

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 20-June-2004



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road



**Twelfth Sunday In Ordinary Time**  
*The Messiah of God had to suffer in the  
struggle to bring God's salvation to  
us. Each Christian is called to  
enter life by the same narrow gate.*



**Christ Our Light  
Innishmore**

## Fathers Day

Today we move into ordinary time in the Church's calendar; this period includes the majority of Sundays through the year, the color of the vestments worn during Mass is green and the gospel passage each Sunday will come from Luke. During the gospel today Christ asks the question "who do the crowds say I am "; the replies were many and varied, perhaps we could try to answer the question for ourselves today. Come to think of it, it is vital that I try to answer this question and have a clear pen picture of Christ. Like every quiz there are some clues to the answer and some will be found in my prayer life; sometimes I may pray as if Christ was light years away, had fallen a sleep and forgotten about me or maybe He is the one that I expect to agree with me at all times, whatever my answer I can always check my answer with the model answer given by Christ himself in the Gospels i.e. John 13; 2 -15.

Today is also Father's day, rather than bemoaning the commercial element let us try to reflect on the role of Father. Father is a calling most men aspire to yet there is no FAS course or graduate course on the role of father to prepare anyone for this life long calling; we are left with our own parents as role models and we know that being a parent in 2004 is very different to being a parent in 1980. Who am I to lecture on the role of father but I do take the liberty to suggest we might all read Luke 15; 11 - 32 the parable of the prodigal father" But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.

Being a father is a great privilege and is also a massive undertaking to continue giving life to our children during their various stages of growth and development. The prayer at the end of baptism reads" May God bless the father of this child, may he bear witness to the faith by what he says and does"

Congratulations to Fr John O' Donovan on the silver jubilee of his ordination may he have many more happy years of priesthood. Ad Multos annos

*George O'Mahony*

## Reflection for Parents

Sometimes in our role of parenting and all that we juggle with it, we have no choice but to recognise Jesus as the messiah in our lives. Our burden is too heavy to carry alone and so we parents are most often first to turn to God. For many of us, we collapse into bed and give up our burdens in complete weariness, while others of us begin the day asking for God's help in carrying out the responsibilities of our daily lives. Either way, we find peace and strength in knowing that God will help us if only we ask.

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

### Priest

God is the strength of his people. We trust, as we ask for what we need.

### Reader

That Christians everywhere may grow in faith and hope and love, we pray.

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

That the unity of the church may be preserved and strengthened under the leadership of our Holy Father, John Paul II.

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

That we may each take the opportunities given us to confess Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

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

That those who are sick or suffering may be helped in every way possible.

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

For our recently elected MEP's & Councillors that they may lead with courage and with care.

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

That our dear ones who have died may share in the glory promised to all believers.

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

### Priest

Save us Lord, as we share in your life. Grant our requests, which we make in Jesus' name.

Amen. q

*For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.*

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**MARRIAGES**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

Timothy Erion Bowen, South Harrow, England & Michelle Mary O'Sullivan, South Harrow, England.  
 Andrew Thomas Griffiths, 1406, West Main St., Broxbin & Estelle Dwane, 143 Pine Walk, Muskerry Estate.  
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 Patrick J. Ryan, Templemore, Co. Tipperary & Marion Teresa O'Connell, Ballingully.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Nora O'Flynn, Colomane, Bantry.  
 Sheila Dineen, The Forge, Curraheen Cross.

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

Pat McGrath, Glasheen Road.  
 Thomas O'Callaghan, Leemount.  
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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Twelfth Week In Ordinary Time**

20 Sunday Zech. 12: 10-11, 13: 1. Ps. 62. Gal. 3:26-29. Lk. 9: 18-24. Lect I: 870  
 21 Monday 2 K. 17:5-8, 13-15, 18. Ps. 59. Mt. 7:1-5. Lect II: 601  
 22 Tuesday 2 K. 19:9-36. Ps. 47. Mt. 7:6.12-14. Lect II: 603  
 23 Wednesday 2 K. 22:8-13,23:1-3. Ps. 118. Mt. 7:21-29. Lect II: 606  
 24 Thursday Is. 49: 1-6. Ps. 138. Acts 13:22-26. Lk. 1 :57-66, 80. Lect I: 976 or Lect II: 1073  
 25 Friday 2 K. 25: 1-12. Ps. 136. Mt. 8: 1-4. Lect II: 610  
 26 Saturday Jam. 2:2.10-14, 18-19. Ps. 73. Mt. 8:5-17. Lect II: 613

**Next Sunday's Readings 27-June-2004**

1 K. 19:16, 19-21. Ps. 15. Gal. 5:1, 13-18. Lk. 9:51-62. Lect I: 872

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*In thought there are two ways of sinning mortally. The first is to consent to the evil with the intention of carrying it out, or doing so if one can. The second way of sinning mortally is actually carrying the sin to which consent was given. St. Ignatius Loyola*

***Eucharistic Procession***

***Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2004***

The priests of the parish wish to thank all those who participated in this year's procession and those who decorated the fronts of their homes and businesses on the procession route.

A special thanks to those who helped in putting up the bunting; the public address system; arranging the altar; canopy bearers; marshals and Gardai for the traffic control.

Also, a special thanks to the First Holy Communicants, choir, Peg & Aine and the Scouts for participating.

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**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Zech. 12:10-11; 13:1  
The Prophet Zechariah announces that the Messiah will suffer, and that people 'will look upon the pierced One'.

Second Reading: Gal. 3:26-29  
St Paul speaks of the unity which faith brings.

Gospel: Luke 9:18-24  
Jesus asked his disciples who the people said he was. He learned that some said he was John the Baptist while others thought he might be Elijah. He asked the disciples themselves who they thought he was. Peter, speaking for all them, said he was the messiah, the one that Israel had been waiting for. Jesus immediately told them to say nothing of this to anyone because he had much yet to suffer. In order to help his followers understand the commitment of discipleship, he explained that they must take up their own crosses--that is, make sacrifices--in order to follow him



**SAINT OF THE WEEK**  
**St. Thomas More 22-June-2004**

Martyr (Patron of Lawyers) St. Thomas More was born at London in 1478. After a thorough grounding in religion and the classics, he entered Oxford to study law. Upon leaving the university he embarked on a legal career which took him to Parliament. In 1505, he married his beloved Jane Colt who bore him four children, and when she died at a young age, he married a widow, Alice Middleton, to be a mother for his young children. A wit and a reformer, this learned man numbered Bishops and scholars among his friends, and by 1516 wrote his world-famous book "Utopia". He attracted the attention of Henry VIII who appointed him to a succession of high posts and missions, and finally made him Lord Chancellor in 1529. However, he resigned in 1532, at the height of his career and reputation, when Henry persisted in holding his own opinions regarding marriage and the supremacy of the Pope. The rest of his life was spent in writing mostly in defence of the Church. In 1534, with his close friend, St. John Fisher, he refused to render allegiance to the King as the Head of the Church of England and was confined to the Tower. Fifteen months later, and nine days after St. John Fisher's execution, he was tried and convicted of treason. He told the court that he could not go against his conscience and wished his judges that "we may yet hereafter in heaven merily all meet together to everlasting salvation." And on the scaffold, he told the crowd of spectators that he was dying as "the King's good servant-but God's first." He was beheaded on July 6, 1535. His feast day is June 22nd.

***Missionaries of the Sacred Heart***

We are celebrating our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. The celebrations will include a special pilgrimage to Knock Shrine on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July. A day-return coach will leave Western Road that morning.  
Enquiries and bookings to Marie Duffy at (021) 4541207.

***Diocesan Pastoral Strategy***

Following the issue of the Draft Pastoral Strategy, The Ballincollig parish meeting was held on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2004. Two questions were open for discussion at the meeting. The first question was; how do we need to develop so that there is true partnership in the way we live and celebrate our Christian faith? The following points were made.

More prayers were required for Vocations, and we should give better example to our children by showing respect for clergy. We should establish where priests are under pressure, and try and help by putting new structures and partnerships in place that would encourage people to participate in parish activities; also former priests and nuns should be encouraged to become involved.

The church, that is clergy and laity need to be proactive rather than reactive, and we need to do more through the Secondary schools as it is at this stage that we loose many of our younger members. If we could only carry forward the enthusiasm of primary school, things would be easier.

Perhaps the most important word is partnership. It was felt that without this partnership, more people will leave the church. There was a strong feeling that more of the admin tasks should be done by the laity and spiritual tasks done by clergy, At the same time it was suggested that there was a need for more formal religious education among the laity.

The following suggestions were also made. Church Liturgy should be more 'alive' and 'creative'. Sunday Mass must be memorable. It should 'stay with us for the entire week' should we consider a different form of liturgy to recognise the shortage of priests and the need to involve the laity.

Our children's mass is going very well can more children be involved ?

Should we create more parish groups to deal with, bible studies, novenas, bereavement counselling, teenage involvement in Liturgy and various ministries, church music.  
Are existing groups 'exclusive'??  
Can we use pre marriage and other courses to bring people closer to the church and could we make more use of secular feasts such as Mothers and Fathers day.

*Continued next week*

***Envelope Collection***  
**Peter's Pence**  
**Next Weekend 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> June**

*'Those whom we love and lose are no longer where they were before.*

*They are now wherever we are.'*

*St. John Chyrsostom*

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Jun-26 & Jun-27-2004

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

6:00 pm (Vigil)  
Muireann Nelligan  
8:30 am  
Annette Collins  
10:00 am  
Declan Chalmers  
12:00 Noon  
Oliver O'Donovan

8:00 pm (Vigil)  
Pauline Collins  
11:00 am  
Margaret Healy  
12:30 pm  
Bernard Vallely  
5:30 pm  
Michaela

**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**

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Jun-26 & Jun-27-2004



**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

6.00 pm Vera Allen  
Ber Bell  
Oliver Delaney  
Betty Casey  
Frank Riordan  
Siobhan Riordan  
8:30 am Mary Buckley  
Theresa Lucey  
10:00 am Anne Cahill  
Pat Lee  
May Delaney  
Seamus O'Shea  
John O'Donovan

8:00 pm Geraldine Lynch  
Charlie Vaughan  
Joan Stephenson  
11:00 am Marie Ui Chrualaof  
Neil Jeffers  
Eileen O'Donoghue  
Lelia O'Brien

12:30 pm Con O'Connell  
Denis O' Mahony  
Christine O'Mahony  
Tom Murray

12 Noon Joan Barrett  
Sheila Carroll  
Marsie Curling  
Will Casey  
Geraldine Graham

5:30 pm Patsy Galvin  
Phil O'Connell  
Bernard Curran

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