

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

150 Years



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 15-November-2015

Thirty Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

Some of the images in today's readings, may appear incomprehensible to many but they give us hope. God had promised to bring about the transformation of this fallen world, the resurrection of the dead. The timing belongs to God. Our part is to live in hope, through the difficulties of our life and history.



**Christ Our Light
Innishmore**

Preparing for God's Kingdom

In today's readings we hear what may seem frightening events associated with the end of time. In our world today, with so many natural disasters, wars, injustices against human beings, Christians being persecuted on account of their faith, perhaps we may be tempted to question are these the signs that Jesus speaks about. We may be living in uncertain times with a lot of fear and anxiety but as we prepare for the coming of God's Kingdom, let us take with us today the message that the end of time is intended to be a happy event when we will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory and he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the ends of the world'.

Jesus tells us that no one knows when that coming will be, neither the angels, nor Jesus himself, no one but the Father. As we approach the end of the Liturgical year, the readings today are a reminder and an invitation for us to reflect and prepare for our own death. We know for sure that each one of us will face death one day. For all of us it is the most significant moment of our lives. What a beautiful moment that will be when we'll meet our God face to face. It is the moment for which everything in this life is a preparation - all that we say or do to others Jesus takes as done to himself. God is the final judge of anyone's life and we know that he, who sees our innermost thoughts, struggles and actions, is a compassionate and merciful God. So often we have already experienced his compassion, forgiveness and love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Jesus is always present in our lives and we can look forward to being with him who loves us more than we can imagine! At every Eucharistic Celebration, following the 'Our Father' the priest prays: Deliver us Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Sr. Colette

Thought for Today

One day, Saint Thomas Aquinas, the great teacher and philosopher, and his Dominican brothers were gathered for their hour of recreation. They were all talking, laughing, and enjoying one another's company before going back to their work, prayer, and study. Someone asked Saint Thomas, "If the world were to end in fifteen minutes, what would you do?" He replied, "I would continue doing exactly what I am doing right now."

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Since the Lord is at our right hand, we shall stand firm. Let us pray for our needs, the needs of the Church and of all the world.

Reader

For the Church: that all its members may bear witness with their lives to the truths of the Gospel.

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

For those in charge of civil affairs: that the Gospel may inspire them in their work to promote justice and harmony in society.

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

For those who are suffering the effect of war, famine and persecution in particular the people of Aleppo.

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

For all gathered here: that in spite of all the ugly things which happen in the world, we may remain hopeful and continue to trust in the goodness of God

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

Today is World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims, we remember those who have died and those who have been injured. We now pray for continued support for their loved ones, families and carers.

**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

Lord, that amidst the changes of this uncertain world our hearts may be set on the world where true joys are to be found. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Preserve Me, God, I Take Refuge In You.

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BAPTISMS

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

Sarah Hannah O'Connell, Willowgrove, Coolroe Heights.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Nora Lynch, Coolroe.

Elaine O'Keefe, Dripsey.

Mai O'Mahony, Berrings.

Sean Murphy, Castlepark.

Darren Twomey, Innishmore Square.

Donnagh McCarthy, Muskerry Estate.

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

Tom & Pat Brouder, Newcastlewest.

Joan Lynch, Gurranabraher.

Mary Dineen, Shandon View.

Mary Emperor, Rockchapel.

Ann Hogan, Willowfield.

Jeremiah O'Sullivan, Avoncourt.

William Vaughan, Killnamartyra.

Jim Butler, Inniscarra.

O'Halloran Family, Castlepark & Kingscourt.

Aiden Cumiskey, Cambridge U.K.

Maude Crowley, Beech Park.

Charles O'Leary, Minister's Cross, Carrigrohane.

Gertie Treacy, Dunmanway.

Mary O'Regan, Poulavone.

Dec members of O'Regan family.

Dec members of LeBlanc family.

Dec members of Parker family.

John Murphy, Inchigeela.

Michael Gaffney, Castle Avenue.

Timothy & Mary Buckley, The Village.

Paddy Forde, Castlepark.

Kevin O'Regan, Carriganarra.

Bella Maverley, Hawthorn Avenue.

Margaret Vallely, Bishopstown & Belfast.

Lily O'Riordan, Beech Park.

Nora Coughlan, Ballydehob.

Shelia Dinan, Douglas.

John & Elizabeth O'Callaghan, Ballygown, Killavullen.

Dan & Nora Murray, Dooniskey & Mallow.

Dave & Abina Sheehan, Kilcorney.

Josie & Grace Hallihan, Powdermills.

Michael & Nora Keating, Cahirciveen.

Bertha & John Moriarty, Cahirciveen.

Pat Keating, Dublin.

John Snr & John Jnr Keating.

Rita Kinsella, Carrigrohane.

Mai & William Murphy, Blarney.

Paul O'Connor, Carrigrohane.

Mary Ryan, Carrigrohane.

William & Margaret O'Connor, Carrigrohane.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Thirty Third Week In Ordinary Time

15 Sunday Dan 12:1-13. Ps 15. Heb 10:11-14, 18. Mk 13:24-32. Lect I: 826

16 Monday 1 Mac. 1: 10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-64. Ps. 118. Lk.18:35-43. Lect II: 425

17 Tuesday 2 Mac. 6: 18-31. Ps. 3. Lk.19: 1-10. Lect II: 427

18 Wednesday 2 Mac. 7: 1, 20-31. Ps. 16. Lk. 19: 11-28. Lect II: 429

19 Thursday 1 Mac. 2:15-29. Ps. 49. Lk. 19:41-44. Lect II: 433

20 Friday 1 Mac. 4:36-37, 52-59. Ps. 1 Chr. 29. Lk. 19:45-48. Lect. II: 435

21 Saturday Zech 2:1417. Ps Lk 1:46-55. Mt 12:46-50. Lect II: 1271

Next Sunday's Readings 22-November-2015

Dan 7:13-14. Ps 92. Apoc 1:5-8. Jn 18:33-37. Lect I: 829

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3

The Book of Daniel is filled with special images of what the future will be like. This passage gives the first hint in the Bible of the resurrection from the dead. It is not a description of what will happen; it is only a vision, like a work of poetry. Daniel speaks about Michael, the archangel of God, who will lead the just and those who work for justice into the everlasting life of heaven. Heaven is our future, where we will be with God forever. There every tear will be gone; we will have fullness of life forever with God and all those whom we love.

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

Jesus, our High Priest, has taken his place at God's right hand in heaven.

Gospel: Mark 13: 24-32

Jesus refers to the prophecy of Daniel, adding that only the Father knows when the end will come. Let us pray in today's liturgy for ourselves and for the whole Church, that the Lord may find us ready when he returns. May we not be doing foolish things or be living in fear, but be awaiting the kingdom with hope as we strive to do God's will.

Scoil Eoin & Scoil Mhuire

Enrolment Week (School Year 2016/2017)

16th- 20th of November 2015

Open Night in both schools

on Wednesday, November 18th

Scoil Eoin 021 4871321 (Boys' School) from 5.30pm - 7.30pm

Scoil Mhuire 021 4870809 (Girls' School) from 6.00pm - 7.30pm

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Our Favourite Psalms

Psalm 70 (In old age)

In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your justice, deliver me and rescue me; pay heed to me and save me.

Be a rock of refuge for me, a mighty stronghold; to save me; for you are my rock and my fortress. Free me, O God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

For you, O LORD, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth. On you I have leaned from my birth. It was you who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.

My lips are filled with your praise, with your glory all the day long. Do not reject me in my time of old age; when my strength fails do not forsake me,

O God, do not be far from me; my God, make haste to help me!

Extract from Telephone Conversation by Parish Office with Fr. Ibrahim Thursday 5th November 2015

In speaking to Fr Ibrahim it seemed to me that he sounded very worn out and sad. He said that he has felt very tired all the time since the bomb fell on the church, he was fine shortly after it happened, he got the people together that had been in the church and got them outside and continued on with the mass.

But since then the he has been tired all the time, I told him it was the stress, the shock and the constant worry that was causing this. He said that the conditions were really terrible there at the moment, the only supply road into Aleppo had been taken over by ISIS and they had no food or water or electricity for 9 days. The road was recaptured by Regime forces on Wednesday and the road was only opening up the day we spoke.

They are very busy, all the time helping the people. He is finding it very hard, he said, " it would be so easy to close the doors of the Parish, but I can't". He is exhausted but he must keep going on. I told him that I thought that in keeping the doors open he was witnessing in a very powerful way his Christianity.

I told him of that his story and the story of Aleppo was being to get out that his letters were being published in the newsletter, are being put up on the Parish website and shared on Facebook.

Cork Institute of Technology

Are hosting their annual Open Day on Friday 20th November from 10am – 4pm on the Bishopstown Campus.

For students interested in attending CIT Crawford College of Art and Design, the College will be open to visitors on Friday 20th from 10am – 5pm and Saturday 21st from 10am – 2pm. For students interested in attending CIT Cork School of Music, the College will hold their Open Day on Saturday 21st from 10am – 3pm.

Main features of the Open Day will be a Careers Exhibition and a series of Information Sessions and Demonstrations that will take place in the various departments. Students will have opportunities of meeting with lecturers and students and seeing the extensive facilities available in CIT, both for courses and extra-curricular activities.

Bulletin Board

Marriage Support Envelope Collection

The annual Marriage Support collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend. Please place your donation in the envelope provided.

Advent Retreat

Will take place from November 30th to December 2nd Church of St. Mary & St. John. Conducted by Fr. Dave Hannon.

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place on Saturday November 28th at 12.00 noon in the Library Room, 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.

Mass Diaries

Mass Diaries to book Mass intentions for January, February, & March 2016

Will open in both churches on Saturday December 12th at 9.00am. Priority will be given to 1st Anniversary Mass.

Fr. George

Ballincollig Basketball Club

Are having a Used Clothing Collection during training times in the Sportlann at Coláiste Choilm from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday 13th & and from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday 14th November 2015. Time to carry out that clean up you've been meaning to do for the last 5 years, de-clutter that wardrobe and get all those old clothes, shoes, bed linen, curtains, laptops and mobile phones down to Ballincollig Basketball Club. This is open to anyone in Ballincollig and not just club members. Also Ballincollig Basketball Club will be holding its annual Flag Day in Ballincollig on next Friday and Saturday 20th to 21st November 2015. All support will be gratefully appreciated.

Scoil Barra Enrolment Week

16th - 20th Nov. 2015

Any parents/guardians wishing to submit an application for Scoil Barra's Junior Infants classes for Sept. 2016 must do so on/before the Closing Date for Applications i.e. Friday, 20th Nov. 2015.

Children who wish to be enrolled in Scoil Barra as Junior Infants in September 2016 must be at least four years of age on/before 31st of May 2016.

Open Afternoon is on Thursday, 19th Nov. 2015, 1.00 -2.30 p.m.

All are welcome to attend.

Donal O'Sullivan, Principal.

Tel. 021-4873459. E-mail: info@scoilbarra.ie

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Nov-21 & Nov-22-2015

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Adrian Cotter
Alan Murphy
8:30 am
Pat Fennell
Kate Healy
10:00 am
Margot Twomey
Kaylyn Lordan
12:00 Noon
Declan Chalmers
Sean Manly

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Pauline Collins
Dylan Ebili
11:00 am
Cormac Manning

12:30 pm
Bernard Vallely
Colm Walsh
5:30 pm
Tom Reck

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
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Fr. Cian O'Sullivan C.C.	021-4876171

Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

Week 16th Nov to 22nd Nov

Brid Dunne
Sr. Colette O'Leary

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

Nov-21 & Nov-22-2015

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Steve Wills
Margaret O'Sullivan
Danny Farrell
Jim Walsh
Frances O'Brien
Eileen Coughlan

7:30 pm Anne O'Regan
Mairead Murphy
Finbarr Murray
Lettie Kelly
Mary Murphy

8:30 am Mary Buckley
Tom Butler
Denis Healy

11:00 am Seamus & Mary O'Connell
Ciaran Kelleher
Alan O'Riordan
Geraldine Keohane
Gerard Murray

10:00 am Mary Collins
Christy Roche
Katie O'Shea
Joe Coughlan
Elaine Crowley
Ann Buckley

12:30 pm Lucy O'Callaghan
Jackie Sheehan
Michael O'Leary
J.P.O'Leary

12 Noon Oliver O'Donovan
Sean Hennessy
Mary McLean
Eleanor Seymour
Nora Hennessy

5:30 pm Noelle Buckley
Mary Breen
Valerie Barry

Cantairí Mhuscraí - John Rutter's Requiem

The Ballincollig based choir, Cantairí Mhuscraí, will perform John Rutter's acclaimed Requiem at the Church of St. Mary & St. John, Ballincollig, at 7.30pm on next Sunday 22nd November. This performance of the Requiem coincides with the 150th Jubilee Year of the Church of St. Mary & St. John and appropriately takes place during November, the Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory. This wonderful and very accessible work was written by the composer John Rutter who celebrates his 70th birthday on 24th September this year. It is a musical setting of parts of the Latin Requiem with added psalms in English and was first performed 30 years ago in October 1985. It has since become a mainstay of the choral world being recorded many times and performed all over the globe. Classic FM says of the composer "John Rutter unashamedly composes instantly memorable tunes. In a world where so many composers believe music is no longer primarily about melody, Rutter stands out as someone who defiantly bucks that trend."

Tickets @ €20 and now on sale from choir members.

Telephone 0876658021, 0872514816 or 0862998239 or any choir member for further details.

Tickets also available from Catherine in Parish Office.

Telephone: 021 4871206

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