

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

150 Years



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 20-September-2015

Twenty Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

The following of Christ is not for the ambitious and selfish. Christians will inevitably find their goodness, gentleness and love put to the test. They will survive the test only if their life is based on trust in God as his Father.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Servant of All

I hope that each of us will receive some reassurance from our Gospel this weekend. Christ had taken the disciples away, "He did not want anyone to know, because He was teaching them." The scene is replicated over and over in our lives. The teacher arrives to school with a great plan for the days' work, but from the word go is struggling to keep the pupils attention; the drama that unfolded on Facebook provides a massive counter attraction. Jesus spoke of the "son of man being delivered into the hands of men, will be put to death and will rise again "heavy stuff and "the disciples did not understand". Hopefully this passage is reassuring for us; there is some excuse for us when his disciples did not understand.

The gospel account goes on; they were haggling among themselves, who will get the number one spot, who will be the boss, who is the most popular. The big question is who will have the influence in this new kingdom?, who is the heir apparent? Who is the front runner to be next leader?.

Jesus is patient with his companions, he sat down, called the twelve to him and said: " Anyone who wants to be a follower of mine, if anyone wants to be first, whoever wants to be most popular "must make himself last of all and servant of all". Spotting the resistance and the disinterest Jesus tries to get their attention by placing a little child in front of them and saying "Anyone who welcomes a little child welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me".

Jesus reminds them and us yet again that service is more important than power filled prestige. Like the little child dependant on its parents, we owe all we have to God our Father. This lesson is familiar territory to us but living it and putting it into practice in our lives takes a lifetime. Very often it can be case of one step forward and two steps to the world of power, prestige and popularity. May today's gospel help us to refocus our efforts?

George O'Mahony

Catechist

Applications from R E graduates are invited for position as catechist in the parish of Ballincollig, Co. Cork. The work will involve helping parents in their efforts to prepare their child for the reception of the sacraments and helping with R E programme. Promoting prayer by leading various prayer experiences.

Applications in writing to Fr George O'Mahony before September 26th 2015.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Those who serve are the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Let us pray to God for our own needs and those of the church and the world.

Reader

For the Pope and the bishops: that they may give an example of humble and loving service to their brothers and sisters in the Church.

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

For those in a positions of authority in society: that they may put the service of others before personal ambition.

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

For those who are suffering for the cause of right.

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

We pray for refugees fleeing from violence, persecution, war and famine – give them hope and justice.

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

For those who do menial jobs: that they may receive a just reward for their labours.

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

For grace to bring our needs before God, in silence and in trust.

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

Priest

Lord, grant that what we have said with our lips, we may believe with our hearts, and practice with our lives. We make our prayers to Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord upholds my life.

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BAPTISMS

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

Olan Patrick O’Keeffe, Leeview.
 Rory Brian Mulcahy, Wilton.
 Isabelle Hannah Rodgers, Coolroe Meadows.
 Rory Denis Ryan, River’s Court, Fionn Laoi.
 Kyle Patrick Flanagan, Cois ns Cora, Powdermills.
 Nathan Radoslaw Zuchowski, Leslies Arch, Old Quarter.
 Luke Michael O’Leary, Beech Park.
 Paige Isabelle Moloney, Lisheen Fields, Ovens
 Jake Kenneth Twomey, Beech Road, Muskerry Estate.
 Daire Cian Murray, East Gate.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Dominic Harte, Carrigtwohill & Clonakilty.
 Joseph O’Shea, Scotch Farm, Carrigrohane.
 Canon Denis McSweeney, Kanturk.

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

Brian Calnan, Coolroe Meadows.
 Joseph McCarthy, West Court
 Eilish Cooper, New Hampshire. USA
 James Callaghan, Galway.
 Maureen Callanan, West Village.
 Phil O’Dwyer.
 Very Rev. Canon Diarmuid Linehan, Ballincollig & Clogheen.
 Hiliary Walker, Tuairin Glas.
 Peg Barry Murphy, Carriganarra.
 Catriona Horgan, Castlepark.
 Nuala Delaney, Inniscarra View.
 Michael O’Regan, Carriganarra.
 Very Rev. Canon Timothy McSweeney, Kilmichael
 Tom Darcy, Aylsbury.
 Jack, Essa & Ursula Lane, Blarney Street.
 Brenda Lynch, Oldcourt, Greenfields.
 Jack O’Sullivan, Carriganarra.

A.G.M. of the Ballincollig Parish Pastoral Council

Monday September 28th at 7.45pm
 Annex of the Community Hall

The Parish Pastoral Council is a 30 strong group of Parishioners who hold a shared vision of the Church as a people of God, and together work out a shared vision for the Parish Community. It is a hands on group who help to promote and advertise different events in the parish and are involved in organising these events. The Parish Council communicates and works with parishioners of all ages.

Meetings are held throughout the year in the Annex of the Community Hall. The A.G.M. is held annually in September. New members are needed at this time and will be facilitated with an introductory session.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Twenty Fifth Week In Ordinary Time

20 Sunday Wis 2:12, 17-20. Ps 53. Jas 3:16-4:3. Mk 990-37. Lect I: 802
 21 Monday Eph. 4:1-7. Ps. 18. Mt. 9:9-13. Lect II: 1198
 22 Tuesday Ezra 6:7-8.12.14-20 Ps 121 Lk 8:19-21 Lect II: 327
 23 Wednesday Ezra 9:5-9. Ps. Tob. 13:2-8. Lk. 9: 1-6. Lect II:329
 24 Thursday Hag. 1:1-8. Ps. 149. Lk. 9:7-9. Lect II:331
 25 Friday Hag. 1:15- 2:9. Ps. 42. Lk. 9:18-22. Lect II:333
 26 Saturday Zech. 2:5-9,14-15. Ps. Jer. 3:10-13. Lk. 9:43-45. Lect II:335

Next Sunday’s Readings 27/September/2015

Num 11:25-29. Ps 18. Jas 5:1-6. Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48. Lect I: 804

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Wisdom 2:12. 17-20
 People just don't like a prophet. Someone who speaks up, telling the truth, may well be rejected. Holiness does not always lead to happiness. Sometimes, it leads to pain and suffering and death.

Second Reading: James 3:16-4:3
 The early Christians were not better than we are. They were just as envious, just as resentful, and just as bitter. Listen now, and hear the remedy.

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37
 When people suspect that something bad is about to happen, fear sometimes causes them to stick their heads in the sand and pretend that everything will remain the same. When Jesus tried to tell his disciples about how he would soon suffer and die, they were afraid to ask him any questions. They acted as though everything would stay the same. They even argued about who was the greatest among them. So Jesus corrected them by saying that whoever wanted to be the greatest would have to be the servant of all.

“Mothers’ Prayers”

Continue every Thursday at 10.00 a.m
 At ‘Sonas’ House - Station Road

We welcome Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers to join in prayer for all our children and the youth of our parish.

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National Eucharistic Congress 2015

A National Eucharistic Congress will take place at Knock Shrine on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th September 2015. The Congress will serve both as a spiritual preparation for the 51st International Eucharistic Congress 2016 in Cebu next January, and as an opportunity to focus in the light of our Eucharistic communion, on some of the important pastoral questions in the life of the Church at the present time. The theme for the National Congress, echoing the theme of IE-C2016, is "Christ, our Hope" (Col 1:27). The Congress, which is free of charge, will have a particular focus on Marriage and the Family as well as the Year of Consecrated Life and the upcoming Jubilee of Mercy.

The programme will include:

- Over 40 workshops and talks
- Children's Programme
- Youth Space
- Perpetual Adoration
- Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Liturgy of the Hours
- Concert of Praise and Worship
- Candlelit Procession
- And a lot more!

The regular Knock Shrine pilgrimage schedule will still be in place which includes Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Sacrament of the Sick and the celebration of the Eucharist.

Our Favourite Psalms

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever

Gougane Barra Altar Stone Replacement

A replacement stone for Gougane Barra has been provided by Crosshaven Parish. The new Altar Stone will replace the original which was recently stolen. The altar stone, which was situated at the rear of the iconic chapel, is known to be at least 350 years old and could have belonged to a much older early-Christian church on the same site. Bishop Buckley will bless the new stone on Gougane Sunday 27th September during the 2.30pm Mass.

Bulletin Board

Children's Mass

The Children's Mass is this Sunday September 20th at 11am in the Church of 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 a 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 Holy Communion Children to please try and bring your Child to this Mass. Bringing your Children to the Sunday Mass is an important preparation for your Child's First Holy Communion. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Directed Prayer

Commencing 8th – 13th November inclusive. Last year people were delighted who took part. This is an opportunity to deepen and enhance our prayer life.

Priesthood Education

The annual collection for the Education of Students to the Priesthood takes places next week end Saturday/Sunday September 26th & 27th. The cost of educating each student for the Priesthood can be as much as €30,000 per year. The Diocese has a number of men training for the Permanent Diaconate. This collection is the principal source of funding for the education of our clerical students. This collection has also been used to subvent a number of lay people from the Diocese who are involved in their parishes and are studying Theology as well as funding further study for the priests.

Confirmation Dates 2016

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| Wednesday 6th April | Scoil Barra |
| Wednesday 6th April | Our Lady of Good Counsel |
| Thursday 7th April | Scoil Eoin |
| Monday 9th May | Scoil Mhuire |
| Friday 20th May | Gaelscoil Ui Riordan |

Fr. George

Songs of Faith 2015

A Project for Young People

A music project of one band, two choirs, three workshops, and sixteen liturgical songs – culminating in one concert. An opportunity for teenagers (13-18) and young adults (18-35) who love to sing and play and music – we are seeking singers and musicians to join us in singing our Songs of Faith 2015. An opportunity to work with professional composers, musicians and conductor. Workshops on Sunday 18th October, Sunday 8th November 2:30pm to 5:30pm followed by third workshop and concert on Sunday 22nd November – all at Our Lady Crowned Church in Mayfield. Enrolment forms for under 18's from Sr Karen, if you are 18-35 and want to get involved in singing (choir and/or soloist) or join the band contact Sr Karen to put in your name – telephone Pastoral Development Office 021 4537601.

John Rutter's Requiem

Cantairi Mhuscraí will perform John Rutter's Requiem in the Church of St. Mary & St. John on Sunday 22nd November, at 7.30pm. All welcome.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Sep/26 & Sep/27/2015

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
 Muireann Nelligan
 Padraig McAuliffe
8:30 am
 John Healy
 Kerry O'Leary
10:00 am
 Shannan O'Brien
 Erin Holmes
12:00 Noon
 Emer Wiseman
 Greta Fleming

7:30 pm (Vigil)
 Pauline Collins
 Morgan Smith
11:00 am
 Tomas Buckley
 Michael Buckley
12:30 pm
 Kay Carew
 Jane O'Leary
5:30 pm
 Christine O'Brien

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	Saturday	4:30 pm
Except First Saturday of Month		First Saturday of Month
12:45 pm	Sunday	

PARISH CLERGY

Priest on Duty	087-2479140
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Fr. Dave O'Connell C.C.	021-4876171 or frdaveoconnell@gmail.com

Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

Week 21st Sep to 27th Sep

Laurence Cunningham
 Virginia Harrington

Social / Coffee Mornings

Continue every Friday morning in parish house "Sonas" on Station Road at 10 am.
 Everyone welcome as it is an ideal opportunity to get and know people from our community.



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Sep/26 & Sep/27/2015

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

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

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

8:30 am Mary Buckley
 Tom Butler
 Denis Healy

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

10:00 am Mary Collins
 Christy Roche
 Katie O'Shea
 Joe Coughlan
 Elaine Crowley
 Ann Buckley

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

12 Noon Oliver O'Donovan
 Sean Hennessy
 Mary McLean
 Eleanor Seymour
 Nora Hennessy

5:30 pm Noelle Buckley
 Mary Breen
 Valerie Barry

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The Citizens Information Board is the statutory body which supports the provision of information, advice and advocacy on a broad range of public and social services listed below. It also provides the Citizens Information website, www.citizensinformation.ie, and supports the voluntary network of Citizens Information Centres and the Citizens Information Phone Service 0761 07 4000

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