

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 18-November-2012

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

As we come towards the end of the liturgical year, the readings remind us of an important truth of our Christian Faith - when Christ will return in glory to gather the chosen to share in his everlasting glory. The first reading taken from the Prophet Daniel tells us of the protective power of God over all creation and over all people when he took care of his people all through the years of persecution and oppression. In the Gospel Jesus is telling his disciples that although the end of the world is being described with such terrible signs, they are to look forward to the end of time when the chosen will be gathered into his Kingdom. All of us are called upon to be prepared. No one, says Jesus, not even he himself knows when the end will come. 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'. In the second reading we are reminded that 'Christ offered one single sacrifice for sins by which he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying'. Jesus opens to us the gates of Heaven.

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. All we can do is be prepared. 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. The day of judgement is each day - my final 'yes' or 'no' to God is how I respond to the little situations of today. God is the ultimate judge of anyone's life and we know that he, who sees our innermost thoughts, struggles and actions, is a compassionate and merciful God. 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 of hope and trust in the words of the Psalmist: "I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever".

Sr. Colette

TAIZÉ PRAYER

The next Taizé Prayer Service at Christ Our Light Church will be on **FRIDAY 23rd NOVEMBER**

All are welcome to join us for some quiet reflective prayer with the Songs of Taizé

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 in pain or distress: that the words of Christ may give them strength and hope.

**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 their 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, grant 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.

Visit Our Website: www.ballincolligparish.ie

BAPTISMS

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

Emily Lillie Ryan Donovan, Glendower Court.
 Amelia Sheila Marie Horan, Aisling Close.
 Charlie Delaney, The Close, Coolroe Meadows.

MARRIAGES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Stephen Buckley, Glanmire & Gillian Tobin, Classes Lake.
 Michael Murphy & Fiona Buckley, Tuairin Glas.
 Mark O'Brien, Gurrabraher & Amanda Spillane, Muskerry Estate.
 Michael Keane, Kilcornan & Linda Horgan, Muskerry Estate.
 Paul O'Keeffe, Ballineen & Maeve O'Callaghan, Wyndham Drive.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Pat Kearney, Cahir.
 Con O'Sullivan, Ballingearry.
 Joan Ferguson, Australia.

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

Marie McSweeney, Lisheens, Ovens.
 Eugene Cremin, Inniscarra.
 Tom & Nora Ryan, West Village.
 Kathleen O'Keeffe, Aylsbury.
 Jennie O'Keeffe, Wexford.
 Timothy O'Callaghan, Carrigrohane.
 William Vaughan, Killnamartyra.
 Joe, Annie & Denis Murphy, Tullig, Coachford.
 Kevin Ryan, Westcourt.
 Charles O'Leary, Minister's Cross.
 Jack O'Mahony, Douglas Road.
 Dec. Members of O'Connell Family.
 Brendan O'Sullivan, Glendower.
 Ciss O'Connell, Turner's Cross.
 Denis O'Mahony, Lorreto Park.
 Sylvester Cotter, Poulavone.
 Dec. members of Reilly & Hanney Families.
 Margaret Connolly, Elm Lawn.
 James & Zena Cooney, Hartbun, England.
 Margaret Healy, Muskerry Estate.
 Kevin McCarthy, Rosewood.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Thirty Third Week In Ordinary Time

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

19 Monday Apoc 1:1-4, 2:1-5. Ps 1. Lk 18:35-43. Lect II: 875

20 Tuesday Apoc. 3:1-6, 14-22. Ps. 14. Lk. 19:1-10. Lect II: 877

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

22 Thursday Apoc. 5:1-10. Ps. 149. Lk. 19:41-44 Lect II: 883

23 Friday Apoc 10:8-11. Ps 118 Lk 19:45-48. Lect II: 885

24 Saturday Apoc 11:4-12. Ps 143. Lk 20:27-40. Lect II: 886

Next Sunday's Readings 25-November-2012

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

Getting Married

The Civil Registration Act 2004 requires all couples planning a marriage ceremony in Ireland to register their intent of marriage with the State at least three calendar months prior to their wedding date. This is currently done by setting up an appointment with a Civil Registration Service Registrar and attending together in person – currently, couples must telephone an office or call in person to set up an appointment.

From the 12th November 2012, the **Civil Registration Service** is launching a new online appointment booking system. This new and additional access channel will allow couples to book notification of intention to marry appointments in any Civil Registration Service office around the country provided they have access to the internet.

When booking their appointment couples will be informed of what they need to bring, how long their appointment will last, and this will all be done online.

For couples where one or both parties are resident abroad, they should contact the office by telephone to book their appointment.

To notify the Registrar of your intention to marry you may book a Marriage Notification appointment at www.crsappointments.ie

We'll still be here to answer any questions that couples have or that any of your Solemnisers have and you can always telephone our offices to speak to a Registrar. For more information about this or any of our services you can also visit our website: www.civilregistrationservice.ie.

Reflecting on the Advent Readings

An opportunity to reflect on the Word of God in Advent. This event is especially suitable for Ministers of the Word, but open to everyone.

1. Tuesday 20th November – 8.00 pm Douglas Parish Centre.
2. Tuesday 27th November – 8.00 pm Parish Hall, Clonakilty

All Welcome.
 Organised by the

Diocesan Scripture Group and Liturgy Commission
 Please let us know you are coming.
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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.

The Journey of Faith – In the Dance of Life

A series of four sessions reflecting on our own life experiences and drawing on the lives of interesting people in the scriptures.

Where are we looking for meaning and fulfilment today and how can our spirituality be more enriched by religious beliefs and practices?

How can we share the difficulties in believing in a society so preoccupied with what is immediate and immeasurable?

How do we experience the mission of the church today and where do we belong in it?

1. **Finding God in the Scriptures and in the World.**
2. **Good News through Jesus Christ**
3. **Light and Hope through the Church**
4. **The Challenge of Believing Today**

Commencing Wednesday 14th November 2012 @ 8 pm

Annex Room—Community Hall

Facilitated by Fr. Donal Linehan (021 4873448)

Scoil Eoin & Scoil Mhuire

Enrolment Week (School Year 2013 / 2014)

19th – 23rd of November 2012

Open Afternoon in both schools

on Wednesday, November 21st from 2.00 pm - 3.45 pm

Scoil Eoin 021 4871321 (Boys' School)

&

Scoil Mhuire 021 4870809 (Girls' School)

Muskerry Local History Society

Will hold a lecture on

Sleán Turf in North Cork, by Shane Lehane.

The lecture will take place in the Ballincollig Rugby Club (Tanner Park) Clubhouse

On November 20th (Tuesday) 2012 at 8.00 pm.

Bulletin Board

Advent Retreat – 3rd 4th & 5th December

Church of St. Mary & St John,

Mass at 7.00 am,

Prayer, Homily and Liturgy at 8.00 pm

Marriage Support Envelope Collection

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

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place on **Saturday December 1st 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 will open in both churches on Saturday December 8th at 9.00 am

Priority will be given to 1st Anniversary Masses.

Coeliac Host.

Coeliac Host available at all Masses in both churches. Generally the Priest celebrating the Mass has the Coeliac Host. To help the Celebrant you might please let him know before the Mass.

Weekly Contribution - Tax Rebate

Helping Ballincollig parish financially without dipping into your pocket. Weekly many people contribute at least five euro to the offertory collection. This contribution could be enhanced by claiming from the Dept of Finance the income tax paid by the donor on five euro a week. This tax rebate (can be claimed by organisations with charitable status which Ballincollig parish has,) would amount to at least €40 per eligible donor. I need your help to implement this scheme.

The dept of finance will need a record to be kept locally verifying the contributions. The simplest method to implement this is, for parishioners to voluntary record their contribution. To make this possible I intend to supply boxes of envelopes with a number; invite parishioners to record the no on their box with me and then on a weekly basis note the no and amount.

The present direct debit gives an annual windfall from Dept of finance of more than €7,000.00, with your co operation I hope to double that amount. Please talk to me if you need clarifications. Thank you for your support.

A tax rebate of €7,923.00 was claimed in the 2011 tax year by those using the direct debit payment scheme.

Fr George.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Nov-24 & Nov-25-2012

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Sandra Walsh
Brian Hennessy
8:30 am
Tom McDonagh

10:00 am
Louise McCarthy
Robert Noonan
12:00 Noon
Sean Hennessy
Shane Lehane

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Jessica Lingard
Morgan Smith
11:00 am
Jack Dorgan
Harry O'Brien
12:30 pm
Cathy Naughton
Una Lynch
5:30 pm
Tom Reck



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Nov-24 & Nov-25-2012

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

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

8:30 am Mary Buckley
Rita Murphy
Denis Healy

10:00 am Christina Walsh
Peter Reilly
Mary Collins
Christy Roche
Katie O'Shea
Claire Creedon

12 Noon Oliver O'Donovan
Miriam Maunsell
Sean Hennessy
Mary McLean
Ellen Seymour
Nora Hennessy

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

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

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

5:30 pm Noelle Buckley
Mary Breen

**Ballincollig Parish Pilgrimage
To the Holy Land**

8 Day Pilgrimage, 3rd April, 2013 - 10th April, 2013
with Spiritual Director Fr. Joe Nagle OFM,
Cap from The Holy Trinity Church
Direct From Cork. 8 days €1,250 pps including half-board
accommodation and all taxes.
For further information contact
Lar Cunningham on 021-4873364.
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Troubled by someone else's drinking?

Try Al-anon. Local Meetings S V de P Centre Station Road
Thursdays 8.30 pm. Phone: 021 4311899.

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
Except First Saturday of
Month

Saturday

4:30 pm
First Saturday of Month

12:45 pm

Sunday

PARISH CLERGY

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Letting Go

- To "let go" does not mean to stop caring; it means you can't do it for someone else.
- To "let go" is not to cut yourself off; it is the realization you can't control another.
- To "let go" is not to enable, but to allow learning from natural consequences.
- To "let go" is to admit powerlessness, which means the outcome is not in your hands.
- To "let go" is not to try to change or blame another; it's to make the most of yourself.
- To "let go" is not to care for, but to care about.
- To "let go" is not to fix, but to be supportive.
- To "let go" is not to judge, but to allow another to be a human being.
- To "let go" is not to be in the middle, arranging all of the outcomes, but to allow others to affect their own destinies.
- To "let go" is not to deny, but to accept.
- To "let go" is not to nag, scold or argue, but instead to search out your shortcomings and correct them.
- To "let go" is not to adjust everything to your desires, but to take each day as it comes and cherish yourself in it.
- To "let go" is not to regret the past, but to grow and live for the future.
- To "let go" is to fear less and love more.