope he gave these men in order for them to drop everything and not only follow him, but to go to others with the exciting news. That's how our enthusiasm should reach our children. It would be good to check our own level of enthusiasm for Jesus' call to us so that whenever our children hear our words and stories about Jesus, they will immediately recognize our passion.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

We present our prayers to our loving God, confident that our prayers are always heard.

Reader

Speak, Lord your servant is listening: Look, there is the lamb of God. That we may help one another to say Yes to the Lord and recognise his presence in our midst

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

For all who worship in the name of Jesus Christ, that we may respect each others individuality and find strength and compassion as children of the same Father.

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

For Children, Parents and Teachers, as they resume a school term, that it may be a time of discovery, deepening of faith in Jesus and a realisation of our own worth.

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

For Young People, for those who are trying to make sense out of life and the world, that the message of Jesus may be spoken in a way that has meaning for them.

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

For Busy People, who feel the urgent need to transform the world, and who cannot take time for reflection, that they may have a vision of the kind of world God wants, and may find joy in the struggle to bring it about.

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

For Family and Friends who have Died, that they take part in the heavenly wedding banquet where God himself will put on his apron and wait on them.

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

Priest

Lord our God, we trust in your goodness and power. Hear the prayers we make to you, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

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BAPTISMS

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

Sarah Armstrong, Glendower Court
 Cloe Kathleen O'Mahony, The Cloisters
 Cory Michael O'Driscoll-Lane, Castle Park
 Marie Margaret Gleeson, The Green, Coolroe Meadows.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Aoife Sheehan R.I.P., Castlegregory., Mourned by Brendan & Stella Sheehan.
 Sheila O'Mahony R.I.P., Ballyvolane & Coachford. Mourned by Mary O'Brien, Woodberry.
 Gemma Barrett, Bantry R.I.P., Mourned by Noreen Finn, Castle Park.
 Tim O'Sullivan R.I.P., Upper Leemount, Kerry Pike. Mourned by his sister-in-law Elizabeth O'Sullivan, Castle Park.
 Liam Woods R.I.P., Monkstown. Mourned by his brother Noel, Parknamore.

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

Bridget & Michael O'Regan, Carriganarra.
 Daniel Cronin, Rathmore.
 Daniel O'Neill.
 Eileen & Con O'Connor, Kanturk.
 Eleanor O'Manony, Castletownbere.
 Elizabeth McCarthy, Park Road, Muskerry Estate.
 Frank Collins, Ballingulley.
 Helen Kenneally, Beech Park.
 Horgan Family, Beal naMorrive.
 Hughie O'Callaghan, Rossa Avenue, Bishopstown.
 Jack McCarthy, Ballintemple.
 Jeremiah & Mary Buttimer, Kilmichael.
 Joan & Eddie Murphy, Powdermills.
 John & Ted Corkery, Aherla.
 John Hogan, Co. Tipperary.
 John Pinfield, Blarney.
 Martin Murphy, Rockchapel.
 Mary & Raymond McKenna, Sharmon Crawford St.
 Mattie, Johanna & Paudie Twomey, Coolea, Macroom.
 Michael & Bobby Linehan, Inniscarra.
 Michael Hickey, Greenfield.
 Pat & Nora Lehane, Carrigadrohid.
 Patrick & John Sheehan, Coachford.
 Patrick & Margaret Kenneally, Curraheen.
 Patrick & Nora Riordan, Ballingearry.
 Patrick Barry, Ardnarostig.
 Patrick Murphy, Garravaugh, Inniscarra.
 Peter Murphy, Deshure, Tarelton.
 Ted Dineen, Ovens.
 Tim Maverley, Quaker Road.
 William & Ellen Cronin.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Second Week In Ordinary Time

15 Sunday 1 Sam 3:3-10, 19. Ps 39. 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20. Jn 1:35-42. Lect I: 740
 16 Monday 1 Sam 15:16-23. Ps49. Mk 2:18-22. Lect II: 470
 17 Tuesday 1 Sam 16:1-13. Ps 88. Mk 2:23-28. Lect II: 472
 18 Wednesday 1 Sam 17:32-33, 37, 40-51. Ps 143. Mk 3:1-6. Lect II: 475
 19 Thursday 1 Sam 18:6-9, 19:1-7. Ps55. Mk 3:7-12. Lect II: 477
 20 Friday 1 Sam 24:3-21. Ps56. Mk 3:13-19. Lect II: 479
 21 Saturday 2 Sam 1:1-4, 11-12, 17, 19, 23-27. Ps 79. Mk 3:20-21. Lect II: 482

Next Sunday's Readings 22-January-2006
 Jon 3:1-5, 10. Ps 24. 1 Cor 7:29-31. Mk 1:14-20. Lect I: 743

**Cork County Council
 Public Meeting**

Re: Ballincollig Regional Park/Skateboard Park
Venue: Annex Room, Community Hall
18th January, 2006 from 8 pm – 10 pm
Phone No: (021) 4285103 or 086 3862247

**Church Unity Week
 Ecumenical Service**

Wednesday 18th January at 8.00pm
 at St. Peters, Carrigrohane
All are welcome

Ballincollig Parish Pastoral Council

Meeting on Monday 16th January, 2006
 In the Annex Room at 7.45 pm

Muskerry Local History Society

January Lecture : Subject:-Crossbarry; where in 1921 Tom Barry and the Flying Column took on the might of British Empire during the War of Independence.
An illustrated talk dealing with engagement and retreat.

Speaker: Mr. Sean Kelleher, Local Historian
Venue: Ballincollig Rugby Club Function Hall
Date & Time: 17th January 2006 @ 8.00 pm
Admission: €2.00 for non members
Everyone most welcome

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3: 3-10,19

Like John the Baptist, Samuel was born when his mother thought she would never have a child. She dedicated him to the service of God in the Temple where he received his special calling from God. This extract recounts the moment of that calling and states that the Lord remained with him in a special way all his life.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians, 6: 13-15, 17-20

St. Paul explains the foundations of Christian chastity. The human body made for God must not be debased for present pleasure. The body is eternal and should be respected. The popular modern sentiment: "my body is my own" is contradicted by Paul who says: "You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for." Jesus bought and paid for us with his own blood shed on Calvary.

Gospel: John 1: 35-42

This is the moment when the Church began to find its Saviour. The solemnity and grace of the simple narrative are equal to the occasion: John the Baptist standing, two disciples nearby. The disciples follow Jesus. The heavenly attraction had begun to exercise its power. Jesus turned and gazed on the two men following him and spoke the first words from the lips of the Saviour reported by St. John: a "What do you want?". That same question is asked of all of us who follow Jesus: "Why do we follow him? What is it that we seek?"



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Agnes 21-January-2005

During the first century Christianity was, in the eyes of the Romans, confused with Judaism which was a legally permitted religion. Because of that there were few persecutions. When Christianity was better understood as a belief incompatible with pagan ideas charges were brought against Christians. They were seen as dangerous to the Emperor and the State. Trajan ordered that those who refused to offer sacrifice to the pagan gods should be executed. From then until the Edict of Milan in 313 A.D. there were ten major persecutions of Christians in which many faced terrible torture and martyrdom. St. Agnes died in one of these. St. Agnes was only thirteen or fourteen years of age when an Imperial Edict was promulgated against Christians. She immediately voluntarily declared herself a Christian and suffered torture by fire before being decapitated by the sword. Around her tomb grew up a large catacomb that bore her name. The original slab that covered her remains is now in the museum at Naples. On the feast of St. Agnes two lambs are solemnly blessed and from their wool are made the "palliums" or white stoles that are sent by the Pope to Archbishops throughout the world on their appointment to that high office.

Young Scientist Exhibition

Ballincollig Parish would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all those took part in this year's Young Scientist Exhibition and wish them well in their future study.

Diabetes

The Cork Branch of the Diabetes Federation of Ireland will host a Public Information Meeting entitled, 'New Research, Diabetes Self-Management' in the Gresham Metro-pole Hotel on Sunday the 22nd of January 2006 at 2.30 pm. Speakers include Professor Colin P. Bradley, Professor of General Practice at UCC and a range of other HSE diabetes professionals. There will be a focus on the responsibility of the patient in managing their condition and guidance on diet and living a healthy lifestyle. Admission is free and all are welcome. For further information contact the Diabetes Federation of Ireland on 021 4270009 or email sro@diabetes.ie.

Need Extra Help to prepare for you Leaving Cert Oral Exam??

If your son/ daughter is doing Leaving Certificate orals why not help them to brush up on their oral skills by attending evening/Saturday morning courses in French, German, Spanish, Italian and Irish at the Cork College of Commerce, Morrison's Island, Cork.

The college is also enrolling for its new Spring Courses at present.

Registration for all classes can be done through Visa, by postal enrolments or alternatively one can call into the main office of the college.

The college will also be holding two enrolment nights on Monday 16th January & Tuesday 17th January from 5-7 pm.

Please telephone 021-4222100 or email adulted@ccoc.ie for further information.

Preparation for Baptism

Baptism is our first step on the journey of Faith, the sacrament of initiation into the Christian faith and the Life of Christ. It is also a sacrament of welcome into the Christian community. The importance of preparation for Baptism was highlighted at the Parish Council and also by some parents requesting help for themselves. For the past number of months a group of parishioners have come together to provide some resources and help for parents bringing their children to Baptism. On Saturday 5th February our next meeting for parents who wish to have their children baptised in the parish of Ballincollig will take place. This is an opportunity to prepare for the sacrament of Baptism. I am confident that this presentation will be of benefit to parents and godparents in their role as Christian educators.

World day of prayer for Migrants

Today is the world day of prayer for Migrants.

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MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Jan-21 & Jan-22-2006

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Karen Sheehan
8:30 am
Annette Collins
10:00 am
Susan Fennell
12:00 Noon
Keevesa McGrath

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Fiona Feely
11:00 am
Jack Dorgan
12:30 pm
Bernard Vallely
5:30 pm
Christine O'Brien

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	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	9:00 am & 8 pm (Vigil)

CONFESSIONS

After 10:00 am Mass & before 6:00 pm Mass **Saturday** After 9:00 am Mass

BAPTISMS

5:00 pm **Saturday** 7:15 pm
12:45 pm **Sunday**

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Jan-21 & Jan-22-2006



St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Eileen Murphy
Ted Nelligan
Angela Murphy
Ann O'Connell
Sheila Walshe
Betty Sheehan
8:30 am Helen Kelly
Annette Murphy
Mary O'Connor
10:00 am Miriam Maunsell
Mary Buckley
Breda Ring
Mary O'Regan
John Henchy
Martin O'Leary
12 Noon John Walshe
Pat Kelleher
Irene O'Brien
Ellen O'Sullivan
Chris Cotter
Sally Crowley

8:00 pm John O'Donoghue
Eleanor O'Donoghue
Kathleen Daly
11:00 am Mary O'Mahony
Mona Bowen
Billy Barry
Mary Aylward
12:30 pm Mary Twomey
Terry O'Driscoll
Bernie O'Driscoll
Maura O'Driscoll
Mary Lehane
5:30 pm Garreth Irish
Sheia Curran

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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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Wednesday 10.30 - 5.00 pm
Thursday 9.30 - 7.30 pm
Friday 9.30 - 7.30 pm
Saturday 9.30 - 5.00 pm