

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 15-June-2008

Eleventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

The Lord protects us and gives us his strength for the mission to which he calls us.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Farewell from Fr Sean

It has been just 2 years since my appointment to ministry in Ballincollig parish. It was a big challenge for me to acclimatise to parish life having spent many years working in school chaplaincy. I found my new role encompassed a variety of mainly enjoyable tasks, as well as some taxing moments.

But most importantly, I have really enjoyed the opportunity to meet and work with so many wonderful people here. The regular positive feedback to my homilies has been a source of great support, as well as the reactions to my occasional articles in the Parishioner. Almost as soon as I have settled and made some wonderful friends, it is time to move on again. I wish to express my grateful appreciation to the congregations of St Mary and St John and Christ Our Light for your warmth, your kindness and hospitality. I can truly say that my time here has been blessed by the support I have received, particularly from you, the parishioners. I want you to know that I will miss you. I must acknowledge the privilege I had of getting to know many of you, particularly at poignant times in your lives. It was my honour to have served you.

I want to recognize those I worked closely with and whose support I relied on, especially the Sacristans, Parish Secretary, the members of the Parish Council, the Religious Sisters in the parish, all those involved in the very many parish ministries, the staff of Scoil Barra, as well as my colleagues.

I am very pleased to announce that my new appointment doesn't take me very far away, to Ballyphehane parish. I look forward to a fulfilling ministry there.

This is my last weekend in Ballincollig parish as my appointment here ends on Friday next, 20th. Please accept my apologies that I can't physically be present at all masses this weekend to bid you farewell.

I wish you all every blessing, happiness and prosperity in the years ahead and ask that you remember me, as I face the challenges brought by every new beginning..

Sean O'Driscoll

Fathers Day

We wish all families a very happy day today.

Reflection for Parents

No matter how large the world we call our own, no part of our contact is as important as our children. Not only are we called to share the message of hope with them, but they see by our actions how we live the Good News in the world with which we come in contact.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

In the First Reading we heard how the people of Israel can trust in the Lord having seen God's good works. Inspired by this we bring our needs before that same Lord in confidence.

Reader

We pray for the Church. May we grow closer to the Father who made us and to whom we belong, and may we serve God in gladness as a community, grateful for his merciful love.

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

We pray for vocations. May the Lord of the harvest send labourers to the harvest.

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

We pray for the sick. May they experience the healing touch of the Lord.

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

We pray for those who minister the sick. May they show the face of Jesus to others.

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

We pray for the many people throughout the world who are hungry. May their hunger be satisfied.

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

For all those doing examinations at this time, that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit and enabled to give of their best.

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

Priest

Heavenly father, your Son took pity on the crowd who were like sheep without a shepherd. Hear these prayers which we make before you this day, through our Lord Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

We Are His People, The Sheep Of His Flock.

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BAPTISMS

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

Rachel Angela Morrison McGregor, Innishmore Lawn.
 Patrick Robert How, Daffodil Fields.
 Caoimlin Thomas Egan, The Heathers Classes Lake.
 Nghiab Joanne Mellerick, Castle View, Greenfields Road.
 Sarah Elizabeth Murphy, Aylsbury Mews.
 Jessica Ann Williams, Mossgrove Classes Lake.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

John Barry, Bishopstown.
 Maura O'Leary, Dublin Hill.

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

Pearl Collins, Dunmanaway.
 Deceased members Mulcahy Family, Cobh
 Kevin O'Cruialaoí, Maglin.
 Frank O'Callaghan.
 Rory O'Donoghue, North Mall.
 Kate Crowley, Manor Hill.
 John & Kate Murray, The Square.
 Dan Lucey, The Crescent.
 Catherine Murphy, Bishopstown & Powdermills.
 Con & Margaret McSweeney, Greystones.
 Con & Maureen Cremin, Glasheen Road.
 Frederick Strahan, Dublin.
 Eileen Conway, Bishopstown.
 Maurice Dudley, Edinburgh.
 Nora O'Regan, Currabeg.
 Fintan O'Mahony, Courtmacsherry.
 Mai Spillane, Glenflesk.
 John, Julia & May Murphy, Ardgroom, Beara.
 Tim & Bridget Kearney, Inchigeela.
 Mary Nyhan, Coolroe Heights.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Eleventh Week In Ordinary Time

15 Sunday Ex. 19:2-6. Ps. 99. Rom. 5:6-11. Mt. 9:36-10:8. Lect I: 666
 16 Monday 1 K. 21:1-16. Ps. 5. Mt. 5:38-42. Lect II: 587
 17 Tuesday 1 K. 21 :17-29. Ps. 50. Mt. 5:43-48. Lect II: 589
 18 Wednesday 2 K. 2:1,6-14. Ps. 30. Mt. 6:1-6,16-18. Lect II: 591
 19 Thursday Eccles (Sir). 48:1-14. Ps. 96. Mt. 6:7-15. Lect II: 594
 20 Friday 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20. Ps 131. Mt 6:19-23. Lect II: 596
 21 Saturday 2 Chron 24:17-25. Ps 88. Mt 6:24-34. Lect II: 599

Next Sunday's Readings 22-June-2008

Jer, 20:10-13. Ps. 68. Rom. 5:12-15. Mt. 10:26-33. Lect I: 668

End of an Era

Joe Kavanagh, after 66 years as a Mass collector has retired. Joe started collecting in 1932 and has been collecting ever since, with the exception of the 10 years he spent in England to work during the Second World War. He was also involved with the Ranges Pitch and Putt Club but often gave up entering competitions because he would miss collecting at Mass. Joe collected at the 6 pm Vigil Mass in St. Mary & St. Johns and is well known to parishioners and Mass goers, we wish Joe & his family continued good health & happiness, and a big thank you for the 66 years of voluntary service to our parish.

Mobile Phone Etiquette

We ask all parishioners to ensure mobile phones are switched off when attending church; this can be hugely distracting especially during Mass.

***Ballincollig Catholic Parish Community
 Child Protection Policy***

Child Protection is an issue of concern to all those working with children and young people today. For us, the Ballincollig Catholic Parish Community, Child Protection is about ensuring the well being and safety of all children and young people as well as vulnerable adults in our Parish Community who are in our care. We are committed to ensuring that they are safe guarded and protected, that their environment while in our care is a safe one and that the time that they are in our care is filled with rewarding and enriching experiences. The publication in 1999 of *Children First, National Guidelines for the Protection and Welfare of Children ("Children First")* charged each and every organisation, whether statutory or voluntary, providing services to children, to produce a child protection policy specific to the work of each individual organisation. The Diocese of Cork and Ross has recently published the "*Cork and Ross Diocesan Guidelines for Good Practice by All who work with Children and Young People in the Catholic Community*". We are committed to adhering to our obligations imposed by *Children First*, to implementing the Diocesan Guidelines and to complying with the guidelines and legislation made by Statutory Authorities in relation to Child Protection.

Prior to the formulation of this policy document our Parish Priest Fr George O'Mahony put a number of steps in place. Altar servers had to obtain written parental permission before being allowed to serve on the Altar. Also the parents had to ensure that the servers were collected immediately after Mass. Organizations using parish property where young people were involved had to produce a copy of their own Child Protection Policy.

During the term of the last Pastoral Council a Sub-committee was formed to establish a Policy Document on child protection. Much work was put into formulating this document which incorporates the "*Children First*" and "*Diocesan Guidelines*". The Sub-committee sought help and advice from other organizations and Diocese's, where such policies were in force. The sub-committee also had the benefit of fulltime legal advice, during the drafting of this policy. At our Parish Pastoral Council meeting in March this year the document was unanimously passed by both the clergy and lay members of the council. The council then recommended that the policy should be put in place. A subcommittee was then formed to ensure the roll out of the policy and consequently the document is now available for viewing in the Sacristies of both Churches.

The Pastoral Council is very grateful to the committee for the great time and work they put into formulating this document.

Michael Crowley Facilitator Parish Pastoral Council.

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Exodus 19:2-6A
 God said to Moses, "Tell the Israelites: You have seen for yourselves how I treated the Egyptians and how I bore you up on eagles wings. . . Therefore, if you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my special possession, dearer to me than all other people, though all the earth is mine. You shall be to me a kingdom of priests, a holy nation."

Second Reading: Romans 5:6-11
 While we were sinners, Christ died for us. Now we are justified by his blood and saved by his life.

Gospel: Matthew 9:36-10:8
 Jesus called the twelve disciples and sent them as missionaries to continue the work God began in him. The disciples were to go out to the people and proclaim the Good News of the coming Kingdom.

Pallottine Fathers - Missions

The Pallottine Fathers wish to express their sincere thanks to the community of Ballincollig, who generously supported their collection on Saturday, 7th June, 2008. The sum of €2010.00 was collected. The entire proceeds will go towards helping the Pallottine Fathers' Missions in East Africa. The Pallottine Missionaries deeply appreciate all those who gave of their free time to assist with the collection. Be assured that you are all remembered daily in the prayers and Masses of the Pallottine Fathers at home and abroad.

Ballincollig Parish Bereavement Support

The next Parish Bereavement Support Programme will commence on 23rd September. This eight-week programme is open to all who are bereaved. It is held in a small group setting one night each week. If you have experienced loss and would like further information, please contact Sr. Colette O'Leary: 086.3557375 or the Parish Office: 4871206.

Cork Simon Community

Are looking for volunteers to help with our Door to Door collections - if you can spare a couple of hours a week to join our fantastic team of volunteers please contact Niamh @ 21-4377643 or email: niamh@corksmoncommunity

Special Collection

Ballincollig Parishioner & Mass Missalette
 An EXIT COLLECTION will be taken up after all Masses this weekend 14th & 15th June.
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Bulletin Board

Ballincollig Catholic Parish Community Child Protection Policy

The Policy document is now available for viewing in the Sacristies of the Church of St Mary and St John and Christ our Light. (see page 2)

Examination Time

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

Mass Book

Diaries to book Mass intentions for July, August & September 2008 are now open in both churches.

Mass Cards

Bouquet and Sympathy Mass Cards are available in the Parish Office and sacristies of both churches.

This Week's Calendar

Monday 16 – Weekday (11th Week in Ordinary Time)

Tuesday 17 – Weekday

Wednesday 18 – Weekday

Thursday 19 – St Romauld, abbot. Romauld was a monk who lived a life of strict penance and solitude. He established many monasteries, most notably at Camaldoli in Tuscany. He died in 1027.

Friday 20 – The Irish Martyrs. Seventeen Irish martyrs, men and women, cleric and lay, put to death for the Catholic faith between 1579 and 1654 were beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1992.

Saturday 21 – St Aloysius Gonzaga, religious. Aloysius joined the Jesuits. As a model novice he worked in the plague hospital and caught the fever, dying in 1691 at the age of 23. He is patron of the youth.

Fr. George

Irish Cancer Society

- 90% of all skin cancers are preventable. Virtually, all the risk comes from the sun & sun beds/sunlamps.
- About 80 - 85% of the suns rays can pass through clouds so you need to take care on cloudy days too.
- Damage to the skin by the sun is permanent. It also builds up – that means damage to the skin in one year is added to damage done in previous years. In later life this can lead to skin cancer.
- Skin cancer can take 20 to 30 years to develop, so the rates of skin cancer today reflect the trends of the 70's and 80's.
- Ultraviolet Radiation from sunlight and sun beds/sunlamps is the main risk factor for skin cancer.
- In Ireland, one in every eight men and one in every ten women develop skin cancer by the age of 74 years.
- The number of skin cancer cases is rising every year.
- Ireland has among the highest skin cancer rates in Europe.
- Two-thirds of Irish people have a higher risk of developing Skin Cancer because of their skin type.
- Irish people are exposed to the sun more often than in the past (mainly due to holidaying abroad).
- A tan has become more fashionable in Ireland than in the past. This puts us at greater risk of developing skin cancer in later years.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Jun-21 & Jun-22-2008

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Muireann Nelligan
Brendan Collins
8:30 am
Susan Fennell
10:00 am
Sean Collins
Katie Collins
12:00 Noon
Tomas Miller
Niall Hartnett

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Fiona Feely
11:00 am
Dave Murphy
12:30 pm
Joseph Manning
5:30 pm
Emily Hardman

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	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. Michael O'Mahony C.C.	021-4877161
Fr. Sean O'Driscoll C.C.	021-4870434
Fr. Ted Sheehan	021-4876171

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Jun-21 & Jun-22-2008

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Michael Maher
Ber Bell
Betty Casey
Frank Riordan
Siobhan Riordan
Sr. Martha

7:30 pm Geraldine Lynch
Charlie Vaughan
Joan Stephenson
Brid Healy-Harris

11:00 am Marie Ui Chrualaof
Neil Jeffers
Eileen O'Donoghue
Bridie O'Donnell
Bridie Hanrahan

8:30 am Mary Buckley
Theresa Lucey
Triona Collins

10:00 am Anne Cahill
Pat Lee
May Delaney
Cathy Horgan
John O'Donovan
Betty Flavin

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

12 Noon Joan Barrett
Sheila Carroll
Seamus O'Donovan
Joe Coghlan
Rose Moore
Catherine Greene

5:30 pm Patsy Galvin
Bernard Curran
Clare Curran

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Sat 10:30 am - 12 Noon. Phone No. (021) 4871206, Office Secretary Catherine Crowley.

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