

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 16-November-2008

## Thirty Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

*How often fear and anxiety prevent people from producing their best, from using their God-given talents to the full. In today's parable Jesus shows that a God who inspires fear may inspire little else. His image of God as a loving father inspires confidence and so enables us to develop what he has given us.*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

### *What Talents Has God Entrusted To Us?*

In today's Gospel we hear the story of the man going abroad who entrusted his property to three servants. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one. At that time, one talent was probably equivalent to a whole lifetime's wages for a servant, so they were being entrusted with something of great worth. Later they would be held accountable as to how they used these talents.

What gift and talents has God entrusted to us? Faith is a precious gift we have received and with it comes the responsibility to nurture it and to share it with others. God has also given each of us special gifts and talents to use - not to hoard them! At times we may make excuses not to use them, forgetting that the Lord has freely given them to us to be developed and used for the service of his Kingdom. Like the servants in the Gospel story, we too will be asked to give an account of how we used these gifts and talents.

Sometimes, we may be tempted to compare ourselves with others. Just because we perceive others as possessing more outstanding gifts and talents, we conclude that there is nothing much we can do. It doesn't matter whether we've been given many talents or few, what is important is that we do the best we can to use whatever God has given us for his work. What he gives us, is in proportion to our ability to use them. No one can say I have nothing to offer! Sadly the third servant did not have the courage to be a risk-taker. Often we don't know what the Lord will ask of us; we might be asked to do things that seem impossible. Once we have the courage to take the risk, then God will bless our effort and help us to discover gifts we didn't realize we had!

Maybe this week-end we can take time to reflect on our own God-given gifts and talents. St Peter says: "each one of you has received a special gift, so like good stewards responsible for all these varied gifts of God, put them at the service of others"(1Peter 4:10). We ask God to help us to be aware of our gifts, to appreciate them and to use them generously. We pray in gratitude for the many people who give so generously of their time, gifts and talents in the service of our parish community..

Sr. Colette

### *Reflection for Parents*

God has given each one of us talents. Sometimes out of laziness or lack of ambition, or sometimes because we are afraid of failure or ridicule, we do not share our talents. The gospel today challenges us to take a risk and invest our gifts for the greater good of God's people. We do this ourselves as adults, but we must also try to help our children recognize their talents and use them in a productive way.

### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

#### **Priest**

'Whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it and it will be yours,' says the Lord. We bring our prayers to the Father with confidence.

#### **Reader**

For the Church and its leaders; that they may lead us with humility, sincerity and truth.

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

For married couples; that the bond of love may deepen in their marriage.

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

For the grace to make the most of our talents to build up the kingdom.

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

For the poor and needy; that they may receive good things that they need.

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

For those who have come to our country from foreign shores; that they may be welcomed into our communities.

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

That those who have died may be raised to the crown of life in Christ's household.

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

#### **Priest**

Heavenly Father, you are the source of every good thing. Hear the prayers we make through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.  
Amen.

### *Festival of Flowers*

Ballincollig Flower and Garden Club will present a festival of flowers 'The Magnificat' at the Church of St Mary and St John on Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 pm, there will be a cheese and wine reception in Scoil Eoin, followed by the opening ceremony at 8 pm. Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> viewing is open from 11 am to 4 pm and on Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1 pm to 6 pm, followed by the closing ceremony. Admission is €10 which will include a souvenir programme. All proceeds of the festival will go towards the National Council for the Blind, COPE Foundation, and restoration of the Magnificat Script in the Church of St Mary and St John.

*0 blessed are those who fear the Lord.*

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**BAPTISMS**

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

Keelagh Anne Farry, Carrigaline.  
Cian Michael Cronin, The Close, Coolroe Meadows.  
Sadhbh Myra Yelverton, The Cedars, Bridewood.  
Danielle Marguerite Power, Berryfield, Classes Lake.  
Samuel Patrick Moore Leslies Arch, The Old Quarter.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Anne Deasy, Castlefreak  
Lilly Jewell, Clonakilty  
Jeremiah Lynch, Kilmalooda  
John Desmond, Perth Australia & Raheen  
Adrian Walsh, Carrigrohane & Noonans Road.

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

Denis & Patricia Goggin, St. Lukes.  
Tom & Nora Ryan, West Village.  
Deceased members of the O'Sullivan Family, Bonane, Kenmare.  
Tom Drinan, Waterfall.  
Dermot Murphy, Coachford.  
John & Hannah Corkery, Aherla.  
Fr. Gerard Kelleher.  
Deceased members of the Drew family.  
Ronnie Drew.  
Catherine McCarthy, Cobh.  
Hannah Carroll, Duagh, Listowel  
Dec.Members of the Crowley & Dwan Families.  
Rita Kinsella, Blarney.  
Julia & Mathew Twomey, Kilcorney.  
Mary Kelleher, Lissarda & Scoil Mhuire.  
Olan Kelleher, Lissarda.  
Ellen & Thomas Reid, Curraheen.  
Dec Members of O'Connell Family, Ballingully.  
Dan McSweeney, Inniscarra.  
Jack Shanahan, Fr. Sexton Park  
Mary Ellen O'Donovan, Union Hall.  
Mattie Casey, Boston.  
Sylvester Cotter, Poulavone.  
Deceased Members of Ballincollig Flower & Garden Club.  
Deceased Members of the Carroll Family, Cloughduv.  
Dan O'Leary, Beech Road.  
Denis Coughlan Jnr., Glasheen Road.  
Denis & Kay Coughlan, Glasheen Road .  
Joe Barrett, Inniscarra View.  
Gretta Crowley, Ardcahan, Dunmanway.  
Deceased members of the O'Reilly & Hanney families.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Thirty Third Week In Ordinary Time**

16 Sunday Prov. 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31. Ps. 127. 1 Thess. 5:1-6.  
Mt. 25:14-30. Lect I: 72  
17 Monday Apoc. 1:1-4, 2:1-5. Ps. 1. Lk. 18:35-43. Lect II: 875  
18 Tuesday Apoc. 3:1-6, 14-22. Ps. 14. Lk. 19:1-10. Lect II: 877  
19 Wednesday Apoc. 4:1-11. Ps. 150. Lk. 19:11-28. Lect II: 880  
20 Thursday Apoc. 5:1-10. Ps. 149. Lk. 19:41-44 Lect II: 883  
21 Friday Zech. 2:14-17. Ps. Lk. 1:46-55. Mt. 12:46-50. Lect II: 1271  
22 Saturday Apoc. 11:4-12. Ps. 143. Lk. 20:27-40. Lect II: 886

**Next Sunday's Readings 23-November-2008**  
Ez. 34:11-12, 15-17. Ps. 22. 1 Car. 15:20-26, 28. Mt. 25:31-46. Lect I: 729

**Talk by Fr. Sean O'Sullivan**

**Date:** Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November

**Time:** 8 pm.

**Place:** See next week's Parishioner for venue.

The new Church year will begin on the  
First Sunday of Advent (30th Nov.)

The Sunday gospel readings throughout the year will be  
those of Year B, which is the Year of Mark.

Fr. Sean's talk will be centered on the background  
and composition of Mark's gospel.

**All are welcome**

**'Open House' at CIT**

Cork Institute of Technology's Open Day, will take place on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, at CIT's Bishopstown Campus, and is the ideal time for prospective students, and their parents, to sample the enormous range of courses and facilities on offer. *CIT offers sixty CAO course options for 2009 and its rapidly expanding campus is an exciting place to be.* Staff from all departments will be available to answer queries and current students will be on hand to recount their own personal experiences and offer advice. Departments presenting their programmes include Applied Physics & Instrumentation; Biological Sciences; Computing; Construction; Architecture; Civil, Structural & Environmental Engineering; Management & Marketing; Accounting & Information Systems; Agriculture; Chemical & Biopharmaceutical Engineering; Chemistry; Electrical Engineering; Electronic Engineering; Media Communications; Mechanical Engineering; Manufacturing, Biomedical & Facilities Engineering; Social & General Studies; Tourism & Hospitality Studies; Transport & Automobile Engineering. *Also represented will be CIT Crawford College of Art & Design; CIT Cork School of Music and the National Maritime College of Ireland.*

Information sessions, workshops, demonstrations and laboratory visits will be arranged but that is only one element of it says Dr. Barry O' Connor, CIT's Acting Registrar. "This is as much an Open House as anything else – our campus has been transformed in recent years and we are glad we can show it off today. The Open Day provides an opportunity for students, their families and the public to see the campus at CIT and to get to know the ever-increasing range of courses, which are now available in CIT. We are renowned for the all-round experience available to our students and our campus including our sports facilities, now boasting our new Stadium located on the main campus emphasises the central role sporting activities play in the life of CIT students."

*CIT's Open Day takes place on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2008, from 10.00 am – 4.00pm. For further information email: [openday@cit.ie](mailto:openday@cit.ie), website: [www.cit.ie](http://www.cit.ie)*

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**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Prov. 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31  
 This reading from the Book of Proverbs may need a little 'translation' for today's world! Is the ideal marriage partner hidden here?

Second Reading: Thess. 5:1-6  
 This reading will have many echoes during Advent. The message is: 'Be alert!'

Gospel: Matthew 24:36, 25:14-30  
 In this story, a man went away on a journey. He must have been very wealthy because he entrusted large portions of his money to three of his servants. The first two servants invested the money during the master's absence and it yielded great returns. The third servant, however, was fearful of investing (or some scholars say he was lazy). In either case, the servant buried the money he was given and returned the full amount to the master when he came home. The master was pleased with the investments of the first two servants, but was very upset with the third one. To those who have much, much more will be given. To those who have little, even that little will be taken away.

**Scoil Barra Enrolment Week**

17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> of November 2008

Any parents wishing to enrol their child in Scoil Barra for the school year 2009-2010 are invited to complete an 'Application for Admission Form' available each day from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. during Enrolment Week. Applications will be processed in accordance with Scoil Barra's Enrolment/Admission Policy.

*Please note that in line with this Policy all applications for admission must be received at the school on/before Friday 21<sup>st</sup> of November 2008. In addition to Enrolment Week, parents are welcome to enroll their child at any other time before this date. Children who wish to be enrolled in Scoil Barra as Junior Infants in September 2009 must be at least 4 years of age on/before 31<sup>st</sup> of May 2009.*

Prospective parents/children are invited to visit our school for an 'Open Afternoon' on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> of November between 1.00 p.m. -2.30 p.m.

Donal O' Sullivan (Principal)  
 Scoil Barra, Innishmore, Ballincollig, Co. Cork.  
 Tel. (021) 4873459

**Scoil Eoin & Scoil Mhuire**

Enrolment Week 17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> of November 2008  
 Open Afternoon in both schools on  
 Wednesday November 19<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm.  
 (Bring the children along)  
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**Bulletin Board**

**Children's Mass**

The Children's Mass continues every Sunday at 11 am in Christ Our Light. The Children of 2nd class retire to the crying room at the beginning of Mass where they celebrate Liturgy of the Word in child friendly fashion, do word, colouring and maze searches. Volunteers are welcome and needed to help. Training and practice will be given. Parents are welcome to join their Children, especially Parents of Children who are now preparing for their First Holy Communion.

**Christ Our Light - Ministers of the Eucharist**

Rota for November 2008 - March 2009 available in the Sacristy at Christ Our Light.

**Envelope Collection**

Marriage Counselling Services  
 CMCC provides a range of marriage-care services including pre-marriage courses and marriage counselling in Cork city. Accord Bantry meets the needs of people in that area. This collection helps fund these services. CMCC is an agency of CRSS Ltd. Accord is an agency of the Irish Bishops' Conference.  
 Next Weekend 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2008

**Mass Book**

Diaries to book Mass Intentions for January, February & March will open in both Churches on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 9 am

**Autumn Dues**

The Priests of the Parish would like to thank you for returning the Autumn Dues Envelopes. Your continued support is much appreciated.

**Christmas Cards**

Christmas Cards are available for sale in the Parish Office.  
**Fr. George**

**"Let Us Seek to Know the Lord"**

A Time to Question      A Time to Share  
 A Time to Relax          A Time for Discovery  
 A Time for Healing

All are welcome young and not so young, Men and Women.  
 We Welcome Rev Fr. Joe Nagle OFM Cap.  
 Who will give the Talks and Celebrate Mass and Moss and Janice Carrig who will lead the Healing Service  
 Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> & Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November  
 10.30 - 5.30 each day  
 Sacred Heart Hall  
 Western Road  
 Cork  
 Bring Lunch - Coffee and tea provided

**Muskerry Local History Society**

November LECTURE

**A Journey of Remembrance.**

A talk on the need for remembrance of the Irish Soldiers from the Island of Ireland who fought in Great War  
 "At the going down of the sun and in the morning we shall remember Them".

Speaker:- Jerry Conroy, Military Historian.  
 Venue:- Ballincollig Rugby Club, Function Hall  
 Date & Time:- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November @ 8 pm  
 Please note date change.  
 Admission:- €2.00 for non members  
 Everyone most welcome.

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Nov-22 & Nov-23-2008

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**

Carmel Keane  
Sarah Dillon

**8:30 am**

Pat Fennell

**10:00 am**

Sean Collins  
Katie Collins

**12:00 Noon**

Sean Hennessy  
Shane Lehane

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**

Fiona Feely

**11:00 am**

Alex Hatsigrigoriou  
Alison Henchion

**12:30 pm**

Brian O'Donoghue  
Chide Ebili

**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**

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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**

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**Fr. James McSweeney**

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**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Nov-22 & Nov-23-2008

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6.00 pm** Eileen Murphy  
Ted Nelligan  
Angela Murphy  
Ann O'Connell  
Sheila Walshe  
Rita Hodge

**7:30 pm** John O'Donoghue  
Mary Dineen  
Kathleen Daly  
Mairead Keenan

**8:30 am** Helen Kelly  
Breeda Feehily  
Mary O'Connor

**11:00 am** Mary O'Mahony  
Mona Bowen  
Billy Barry  
Mary Aylward  
Pauline Baston

**10:00 am** Miriam Maunsell  
Mary Buckley  
Breda Ring  
Mary O'Regan  
John Henchy  
Martin O'Leary

**12:30 pm** Mary Twomey  
Maura O'Driscoll  
Mary Lehane  
Dympna Byrne  
Suzanne Leetch

**12 Noon** Joy Daly  
Pat Kelleher  
Helen Plunkett  
Ellen O'Sullivan  
Ursula McAuliffe  
Sally Crowley

**5:30 pm** Shelia Curran  
Elizabeth O'Sullivan



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