THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John Station Road

Sunday 21-November-2010

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

We belong to the rule of Christ who rules not by being served but by his service of people, a service so radical that it led to his death. The cross is Christ's throne: on the cross he is lifted up and makes peace between God and humankind. Those who follow his rule of service will share in his kingdom of peace.



Christ Our Light Innishmore

A Servant King

David had been king of Judah for seven years when the other tribes of Israel asked him to be king over all Israel. This happened about 1003 BC, and the new kingdom remained united for seventy two years in the time of David and his son Solomon, until 931 BC. The tribes wanted a king who would be a shepherd of Israel, caring for the weak, bringing back the strays, a king with concern for his people. This prefigured the kingship of Christ, the Universal King to whose kingdom we as Christians belong. He is king over all things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible. Jesus, the light of the world calls us from darkness and the Father brings us from the realm of darkness, of sin, selfishness and hatefulness to the kingdom of the Son that he loves so that we experience freedom and forgiveness of our sins; freedom from fear and from death. If we are truly in his kingdom we will try to have the heart of Christ for all people. Through the prophet Micah, God tells us is needed: "only this, to act justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with your God."

The great hymn in St Paul's letter to the Colossians which we read today expresses our cohesion in Christ and in his kingdom of love. This is the kingdom where we are bound together by the peace of Christ and reconciled to one another by the power of his blood flowing from the cross. Following Jesus is not a matter of public demonstration, waving of hands or chanting his name, but of entering into his kingdom of service, justice and generous love. We share the kingship of the Servant King when we are prepared to wash the feet of the least of the brothers and sisters, to learn from the one who is humble and gentle of heart, to reach out to those in need, the poor, the sick, the old, the lonely, and to those who seem undeserving and unlovable.

The leaders in Jerusalem and the soldiers mocked the kingship of Jesus on the cross, using the word king with derision, and Pilot's notice on the cross, "Jesus of Nazareth, king of the Jews," was intended as a mocking warning. And yet the salvation of the world, of all peoples of all times, comes from the helpless man on the cross. And Jesus, dying for the whole world, focussed on the individual who called to him: "remember me when you come into your kingdom." The reply can be for all of us, personally: "this day you will be with me in paradise."

Billy O'Sullivan

Reflection for Parents

Today's children are not considered outcasts, but if you ask most children, they'll tell you they don't think adults really value their opinion. Jesus always reached out to the people that society generally found unimportant and that is a good thing for us to remember as parents. Even while he hung on the cross, Jesus preached the Good News to the criminals hanging with him. Sometimes we find ourselves living, witnessing, and teaching the Gospel message to our children even when the majority view is different. Jesus' words in today's Gospel give us the courage to share our faith with our children even when society doesn't count their input for much and even when the Gospel message is not the majority viewpoint.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us present our needs before the Lord, the shepherd who cares for his flock.

Reader

We pray for the Church; that it may continue to bring people to Christ.

Lord, Hear us, Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for our politicians; that they may govern with justice and for the common good of all.

Lord, Hear us, Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for peace; that those parts of the world which are ravaged by violence may experience the peace of Christ.

Lord, Hear us, Lord, graciously hear us.

As Restorative Justice Week begins we pray for prisoners; that they may be treated with justice and respect.

Lord, Hear us, Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for the sick, especially the terminally ill; that the Lord may comfort them in their illness.

Lord, Hear us, Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for those who have died, we remember in the month of November those who have nobody to pray for them; that they may join the saints and inherit the light.

Lord, Hear us, Lord, graciously hear us.

Priest

Heavenly Father, you led your people out of darkness into freedom. Hear our prayers today, which we make in the name of Jesus, your Son, Our Lord. Amen.

I rejoiced when I hear them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'

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BAPTISMS

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

Daniel Joseph O'Connell, Wyndham Downs. Jonathan George O'Sullivan, The Oaks, Classes Lake. Caoimhe Ann Murphy, Westcourt. Cara Louise Doyle, An Caislean.

† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Katryn McSweeney, Passage West. Liam Emery, Donegal & Togher. Jack O'Mahony; Tramore Lawn. Maura Sheehan, Dillons Cross. Sheila Hickey, Carraig na bhFear.

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

Pauline O'Callaghan, West Village.

William Murphy, Kilmichael.

Michael & Jennie Lehane, Bantry.

Timoth O'Callaghan, Carrigrohane.

Kevin Ryan, Westcourt.

Denis O'Mahony, South Douglas Road.

Joe Fitzpatrick, Crookstown.

Betty O'Regan, Crookstown.

Justin Monahan, College Road.

Denis & Margaret O'Sullivan, Maglin.

Peggy, John & Ellen O'Sullivan, Poulavone.

Daniel Griffin, Roscrea.

Thomas Farrell, Beech Park.

Rita Whelton, Glendower.

Margaret Healy, Muskerry Estate.

William Vaughan, Kilnamartyra.

Dec members of the O'Reilly and Hanney Families.

Martin Canny, Leesdale.

Sylvester Cotter, Poulavone.

Michael & David Barry, Ladysbridge.

Liam Walsh, Wolverhampton.

Marie Galvin, The Cloisters.

Nellie Thornhill, Skibbereen.

Mary Kelleher, Castleknock.

Denis Carroll, Cloghduv.

William O'Dwyer, Kilmichael.

May & Gerry Dempsey, Leemount.

Scoil Eoin, Ballincollig Wanted

Temporary part time cleaner for Scoil Eoin, Ballincollig. Written applications (incl. references) to Chairperson Board Scoil Eoin, Ballincollig on or before Friday Nov. 26th 2010. Please mark "Job Application" on the envelope. Enclose S.A.E. for return of documents.

The Parkinson's Association of Ireland

The Parkinson's Association of Ireland – Invites you – a person with Parkinson's, a carer, relative, health professional or friend to a Parkinson's Information Update

Tuesday 30th November 2010

11.00 am to 2.30 pm

Rochestown Park Hotel, Rochestown, Cork

€10 per person

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Last Week In Ordinary Time

21 Sunday 2 Sam. 5:1-3. Ps. 121. Col. 1:12-20. Lk. 23:35-43. Lect l: 936

22 Monday Apoc. 14:1-5. Ps. 23. Lk. 21:1-4. Lect II: 889

23 Tuesday Apoc 14:14-19. Ps 95. Lk 21:5-11. Lect II: 890

24 Wednesday Apoc. 15:1-4. Ps. 97. Lk. 21:12-19. Lect II: 892

25 Thursday Apoc. 18:1-2, 21-23, 19:1-3, 9. Ps. 99. Lk. 21:20- 28. Lect II: 894

26 Friday Apoc 20:1-4.11-21:2. Ps 83. Lk 21:29-33. Lect II: 897

27 Saturday Apoc. 22:1-7. Ps. 94. Lk. 21:34-36. Lect II: 899

Next Sunday's Readings 28-November-2010 Is. 2:1-5. Ps. 121. Rom. 13:11-14. Mt. 24:37-44. Lect I: 3

Marriage Encounter Weekend

26th – 28th November 2010 - Lake Hotel Killarney. Before the Christmas rush starts in earnest, why not give your spouse a special gift of a marriage enrichment weekend away with you in beautiful Killarney from 26th (8 pm) to 28th (4 pm) November 2010. Presented by Marriage Encounter, this is a break with a difference that will help rekindle and enrich the love and joys that you share together. It is for both the recently married and for those married for many years.

For further information and booking check out the website www.marriageencounter.ie or phone 064 6644319, 086 8334382 087 6670418

Volunteers Wanted!

Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty Children in Cork is currently looking for people to volunteer with

Childline

If you are over 18, are interested in helping children and young people, and have 4 hours a week to spare please contact us on the following:

Telephone: 021 4509588 Email: annmariespillane.ispcc@gmail.com

Arthritis Ireland and Home Instead Senior Care

Have developed an information booklet 'Caring Hands: Caring for A Person with Arthritis', to help caregivers learn about arthritis, understand more about its symptoms and realise how they can support someone with arthritis to live a full and independent life. To request your free copy of the booklet, Please contact Home Instead Senior Care on 021 500 2190.

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3

David was anointed King; he was designated as ruler by a solemn act of pouring oil on his head. The word "Messiah" means the "Anointed One." For this reason, David is a figure of Jesus Christ, his descendant.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:12-20

Paul speaks of the ways in which Christ is our King. In all the aspects of his rule, Christ is spoken of in his human nature, as a man.

Gospel: Luke 23:35-43.

Associated with Jesus' passion, today's Gospel brings us to the scene of the crucifixion. Jesus, on his own cross, is flanked by thieves on either side. One of the thieves jeers and taunts Jesus calling him a king and wondering why a king cannot save himself and them as well. Jesus responds telling the thief that his royalty is not like that of earthly kingdoms. He has no material wealth or armies. The second thief asks Jesus to remember him when he comes into his kingdom. We know today that he is with Jesus in heaven.

Tension Awareness

Do something for someone else...

If you feel that you are worrying about yourself all the time, try doing something for someone else. You'll find that this will help you forget your own worries and, even better, will give you a warm and comforting feeling of having done something positive.

Cork Conference Rebuild My Church

Date: Saturday 27th Nov. Mass 4.15 pm Sunday 28th Nov. Mass 3.00 pm Venue: Cork Institute of Technology Speakers: Fr. Pat Collins & Marie Beirne Lectures commence each day at 10.30 am No admission charge

Further information: Pat Carroll 086 8136701/Sr Bridget Dunne 021 4251100

Christmas Open House 2010

at D J Murphy's

Bride Park Cottage, Killumney, Ovens, Co. Cork.

Sunday 21st November 12 md to 8 pm.

Thursday 25th November 6 pm to 10 pm.

Friday 26th November 6 pm to 10 pm.

Saturday 27th November 12 md to 8 pm.

Sunday 28th November 12 md to 8 pm.

In aid of Marymount Hospice

and Down Syndrome Ireland (Cork Branch).

Ballincollig Boy Scouts

The Annual Bazaar will be held on Sunday 5th December. If you would like to donate some plants, toys, books or bric-a-brac then please drop them to the Scout Hall Tuesday to Friday evenings. All items must be of good resale able quality. (No Computers - No Electrical items - No Large furniture)

Bazaar

Bazaar in aid of Down Syndrome Ireland Cork branch in SMA hall in Wilton on today Sunday 21st November from 2.00 - 5.30 pm

Bulletin Board

Advent Retreat 2010

Ballincollig Advent Retreat in Church of St Mary & St John at 8 pm on November 29th, 30th & December 1st. It will be conducted by the Fr Tom Clancy

Eucharistic Ministers

Parishioners are invited to volunteer as Ministers of the Eucharist. Volunteers are required for both churches and should be over 18 years. Please leave your name and address in Parish Office or Church Sacristies. Phone 021 4871206

Fr. George

Special Pilgrimage 2011

A group of young adults from various parishes throughout the diocese have come together in recent months to plan a Young Adults (18-35) Pilgrimage as part of the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes between the 11th and 16th June 2011.

They extend an open invitation to anyone aged between 18 and 35 who wishes to "come and see and be a helping hand." The experience will include walking in the footsteps of Bernadette and sharing her story, exploring the message of Lourdes together, spending time in a spirit of faith with other like-minded young adults, participating in the prayer and liturgies of the wider diocesan pilgrimage as well as being of service to the sick pilgrims from the diocese and ministering to them.

It's a great opportunity not only to share the experience of Lourdes but also to meet other young adults from Cork and Ross and to share and learn from one another. All are welcome.

If you are interested, or simply would like to know more, please contact Sr. Karen Kent in the Pastoral Development Office at 021-4537601 or email karen.kent@corkandross.org

Irish Sudden Infant Death Association

Will hold their Annual Memorial Service.

Date: Sunday 21st November 2010

Venue: River Lee Hotel, Western Road Cork.

Time: 1 pm

All are Welcome, refreshments will be served afterwards.

I.S.I.D.A.

General Enquiries 01 8732711

Cork Simon Community

Is looking for volunteers to assist at the annual Flag Day on 25th & 26th November in a variety of City and suburban locations. If you can spare an hour or two and would like to help please ring Mary at 021 4929410 or alternatively you can email Mary at mary@corksimoncommunity.ie

Ursuline Secondary School, Blackrock

is staging a production of The Sound of Music on 23rd, 24th and 25th November. An e evening of music and song. Tickets available from school office. €10, Concession €7, Family €25 (2 adults and 3 children). Tel: 021 4358012 Email: ursulineschool@gmail.com

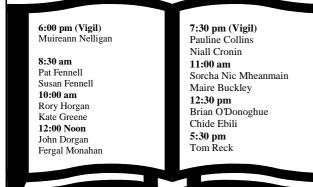
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MINISTERS OF THE **EUCHARIST**

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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
	Trances o Brien	11:00 am	Seamus O'Connell
8:30 am	Mary Buckley		Mary O'Connell
	Rita Murphy		Alan O'Riordan
	Denis Healy		Geraldine Keohane
10:00 am	Christina Walsh		Gerard Murray
	Peter Reilly	12:30 pm	Lucy O'Callaghan
	Mary Collins	-	Jackie Sheehan
	Christy Roche		Mary Green
	Katie O'Shea		Michael O'Leary
	Claire Creedon		J.P.O'Leary
12 Noon	Oliver O'Donovan	5:30 pm	Noelle Buckley
	Barbara Kelly		Mary Breen
	Sean Hennessy		

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

12:45 pm

Saturday

BAPTISMS

4:30 pm	Saturday	4:30 pm
Except First Saturday of		First Saturday of Month
Month		

Sunday

PARISH CLERGY

Priest on Duty	087-2479140
Fr. George O'Mahony P.P.	021-4871206
Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C.	021-4877161
Fr. Billy O'Sullivan C.C.	021-4876171
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Mary McLean

Ellen Seymour Nora Hennessy

Alpha

A new Ballincollig Parish Alpha course begins in December. This is an opportunity to explore the meaning of life in an informal, fun and friendly environment. The course starts on Thursday December 2nd, and continues in Colaiste Colm on each Thursday evening from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm for ten weeks, excluding December 23rd. The course explores some of Alpha 1.30 pm to 9.30 pm for the weeks, excluding 2 the basic truths of the Christian faith – "Who is Jesus?" "Why Did Jesus Die?" "How does God guide us" and "What about the Church?" During the programme there is an option of a day away to explore the work of the Holy Spirit. This course is relaxed, non-threatening, low key and friendly. We meet weekly and listen to a talk lasting 40 minutes, followed by a tea/coffee break and small group discussion to discuss the talk and questions arising from it. Alpha is for everyone; no question is out of bounds and you are free to discuss as much or as little as you wish.