

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 16-September-2007

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The joy in heaven over one repentant sinner explains why Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. God hates sin, but he loves the sinner. He is so full of pity that he is more anxious to give forgiveness than we are to ask for it.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Whatever happened to Liberation Theology?

The media coverage of the visit of Pope Benedict to Brazil earlier this year highlighted the recent growth in the number of Christian Evangelical churches and as a consequence, the decline in numbers of Catholics in Brazil. It is an interesting trend in the largest country of South America, which was generally known to have the highest catholic population in the world.

When I worked in S America over 20 years ago there was a new vitality emerging in the Catholic Church. Liberation Theology was the exciting phenomenon that had its roots in the experience of the poor of the continent. Living among the impoverished people, I was privileged to experience first hand how a theology could enliven a people and bring hope and energy to their lives. The gospel came to life for them as they identified themselves with the oppressed in the gospel. Their experience of God was of a God who wanted to liberate them from the slavery of oppression and poverty. This made the gospel both radical and political, which was a mirror of how Jesus was seen in his day.

There were many vested interests among the wealthy, and even within the church, who found liberation theology a threat. Insidious attempts to suppress it took the form of branding its followers communist sympathisers! Some of the better known theologians of the era included Gustavo Gutierrez and Leonardo Boff. A Brazilian, Boff was a Franciscan priest with international recognition as a lecturer and university professor and author of over 100 books. He has been the recipient of many awards in Brazil for his work for human rights as well as for his defence of the marginalised. However, in 1985 and again later in 1992, Boff faced opposition from the Vatican and was silenced for his criticism of church leadership which eventually led him to leave ministry.

With Boff silenced, the advance of liberation theology was under censure and effectively many other voices went quiet. It would have taken a very courageous person to put their heads above the parapet and speak openly about the values of liberation theology when anyone wanting to curry favour within the church was doing their best to distance themselves from the movement. The head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in Rome was vociferous in his condemnation of Leonardo Boff and ultimately silencing him. This had the affect of distancing many poor people from the church as the leading voice bringing the "good news for the poor" was crushed. Many felt abandoned and disillusioned by the authorities in the very church that was giving them a new impetus for a better life by following the social teachings of the gospel. The protestant evangelical churches in Brazil and other Latin American countries were ready to fill the vacuum. Is it any surprise that many of the poor flocked to their churches instead?

Pope Benedict's visit to Brazil was therefore seen as an attempt to bolster a church that was haemorrhaging followers. However what most commentators failed to acknowledge was the fact that when he was known as Joseph Ratzinger, (Head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith) he was the one responsible for silencing Leonardo Boff and the virtual quashing of Liberation theology.

Sean O'Driscoll

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

God cares for each of us and seeks us out when we stray. We pray with confidence.

Reader

That the Christian community will always travel the road of repentance.

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

That the poor and powerless in our world may be shown compassion and mercy.

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

That peace may be restored in the troubled areas of the world.

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

That those who work for reconciliation may be encouraged and supported.

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

That the sick may find healing and peace.

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

That those who have died may taste eternal joy. We remember especially all our loved ones.

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

Priest

Hear our prayer, O loving God, and make us grateful. We make these and all our prayers in the name of Jesus, who is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

I will leave this place and go to my father.

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BAPTISMS

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

Abby Veronica Van Den Linde, 21 Leesdale Grove.
 Sam Delaney, 24 The Close, Coolroe Meadows.
 Gavin Finbar Cassidy, 17 Hayfield, Carrigrohane.
 Wiktoria Merchut, 77 Leslies Arch, Old Quarter.
 Martyna Klejba, 5A Chapel Lane.
 Ella Rose Hickey, 12 The Vale, Coolroe Meadows.
 Ben Joseph Joy, 57 Manor Hill.
 Emily Sarah Breen, 11 Chestnut Grove, Classis Lake.
 Oliver Kenneth Elwood, 3 The Avenue, Coolroe Heights.
 Ave Mac Relihan, 9 The Grange, An Caislean Lawn.
 Caoileann Angela Lynch, 4 The Heathers, Classis Lawn.
 Samuel Josiah Leahy, 94 Manor Hill.
 Dylan Tomas O'Callaghan, Sunnyside, Carrigrohane Road.
 Clare Murphy Armando, 45 Old Court, Greenfields.
 Lily Ann O'Keeffe, 22 Marieville, Pouladuff Road.
 Aaron Burke, 58 Daffodil Fields.
 Haydn Trevor Fisher, 4 The Avenue, Coolroe Heights.
 Caoimhe Eilis Hickey, 20 Park Road, Muskerry Estate.
 Kate Theresa Crockett, 24 Old Court, Greenfields.
 Aisling Mary Darby, 21 Cranford Pines.

MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Colum Dwyer, 59 Old Court, Greenfields & Ciara McCullagh, 59 Old Court, Greenfields.
 Eugene Joseph Hallan, The Cloisters & Kristin Norma Costello, The Cloisters.
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 Jonathan Martin O'Hea, 48 The Sycamores, Classis Lake & Ann Lynda Perrott, 48 The Sycamores, Classis Lake.
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 Terence Alexandra Myles, 22 Church View & Melanie Ann Barry, Leesdale Grove.
 Mark Anthony O'Sullivan, 60 Ashmount Court, Silversprings & Emma Ann O'Sullivan, Manor Hill.
 Marek Grabowski, 9 Old Quarry, Coolroe & Monika Batog, 9 Old Quarry, Coolroe.
 James Anthony O'Driscoll, Eldin Wood, Kinsale & Martina Mary Wallace, Oaklands, Ballincollig.
 Liam Daniel Beale, 131 Lee Court & Sinead Frances Riordan, Lee

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

John & Ellen Curran, Ballyphehane.
 Noreen Buckley, Beech Park.
 Denis Calnan, Church View
 Jim Callaghan, Galway
 Margaret Sheehan, Kilmurray
 Peg Barry-Mrurphy, Carriganarra
 Nuala Delaney, Inniscarra View Est.
 Michael & Catherine Cosgrove, Galway.
 Deceased members of the Henchy Family,
 Nena Feria, New York.
 Jack O'Sullivan, Carriganarra.
 Pat O'Connell, Victoria Cross
 Deceased members Deasy & Lynch families.
 Rita Lynch, Beech Park.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Twenty Fourth Week In Ordinary Time

16 Sunday Ex. 32:7-11, 13-14. Ps. 50. 1 Tim. 1:12-17. Lk. 15:1-32.
 Lect I: 906
 17 Monday 1 Tim. 2:1-8. Ps. 27. Lk. 7:1-10. Lect II: 312
 18 Tuesday 1 Tim. 3:1-13. Ps. 100. Lk. 7:11-17. Lect II: 314
 19 Wednesday 1 Tim. 3: 14-16. Ps. 110. Lk. 7:31-35. Lect II: 316
 20 Thursday 1 Tim. 4:12-16. Ps. 110. Lk. 7:36-50. Lect II: 318
 21 Friday Eph. 4:1-7. Ps. 18. Mt. 9:9-13. Lect II: 1198
 22 Saturday 1 Tim. 6:13-16. Ps. 99. Lk. 8:4-15. Lect II: 322

Next Sunday's Readings 23-September-2007

Am. 8:4-7. Ps. 112. 1 Tim. 2: 1-8. Lk. 16: 1-13. Lect I: 910

Reflection for Parents

If you have ever lost a child either at a shopping centre, amusement park, or outside playing, you know the anguish of losing something beyond measure. The joy you experienced when you found each other is often something you can't even put into words. Part of you wants to be angry because the child caused you so much grief, but mostly you are just so happy to see the child, you can hardly speak. If we've had experiences like this, then we have an indication about how God feels when we are truly sorry for our sins and want to be part of God's family.

St. Vincent de Paul

Would you like to speak, in complete confidence, to a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society?

Please Phone: SVP Ballincollig 086 3202182
 or SVP Tuckey St., Cork: 021 4270444

National Tidy Towns

Well done to Ballincollig Tidy Towns committee for achieving two awards in the National Tidy Towns competition last Monday

Bronze Medal In Category G (Population 15,001 - 25,000) Ballincollig was ranked 9th in the country out of a total of 23 other Large Towns.

Ballincollig was also awarded a landscape award.

Tom Butler Chairman of Ballincollig Tidy Towns said the committee were thrilled with the results and said that it was a fantastic achievement for the community of Ballincollig and one that everyone should be very proud of.

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Ex. 32:7-11. 13-14
God hears our prayer for mercy.

Second Reading: 1 Tim. 1:12-17
Paul reminds us that Jesus came for sinners.

Gospel: Luke 15:1-32

In an attempt to show the people that God will forgive and accept sinners into the Kingdom, Jesus told three parables about being lost and then found. The first parable was about a shepherd who had one hundred sheep but lost one. The shepherd searched until he found the lost lamb. There was much celebration on the part of the shepherd and his neighbours because something lost was found. The second parable concerned a widow who searched her house until she found a lost piece of silver. Finally, Jesus told the parable of the prodigal son who squandered his share of his inheritance and went home to beg his father to let him be a worker. Instead, the father was so thrilled to see this son who had been lost to him that he threw a big party. All three of these parables illustrate the joy that will be in heaven when one lost sinner is found.

Bulletin Board

Mass Book

Diaries to book Mass intentions for October, November & December 2007 are open in both churches.

Junior Certificate

Congratulations to all Students on their results and we wish you well on your future studies, also to Teachers and Parents for their support over the years.

Envelope Collection

Education Fund (Students for the Priesthood)
Next Weekend 23rd & 24th September

Confirmation dates for 2008

Scoil Eoin,	Monday, 7 th April
Scoil Barra	Monday, 14 th April
Our Lady of Good Counsel	Monday, 14 th April
Scoil Mhuire	Thursday, 17 th April
Gaelscoil Ui Riordáin	Monday, 19 th May

First Holy Communion dates for 2008

Scoil Eoin,	Saturday, 24 th May
Scoil Barra	Saturday, 17 th May
Our Lady of Good Counsel	Saturday, 17 th May
Scoil Mhuire	Saturday, 26 th April
Gaelscoil Ui Riordáin	Saturday, 10 th May

Children's Mass

The Children's Mass will resume on Sunday 16th September at 11 am in Christ Our Light. The Children of 2nd class go to the crying room at the beginning of Mass there they celebrate Liturgy of the Word in child friendly fashion - word searches, colouring and maze search are some of the methods used. Volunteers are welcome and needed to help. Training and practice will be given. Parents are welcome to join their Children for the celebration of the Word of God.

I am inviting Parents of First Communion children to please try and bring Children to this Mass. Bringing your Child to the Sunday Mass is an important preparation for your Child's First Holy Communion.

Peru Earthquake

Well done to all Ballincollig Parishioners for contributing €19,356.00 to this appeal, the best in the diocese

Fr. George

Darfur Needs Help & Prayer

This Sunday, the 16th September, marks the International Day for Darfur, Sudan. This is a time to stand in solidarity with all those suffering in Sudan due to the ongoing conflict. It is estimated that 200,000 people have died since fighting in Darfur began in 2003. Two million people have been forced from their homes and live in camps.

Trócaire, with the support of the Irish Church, is working in Darfur to meet the needs of those displaced and affected by the conflict. Please join us and invite your congregation to pray this Sunday for a peaceful end to the fighting, and for a peaceful future for the people of Darfur.

**Ballincollig Parish
Bereavement Support**

The eight week Bereavement Support Programme will commence in the Parish on Tuesday, 2nd October. This Programme will be held in a small group setting. If you have experienced loss and would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact Sr. Colette O'Leary, (Tel: 086.3557375) or the Parish Office, before 25th September.

"Mothers' Prayers"

Mothers, grandmothers, godmothers come together for approximately 30 minutes once a week to pray for children at one of the following Venues:

**Meeting Room at Christ our Light Church
Wednesdays at 10.30 a.m.**

or

**The Annex of the Parish Hall
Thursday mornings at 10.00 a.m.**

Please note change of time at The Annex

You are most welcome to come along either of these mornings.
Sr Colette O'Leary

Annual Pilgrimage Gougane Barra

The annual pilgrimage to St. Finbarr's Oratory, Gougane Barra, takes place on Sunday 30th September. The traditional pilgrimage honours St Finbarr, patron saint of Cork.

Rosary will be recited at 2.30 pm and Mass will be celebrated at 3 pm at the oratory. The principal celebrant is Bishop John Buckley and the homily will be preached by Canon Michael Riordan, PP Togher.

On the occasion of the All-Ireland Football Final

We wish John Miskella, the Cork Team and our Kerry parishioners a very sporting game.

"May the best team win!"

Special Day of Prayer in Knock

Saturday 6th October 2007

Commencing 2.15 pm with Stations of the Cross followed by Rosary Procession and Mass at 3.00pm.

Bus from Ballincollig €20.00

Contact Tony O'Neill (021) 4501667

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Sep-22 & Sep-23-2007

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Sandra Walsh
8:30 am
Triona Collins
10:00 am
Hannah Bunyan
Stephen Bunyan
12:00 Noon
John Dorgan
Fearghal Monahan

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Murigen Ni Mhathuna
Niamh Murray
11:00 am
Lisa Madden
12:30 pm
Joseph Manning
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	8 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

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Fr. Sean O'Driscoll C.C.	021-4870434
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MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Sep-22 & Sep-23-2007

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6.00 pm Patsie Murphy
Marie Bohan
Mary Walsh
Marie Healy
Margaret Kearney
Nora Barry

8:00 pm Jim Cahill
Kit Cahill
Sheila O'Connor
John Canty

8:30 am Theresa Lucey
Rita Murphy
Mona Holland

11:00 am Carmel Ryan
Angela Cunningham
Laurence Cunningham
Eileen Byrne

10:00 am Tadgh Murphy
Mary Murphy
Joan Tobin
Tony O'Leary
Phil Kennedy
Denis Healy

12:30 pm Eileen Garvey
Sally Power
Breda Callanan
Marie O'Brien
Olan O'Mahony

12 Noon Michael Crowley
Breda Lenihan
Noel Hennessey
Jacinta Jeffers
Rena O'Connor
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5:30 pm Neil O'Donoghue
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Thursday

9.30 – 7.30 pm

Friday

9.30 – 7.30 pm

Saturday

9.30 – 5.00 pm