

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



**St. Mary & St. John
Station Road**

Sunday 17-September-2006

Twenty Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

The servant of God, who defends God's mercy and truth before others, must be ready to face rejection, violence, even death. Today we are reminded that God supports those who accept a cross - not for its own sake but for the sake of Christ and the gospel.



**Christ Our Light
Innishmore**

The Spirituality of Teaching / Parenting

Having spent 14 years in the classroom my thoughts in September are with all those going back to school. As teachers face the challenges of a new term lets look at the Spirituality of Teaching! (Hey, this applies to parenting too, as parents are the first teachers of their children, so keep on reading!)

Teaching is hard work. Multiple demands present themselves constantly in the classroom, requiring no small level of skill on the part of the teacher. Teachers need to be sensitive to the overall structure of the learning environment, the special needs of their students, and the social and interpersonal challenges of productively managing the behavior of a diverse group of learners.

Teaching is such a public, extroverted ministry, it is no wonder that most teacher preparation focuses on the skill set needed to help students learn. But another area, often neglected, has an important part to play in teacher effectiveness — the spirituality of the teacher. Focusing on the spirituality a teacher brings into the classroom acknowledges that the life of faith has value, makes a contribution to both the teacher's skill and attitude, and can help shape the learning environment in productive ways.

Teachers do not simply teach curriculum; they teach who they are. Their identity, values, convictions, and beliefs easily come through in the many exchanges they have with their students. In fact, everything the teacher does teach. How conflict is handled, how surprises are managed, how challenges to authority are addressed, the frequency of displays of joy, laughter, anger, and frustration all teach, and often enough these lessons are more enduring than the instruction provided. The spirituality of the teacher is in full view through all classroom exchanges. Teaching can be thought of as the outward manifestations of these inner, spiritual dispositions.

How can teachers nurture and grow their own spirituality in ways that positively impact their teaching? What are the characteristics of spirituality that support good teaching? First, teachers should remember what is perhaps the oldest spiritual maxim: "No one gives what they do not have." In order to be a role model of virtue and faith for others, one must first be a person of virtue and faith. To be patient with the errors, immaturity, even the sinfulness of students, teachers must cultivate that patience in their own lives and hearts. The first principle of the spirituality of teaching is need for self-care on the part of teachers. Teachers need to take care of themselves — physically, intellectually, socially, psychologically, spiritually — not so that they are the most well-cared-for people in the building. The principle of self-care for teachers has an orientation to ministry to others. Teachers need to care for themselves so that in their teaching they are able to be present to their students in helpful ways.

A second practice, in successful teacher-student relationships, is for teachers to pray for their students. Such authentic prayer opens the hearts of teachers to the true needs of their student, invites God's help and participation in the educational effort, and places teaching within the proper context of ministry. Teachers are certainly indispensable agents in the educational process, but they are not the only agents. God works in and through good teachers, blesses their efforts, multiplies their successes, and divides their sorrows.

Finally, gentleness is a sign of those who are spiritually strong. Teachers who make themselves spiritually strong can find the inner strength to be gentle with others. Gentleness with the weak is a sign of spiritual strength.

As you face the school year ahead, please be assured that you will be regularly remembered in the prayers of the parish community. So take care of yourself, pray for your charges, be gentle as you go, and have a great first term!

Sean O'Driscoll

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

As followers of Jesus we make our prayers to God Our Father.

Reader

"The Lord is coming to help me" Strengthen my faith so that I may experience the Lord's presence and help.

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

"Peter took Jesus aside" When I am inclined to take Jesus aside, help me to realise that I am thinking like everyone else and not like God.

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

We remember and pray for the sick, the troubled and the bereaved. Lord give them healing and courage.

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

We pray for the people of Darfur who have been forced from their homes. For those who have fled to refugee camps and who still live in fear.

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

We pray for the children of Darfur especially those who face a frightening world without one or both of their parents. May they be protected and comforted.

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

We pray for the dead.

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

Priest

Gracious God, as the seed must die to take root, so may our faith be strengthened by the trials and disappointments of life. We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

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BAPTISMS

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

Emily Sarah Moloney, Manor Hill
 Rian Joseph Laurence O'Donoghue, The Willows, Classes Lake
 Reece Keugh Buckley, Hazel Grove
 Garragher Patrick Murphy, Douglas Road.
 Oisín William Power, Coolroe Meadows.
 Eabha Shauna Daly, Church View.
 Ciardha Maria McCarthy, Daffodil Fields.
 Niamh Mary O'Sullivan, Prospect Lawn.
 Rebecca Ellen O'Leary Greenfields.
 Aaron Patrick McCarthy, Cranford Pines.
 Jasmine Maggie Scott, Westgrove.
 Laura Elizabeth Lyons, Chestnut Lawn, Classes Lake.
 Colm Patrick Dilworth O'Mahony, Holly Road, Muskerry Estate.
 Dean Reville Fitzharris, Oak Drive. Bridewood, Ovens
 Valdas Tómas Doyle, Island Way, Muskerry Estate.
 Liam Matthew Healy, The Meadows, Classes Lake.
 Rory Leo Doherty, The Green, Coolroe Meadows.
 Chloe Ann Buckley, Westgrove.
 Karl Denis O'Leary, Grange Manor.
 Rory James McCarthy, 14, Limeworth.
 Cian Aynton Scannell, Oak Drive Bridewood, Ovens.
 Leah Rianne Slattery, Innishmore Drive.
 Michael Kieran Collins, Fernwalk, Greenfields.
 Eppie Aoife Kelleher, Daffodil Fields.
 Damien Daniel Desmond, Innishmore Court.
 Ann Carol O'Donovan, Aylsbury.
 Ruari Peter O'Donoghue, Maple Lawn, Muskerry Estate.
 Summer Amber LeFeuvre, Castle Park.
 Demi Ruby LeFeuvre, Castle Park.
 Eve Marie Campbell, Beech Road, Muskerry Estate.
 Niamh Emily Hourihan, Rosewood.
 Emmanuela Amayo, Oaklands.
 Cian Charley Mackenzie, Ballam, London.
 Donnchadh Thomas Whelton, Old Court, Greenfields.
 Shane Mark Cotter, Aisling Close.
 Amélie Sophie Roberts, Sycamores, Classes Lake.
 Adam James Dodd, Orchard Lawn, Aherla.
 Cillian Ernesto Dempsey, Willowgrove, Coolroe Heights.
 Sadie Aoife Hoare, Berryfield, Classes Lake.
 Mark Damien O'Reilly-Kidney, Cranford Pines.
 Abbi Elizabeth Coughlan, Mossgrove, Classis Lake.
 James Michael O'Keefe, The Meadows, Classes Lake.
 Lavieoda Temitope Abiuelum Olupona, Caislean Grove.
 Keelin Helena Moynihane, Berryfield, Classes Lake.
 Ava Ellen Moynihan, Berryfield, Classes Lake.
 Daniel John Foley, Fernwalk, Greenfields.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Andrew Shannon, R.I.P., Oaklands.
 Mourned by his parents Susan & Noel.
 John O'Driscoll, R.I.P., Ballydehob & Westcourt.
 Mourned by his daughter Maura Goggin, Westcourt

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

Ellen & John Curran, Ballyphehane.
 John Kiely, Ovens.
 William & Julia Burke, Vicarstown.
 Anthony Brennan, Kilkenny.
 John Kiely, Currabeg, Ovens
 Margaret Sheehan, Killumney
 Peg Barry-Mrughy, Carriganarra
 Denis Calnan, Church View
 Jeremiah & Annie Henchey, Carrigrohane,
 William O'Dwyer, Kilmichael
 Kerry Murphy, Ovens
 Pat O'Connell, Victoria Cross
 Michael Cosgrove, Galway
 Nuala Delaney, Whitethorn Ave
 Rita Lynch, Beech Park
 Nuala Delaney, Whitethorn Avenue
 Joan Coakley, Hill View, Muskerry Estate

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Twenty Fourth Week In Ordinary Time

17 Sunday Is 50:5-9. Ps 114. Jas 2:14-18. Mk 8:27-35. Lect I: 799
 18 Monday 1 Cor 11:17-26,33. Ps 39. Lk 7:1-10. Lect II: 763
 19 Tuesday 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31. Ps99. Lk 7:11-17. Lect II: 765
 20 Wednesday 1 Cor 12:31-13:13. Ps32. Lk 7:31-35. Lect II: 767
 21 Thursday Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 Ps 18. Mt 9:9-13. Lect II:1198
 22 Friday 1 Cor 15:12-20. Ps 16.1k 8:1-3. Lect II: 772
 23 Saturday 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49. Ps 55. 1k 8:4-15. Lect II: 774

Next Sunday's Readings 24-September-2006
 Wis 2:12, 17-20. Ps 53. Jas 3:16-4:3. Mk 990-37. Lect I: 802

MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Glen Kearns, Tara Lawn, Glasheen & Clodagh Noelle Farrell, Gaggin, Bandon.
 Maurice Noel Foley, Donoughmore & Anne Marie O'Leary, Sunningdale.

Come Rest In Me!

You are invited to come and listen to a catechesis for adults and youth.

Where? Church of Christ Our Light, Ballincollig
When? Mondays & Thursdays at 8.00 pm.

Starting? Monday 18th September, 2006

You were made for Him and you will not rest until you rest in Him. St. Augustine

Contact: Paul Olden. Phone No. 7332061 or (086) 6071295

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.

Fr. George

Envelope Collection

Education Fund

(Students for the Priesthood)

Next Weekend 23rd & 24th September

On the occasion of the **All-Ireland Football Final**

We wish our Kerry and Mayo parishioners a very sporting game.

"May the best team win!"

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9
 The prophet Isaiah notes the qualities of the Servant of God.

Second Reading: James 2:14-18
 St. James reminds us that faith and good works belong together. What good are kindly wishes to those who need clothing and food for today? Faith without good works is dead. Let us be concerned for the people around us who are in need. Good intentions are not enough. The love of Christ urges us to act for justice and peace for all God's people.

Gospel: Mark 8:27-35
 Jesus teaches his disciples what they have gradually come to discover: He is indeed the Messiah. But he is a Messiah who must suffer and die. Peter found this hard to accept. For Peter, the Messiah would not, could not, suffer. Judging by human standards, not God's, Peter failed to accept God's will for the Messiah. Jesus assured all his disciples that they, too, must suffer, deny themselves, take up the cross, and follow him.

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland

Ladies (and Gentlemen). Why not join the "A"lzheimer Society Team and Run to Remember on behalf of the Society in the Cork Evening Echo Ladies Mini Marathon on Sunday 24th September, 2006. For Sponsorship Cards and T-Shirts Contact Ailsa on 021 4391690.

Cork City Women's Mini Marathon for Bóthar

Ladies! Bóthar is seeking your support on Sunday 24 September in the annual Mini Marathon for charity. This year all Bóthar proceeds will be used to provide a water supply to a village of 1,800 families in northern Tanzania from the source 4 km away. Walk, jog or run the 4 mile/6 km course. Enjoy a great day out with friends. Free information pack from the Cork Bóthar office:
 021 487 8693 or see the website at www.bothar.org

The Pyke Theatre Group, Ballincollig.

Presents

The start of our new season of
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 (the second Tuesday of each month)
 At Ballincollig Rugby Pavillion
 Commencing on Tuesday 12th
 September at 8.30 pm.
 Music by Crystal Swing .
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If you enjoy an evening of Music, Song, Story and Dance, you are more than welcome to come along and maybe meet some new friends.

The Ballincollig Cardiac Support Group

Meets monthly on the 2nd Monday of the month. The aim of the group is to provide encouragement, advice, support and information to heart patients.
Venue: Ballincollig Health Centre
 Innishmore, Ballincollig
Time: 7.30 pm — 9.30 pm.
 For further information contact
 Ballincollig Health Centre
 Phone No. 021-4872626
 9.30 am — 10.30 am (Monday to Friday)

An Open Invitation

The Ballincollig Parish will be holding a Participative Initiative of Welcome to all the Newcomers in our Community on 22nd October next, which is Mission Sunday. We would be delighted to hear from anyone who is interested in participating and becoming involved in this initiative by leaving your name and contact number in the box provided in your Church.

It is the gift of the Newcomer in our midst to open up a new vision for us and to release the passion and energy of God's Spirit for a new time. "Make the tent you live in larger"... (Is.54.2)

Contact Numbers: (087)4167126 or (021)4870625

Mission Awareness Programme

A 'Mission Awareness Programme' is being organised within the Parish. The aim of this project is to organise events that will encourage people to become more aware of the Missionary role of the Parish Community in the Church, serving people at home and overseas.

The second Vatican Council tells us that "The period between the first and second coming of the Lord is the time of missionary activity, when, like the harvest, the Church will be gathered from the four winds into the kingdom of God. For the Gospel must be preached to all peoples before the Lord comes." (Mk.13:10) (ref.1981 ed. by A. Flannery pg.823).

We hope to plan and implement a participative initiative of Mission Awareness at Parish level from October 14th to October 22nd 2006. This will offer an opportunity to explore the experience of Mission and also an opportunity to welcome newcomers to our Parish.

It you would like to contribute any photographs, articles, memorabilia for the exhibition, material can be handed into the sacristy after Mass. (both churches). Down through the ages, the Church, in the spirit of the Gospel has sent out its missionaries to spread Christ's message and to bring physical, emotional and spiritual healing to all people: "from now on, you will become fishers of people", (Lk.5-12). These Missioners live amongst the native people, sharing in their day to day experiences. Missioners serve the physical needs of the people through education, assisting in building projects, running hospitals and mobile clinics etc. Missioners serve the emotional needs by building up trusting relationships, through listening, sharing, consoling, counselling. Missioners meet the spiritual needs of their communities by bringing the Good News, by living the Christian life as exemplified by Christ in the Gospel.

Missioners come from all age groups and from all walks of life. History proves how the Irish people have always responded to the Mission call. We remember names like Brendan and Colman from the distant past but we also bring to mind more recent names like Edel Quinn of Kanturk and the late Bishop Courtney of Tipperary. Our own Cork Diocese supported the Peru Mission from 1965 – 2004.

Missioners are needed at home and abroad. **ANYONE CAN BE A MISSIONER.** Let us come together to celebrate our Faith.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Sep-23 & Sep-24-2006

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Karen Sheehan
8:30 am
Elizabeth Daly
10:00 am
Elaine Murphy
12:00 Noon
Sean Hennessy

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Aisling Courtney
Rosarie Cotter
11:00 am
Margaret Healy
12:30 pm
Dick Beamish
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	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**

PARISH CLERGY

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Fr. George O'Mahony P.P. 021-4871206
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Fr. Anthony O'Mahony -



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Sep-23 & Sep-24-2006

St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light

6.00 pm	Patsie Murphy Breda Foley Mary Walsh Finbarr Lehane 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	Brid Healy-Harris Angela Cunningham Laurence Cunningham Eileen Byrne
10:00 am	Tadgh Murphy Mary Murphy Joan Tobin Tony O'Leary Phil Kennedy Claire McCarthy	12:30 pm	Eileen Garvey Sally Power Breda Callanan Marie O'Brien
12 Noon	Michael Crowley Breda Lenihan Noel Hennessy Marie O'Callaghan Rena O'Connor Sean Farrell	5:30 pm	Neil O'Donoghue Phil O'Connell Maire McCullagh



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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