

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 20-November-2011

**Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King**  
*Jesus, the Lord of all creation cared so much for those in his domain, that he was willing to die, in order to care for them. Those who will finally belong to him, will be those who have shared his care for the hungry, the naked, the lost, the crippled and the strays of this world.*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

## *The Kingdom of The Shepherd King*

We celebrate the feast of Christ the King on this last Sunday of the Church's year and conclude our Sunday readings from St Matthew's Gospel. Jesus came as the shepherd king, to establish the kingdom of God, a kingdom of love and service of others. This is different from today's society of individualism, the society of the advertisement culture and the consumerist agenda. And of course a culture of entitlement where people say: "I want what I am entitled to, I want as much as I can get; I don't care where it comes from, that's not my responsibility." This is in sharp contrast to a Christ-like concern for others and especially the weakest and the least. Today we are reminded that time will come to an end for each of us and for all, and there will be judgement. Religious observance, prayers, Masses, retreats or novenas, say, help us to live an authentic Christian life, and should produce fruits of compassion. Our judgement will be based on whether we were good, kind, welcoming and giving to other people, whether we had time for those in distress, time for God's little ones. And on whether we were self centred, self absorbed or mean.

The signs of the kingdom of God are acts of compassion to the vulnerable and hurting, love for one another and a realisation that the king identifies himself completely with the least in that kingdom. In our natural self-centred state we are not ready for the kingdom of God, so we are called to repent, a word which means to renew our attitudes. Christ's call for universal compassion can be uncomfortable for those of us who are comfortable.

In the time of Ezekiel those appointed to look after the people of God had failed and God said that he himself would be the shepherd of his people. And Jesus says he is the Good Shepherd, the one who was described by Isaiah, who would rescue, heal, feed and give rest to his sheep, and who would judge them. So we pray that we will have a heart for all who suffer, especially those accounted as unimportant in the eyes of the world, that we will give from our material possessions and give of our time, that we will be loving and generous. And that at the resurrection, by God's mercy, we will be called to life

*Billy O'Sullivan*

## *Reflection for Parents*

It is easy to see the meaning of this gospel through our actions toward our children. Never in true thirst or hunger would we deny them. If they were sick or cold we would take care of them ourselves or see to it that someone helped us. It's taking this gospel to the next level that will help our children see the meaning of love through our example. Not only will they witness love through our loving actions toward others, but there will be many opportunities along the way to have our children share in these actions of love.

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

### **Priest**

Let us pray that we may be found worthy to be counted as true followers of Christ the King.

### **Reader**

For Christians: that they may give an example to the world of loving service to the poor.

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

For our government leaders: that they may work for a fair distribution of the wealth of the country.

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

For the members of the Society of St Vincent de Paul and all those who work for the poor: that they may take courage from the words of Christ.

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

For all gathered here: that the words of Jesus, 'Whatever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters you do to me', may influence our dealings with others.

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

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

For our own special needs!

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

### **Priest**

God of love and mercy, your Son so loved the world that he gave his life for us. May we have the courage to practice that same love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

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**BAPTISMS**

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

Bartosz Bury, Church View.  
 Ryan Harry Lucey, Ashton Court.  
 Cora Kathleen Darby, Cranford Pines.  
 Aisling Enya Murphy, Fernwalk, Greenfields.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Pat O'Leary, Castletroy, Limerick.  
 Jeremiah (Jerry) O'Sullivan, Avon Court.  
 Denis Murphy, Blackrock.  
 Michael Costello, Oldcourt.

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

John & Ellen Beamish, Clonakilty.  
 James & Katie Ellen O'Grady, Sligo.  
 Pauline O'Callaghan, West Village.  
 Tom & Rosaleen Scanlan, Bishopstown.  
 Joseph & Nan Casey, Friar's Walk.  
 David & Margaret Rea, Lower Glanmire Road.  
 Timothy O'Callaghan, Carrigrohane.  
 Kevin Ryan, Westcourt.  
 Willie Murphy, Kilmichael.  
 Michael & Johanna Hennigan, Woodbine Lawn.  
 Danny & Josie Griffin, Roscrea.  
 Charles O'Leary, Ministers Cross.  
 Sylvester Cotter, Poulavone.  
 William Vaughan, Kilnamartyra.  
 Brendan O'Sullivan, Glendower.  
 Margaret Healy, Island Way.  
 Con & Kitty O'Riordan, Inchigeela.  
 Deceased members of the Reilly & Hanney families.  
 Bridie Sexton, Hillsboro.  
 Denis O'Mahony, Loretta Park.  
 Deceased members of the Sexton & O'Shea families.  
 John Lucey, Macroom.  
 Nancy Hogan, The Crescent.  
 Rita Kinsella, Carrigrohane.  
 Billy Homes, Kerry Pike.  
 Deceased members of the O'Sullivan Family, Kilmallock.  
 Frank Moran, London.  
 Eileen O'Flynn, Aherla.  
 Thomas Farrell, Beech Park.

***St. Dominic's Retreat Centre***

**"Open the door"** Reflections for Advent - 4 Wednesday mornings commencing 30th November 10.30 am.- 12.30 pm  
 Facilitated by Ann Coughlan RSM

***Advent Weekend Retreat*** -  
 25th - 27th November

"Waiting time... Biding time... God's time"  
 Facilitated by Frank Downes O.P.

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Last Week In Ordinary Time**

20 Sunday Ez. 34:11-12, 15-17. Ps. 22. 1 Car. 15:20-26, 28. Mt. 25:31-46. Lect I: 729

21 Monday Zech. 2:14-17. Ps. Lk. 1:46-55. Mt. 12:46-50. Lect II: 1271

22 Tuesday Dan. 2:31-45. Ps. Dan. 3:57-61. Lk. 21:5-11. Lect II: 442

23 Wednesday Dan. 5: 1-6, 13-17, 23-28. Ps. Dan. 3. Lk. 21: 12- 19. Lect II:444

24 Thursday Dan. 6:12-28. Ps. Dan. 3:68-74. Lk. 2 1:20-28. Lect II: 447

25 Friday Dan. 7:2-14. Ps. Dan. 3. 1k. 21:29-33. Lect II: 449

26 Saturday Dan. 7:15-27. Ps. Dan. 3. Lk. 21:34-36. Lect II: 452

**Next Sunday's Readings 27-November-2011**

Is 63:16-17. 64:1, 3-8. Ps 79. 1 Car 1:-9. Mk 13:33-37. Lect I: 5

***Scoil Eoin & Scoil Mhuire***

*Enrolment Week (School Year 2012/2013)*

*21st – 25th of November 2011*

Open Afternoon in both schools

on Wednesday, November 23rd from 2.00 pm -3.30 pm

Scoil Eoin 021 4871321 (Boys' School)

&  
 Scoil Mhuire 021 4870809 (Girls' School)

***Hope Photography Experience***

***India 2012!***

The Hope Foundation are looking for Photographers to join them on the HOPE Photography Experience which will take place in Calcutta (Kolkata), India, from 26 February to 6 March 2012. For more information please log on to [www.hopefoundation.ie](http://www.hopefoundation.ie) or contact Susan on Tel: 021 429 2990, it will change a child's future.

***Scout Bazaar***

A reminder that Ballincollig Scout Group are holding their 25th Annual Bazaar on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December in Ballincollig Community Centre on Station Road at 2 pm. The bazaar is a great family day out especially for the bargain hunter as items are of resalable quality with many unwanted gifts or new items donated and it can be an entertaining way to find Christmas presents for all the family due to the wide range of items on sale to suit all ages

If people have items that they would like to donate to the bazaar they can do so by contacting any of the group's leaders or by calling to the Scout Hall any week night. All your support is very much appreciated. The group must insist that they will not accept computers, electrical items or large furniture

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**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Ezek. 34:11-12. 15-17  
The divine shepherd keeps all of the flock in view and cares especially for those who stray.

Second Reading: 1 Cor. 15:20-26. 28  
Christ our Saviour is Lord of the universe. Everything is subject to him.

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46.  
On this final Sunday of the Church year, the feast of Christ the King, we learn most definitely how our lives will be measured. They will be measured by the love we show. Whenever we offer a drink of water to the thirsty, food to the hungry, clothing to the naked, or whenever we visit the sick or imprisoned, or take in the stranger, we show our love to God. Through our actions toward the poor, vulnerable, estranged and discouraged we show our love of God. If we ignore these people, we also ignore God.

**Ballincollig Parish - Gospel of Mark**

Our occasional series of Biblical reflections continues with talks on St Mark's Gospel. The Year B Cycle of Sunday Mass Readings focussing on the Gospel of Mark begins on the First Sunday of Advent, the 27<sup>th</sup> November.

The talks, as before, are being held in the St Mark Centre, opposite the Church of Christ Our Light in Innishmore. These will include presentation of the material by Fr Billy O'Sullivan followed by tea and group discussion.

The schedule of remaining meetings is as follows.

	Monday, 7.30 pm	Wednesday, 10.00 am
Talk 4	5 <sup>th</sup> December	7 <sup>th</sup> December
Talk 5	12 <sup>th</sup> December	14 <sup>th</sup> December

Please observe changed dates

**Ballincollig Country Markets**

This cooperative of small producers which had the honour of being opened by late president Childers in 1973 is now facing the prospect of closure. Current sales are inadequate to meet running expenses and more local support is needed to avoid closing. New bakers recently joined the market offering us the opportunity to supply excellent quality baking in addition to preserves, local honey, hand crafts. Eggs and vegetables are in short supply and we welcome new producers with an interest in joining and participating in the market. Orders are now being taken for Christmas, we cannot compete directly with supermarkets on price, but all our produce is home-grown or made to an excellent high quality, we invite you to come and meet friends, sample our cakes with tea or coffee for only €2.

The market is open Friday mornings from 10 am to 11:30 am in The Community Hall.

**Ursuline-Kenyan - Fundraising Concert**

Celebrate an Evening with The City of Cork Male Voice Choir at a concert in aid of the Ursuline-Kenyan Immersion Programme in St. Michael's Church, Blackrock, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 8 pm. Adults €10/Children and OAPs €6. Tickets available from Ursuline Secondary School (Tel: 021 4358012) and at the door on the night

**Bulletin Board**

**Advent Retreat**

St Mary's & St John's Church 28<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> November, Mass at 7.00 am, Prayer, Homily and Liturgy at 8.00 pm.

**Baptism Preparation**

The next Baptism preparation will recommence on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2011 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.

**Marriage Support Collection**

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

**Funeral Ministry (Further Volunteers Needed)**

During the early weeks of 2011 ten members of the Parish Community who had volunteered to become involved in Funeral ministry received training and preparation at diocesan level. This group has worked in two's to provide support and backup for the priests of the parish in helping families pray for their dead. The work of the funeral ministers has added dignity and enhanced funeral service in Ballincollig Parish. We are inviting additional parishioners to volunteer to become involved in this ministry. Those interested might give their names and contact details to one of the priests of the parish, the sacristans, or the parish office as soon as possible. Training and preparation will again be provided by the Diocese.

**Pastoral Areas Parish Clusters**

For some years the Parishes of Kilmurry, Cloughduv and Canovee; Ovens / Farran; and Ballincollig has been grouped together in a cluster. Bishop Buckley announced on 28<sup>th</sup> October "having considered the reasons put forward by Ballinora Parish for a reconfiguration, and having carefully considered the needs of both Pastoral areas that would be effected by such a change, I have decided that Ballinora Parish would in all likelihood be best serviced by such a change". This means a revised cluster of four parishes, with eight churches served by six full time priests, plus two priests with other appointments who help out when available at weekends. Bishop Buckley has directed that each priest may only celebrate three masses each weekend. This in effect means a reduction of Masses in the cluster area, at present this looks like a reduction of four. There is a variety of Mass times available each Sunday, in the case of Ballincollig ranging from 8.30 am; 10.00 am; 11.00 am; 12 noon; 12.30 pm and 5.30 pm. Change and reductions are always difficult as well as disappointing; however I am asking for parishioners understanding, forbearance and prayers. Comments and suggestions are welcome as we strive to come to a decision at parish level and cluster level.

Fr. George

**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.

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Nov-26 & Nov-27-2011

**St. Mary & St. John      Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**

Adrian Cotter  
Alan Murphy  
**8:30 am**  
John Healy

**10:00 am**

Margot Twomey

**12:00 Noon**

Oliver O'Donovan  
David Drohan

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**

Rebecca Feely  
Jessica Lingard

**11:00 am**

Jacob Derham  
Paul Donovan

**12:30 pm**

Bernard Vallely  
Colm Walsh

**5:30 pm**

Brian O'Donoghue

**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**

**Priest on Duty**

**Fr. George O'Mahony P.P.**  
**Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C.**  
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**Fr. James McSweeney**

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*Christmas Open House 2011*

at D J Murphy's, Bride Park Cottage,  
Killumney, Ovens, Co Cork.

In aid of Marymount Hospice & Alzheimers Branch, Clonakilty

Sunday 20th November 12 noon - 8 pm

Thursday 24th November 6 pm - 10 pm

Friday 25th November 6 pm - 10

Saturday 26th November 12 noon - 8 pm

Sunday 27th November 12 noon - 8 pm

Admission €10 including Mulled Wine, Mince Pies Tea/Coffee

All Welcome

Any queries please contact 023 8842260



**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Nov-26 & Nov-27-2011

**St. Mary & St. John      Christ Our Light**

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

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

**8:30 am** Mary Buckley  
Rita Murphy  
Denis Healy

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

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

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

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

**5:30 pm** Noelle Buckley  
Mary Breen



*For Families of Children Preparing  
for First Holy Communion*

*Learning About the Mass with Kath and Qumen*

**Arriving In The Church**

Usually when we come into God's house we bow our heads or go down on one knee. This is called 'genuflection'. It shows respect and love for Jesus. We genuflect or bow in front of the tabernacle, the special place where Jesus is present at all times. The tabernacle may be behind the altar or to one side of it. There will be a red light near the tabernacle, called the Sanctuary Lamp. This light tells us that Jesus, the Blessed Sacrament, is present inside. The Blessed Sacrament is another name for Jesus.

