

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 24-January-2010

Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

*We come together on Sunday to listen to the scriptures and to have them explained. Here it is God who speaks to us through his Son. His Spirit continues to work on us to inspire us with his message of freedom and encouragement for all in need.*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

## Connectedness

In this week of prayer for Christian Unity it is good to reflect on our connection to one another. We may rejoice in our diversity and in the richness that the different traditions bring to the Church as a whole. We can and must take care that our attitudes and relationships are based on respect and a genuine desire for the unity for which Christ prayed. And we need to realise that the scandal of disunity between the churches is a rejection of God's will, of the prayer of Jesus, and that as individuals we do not have to buy into it.

St Paul reminds us that we are all baptised into the one Spirit, through whom we share the life of Christ. We all share in that life as members of his body, each of us dependent on the others just as the parts of a human body depend on the proper functioning and health of the body as a whole. Jesus came to Nazareth in Galilee filled with the power of the Spirit to announce "good news" and "freedom." The life we are called to is one of joy and sharing, we see an echo of this in this Sunday's reading from Nehemiah, "do not be sad, for the joy of the Lord is your stronghold," a call to rejoice together and to share with those who had nothing. We too are called to rejoice together, in a practical unity which is not to be a matter of words only. It is a question of real love and service, of responding as followers of Christ to his prayer that "all may be one." Our unity is not real unless it depends on love, and through love we can each and all fulfill our individual roles, for which we will receive the necessary gifts from the Spirit. We need a prayerful connection with God to receive and exercise these gifts, and when we neglect that connection the whole body of Christ, the Church, is held back.

We are concerned with unity among Christians, relationships between the different Christian churches and within those churches, unity within our own church, in our local community and in our parish. We pray for unity within our immediate circle, in our family, our workplace, our neighbourhood, among our friends. In the end the call to unity is very personal.

Billy O'Sullivan

## Reflection for Parents

Our children are really all the things listed in what Jesus read from Isaiah. They are poor because they really depend on us for their every material need. They are not free because they are too young and inexperienced to live on their own. While they're not completely blind, much of what they do see has been shaped by our own vision. When we think of all we do for our children, it becomes clearer all that Jesus is for us. As we gather around the table of the Lord to celebrate Eucharist together, we celebrate that we together are Christ's body, each forming a different part, rejoicing in our diversity.

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

### Priest

Lord, your decrees are truth and all of them just; with confidence let us present our petitions before the Lord.

### Reader

For all Christians; that they may continue to bring good news to the poor.

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

We pray for all those in captivity; that they may receive liberation.

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

We pray for those who suffer from blindness, both spiritual and physical; that they may be given new sight.

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

We pray for those who are downtrodden; that they may be set free from their burdens.

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

We pray for those who make our laws; that they may legislate justly and not seek to place unfair burdens on people.

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

We pray for those who have departed this life; that they may enjoy unity and peace with the saints in heaven.

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

### Priest

Heavenly Father, your words are spirit and they are life. Look with favour on the petitions we place before you today. We make these, and all our prayers, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.*

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**BAPTISMS**

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

Evan Darragh Naughton, Knockburden, Ovens.  
Benjamin Patrick Connelly, Cranford Pines.  
Martyna Radomska Willow Grove, Coolroe Heights.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Don Gleeson, Bishopstown & Galway.  
John Deasy, Beech Road.  
Kitty O'Connor, Madonna House.  
Paddy Doyle, Mallow.  
Denis O'Callaghan, Innishmore.  
Kevin O'Leary, Model Farm Road.  
Cyril Chalmers, Commons Road.

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

Denis, Breeda & James O'Donoghue, West Village.  
Ellen Buckley, Bakers Road.  
John Patten, Willow Fields.  
James & Margaret O'Mahony, Skibbereen.  
Tess Goggin, Goleen.  
John Desmond, Garryhesta.  
Nora Hegarty, Whitechurch.  
Catherine O'Donnell, Drimoleague.  
Jim Greene, The Square.  
Eleanor O'Mahony, Castletownbere.  
Kathy Hartnett, Rosewood.  
Daniel O'Leary, Glenville.  
Michael Carroll, Coolroe Heights.  
Bernie O'Brien, Douglas.  
Michael O'Regan, Carrigrohane.  
John & Elizabeth Hetherington, The Cottages.  
Michael & Mary Murphy, Waterfall.  
Jack Lynch, Kilmurry.  
Jimmy Fitzgerald, Farranferris.

***Trocaire Appeal***

I'd like to thank parishioners who have so generously donated to Trocaire's appeal to help those affected by the devastating earthquake in Haiti a week ago. During an emergency such as this, 100 per cent of money donated to Trocaire is spent on our response.

Trocaire is a member of Caritas Internationalis, the international network of 162 Catholic relief agencies based in Rome. Trocaire is working in Haiti through their network of parishes giving us direct access to devastated communities in Port-au-prince.

Within days of the earthquake Trocaire's partners were providing the equipment, electricity and staff for two operating theatres in the main Catholic hospital in Port au Prince. Our partner Caritas Haiti runs over 200 hospitals and medical centres, all staffed by local people.

Funds donated to Trocaire will be channeled through this network for greatest speed and impact. Trocaire's support to the people of Haiti will continue long-term once the relief efforts are over.'

**(See notice of special collection at all Masses this weekend)**

***Justin Kilcullen, Director of Trocaire***

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Third Week In Ordinary Time**

24 Sunday Neh. 8:2-6, 8-10. Ps. 18. 1 Cor. 12: 12-30. Lk. 1: 1-4, 4:14-21. Lect I: 841  
25 Monday Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22. Ps 116. Mk 16:15-18. Lect II: 928  
26 Tuesday 2 Tim. 1: 1-8 or Tit. 1: 1-5. Ps. 95. Lk. 10: 1-9. Lect II: 931  
27 Wednesday 2 Sam. 7:4-17. Ps. 88. Mk. 4:1-20. Lect II: 488  
28 Thursday Sam. 7:18-19,24-29. Ps. 131. Mk. 4:21-25. Lect II: 490  
29 Friday 2 Sam. 11:1-10,13-17. Ps. 50. Mk. 4:26-34. Lect II: 493  
30 Saturday 2 Sam. 12:1-7,10-17. Ps. 50. Mk. 4:35-41. Lect II: 495

**Next Sunday's Readings 31-January-2010**  
Jer. 1:4-5,17-19. Ps. 70.1 Cor. 12:31-13:13. Lk. 4:21-30. Lect I: 845

***'Mothers Prayers' Groups***

Recommended on:

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January, 10.30 am**

Meeting Room at Christ our Light Church

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January, at 10.00 am**

Annex of Parish Hall

All Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers are welcome to come along one of these mornings to pray for their children and the youth of our Parish

***Ballincollig Parish***

***Bereavement Support***

The next Bereavement Support Programme will commence on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February. It will continue each Tuesday night for 8 weeks (7.30-9.30 pm). It is held in a small groups setting. Anyone experiencing the grief and loss of a loved one, is very welcome to attend. For further information, please contact: **Sr. Colette O'Leary: 086 3557375** or Parish Office: 4871206.

***Cork University Hospital***

All patients with appointments to "Out Patients Departments" in the hospital will be seen in order of their appointment time and not on a first come first serve basis as was previously the case. Patients are, therefore, advised not to arrive more than 15 minutes before their appointment time as they will not be registered (checked in) on the appointment system.

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**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-4,5-6,8-10  
 We become witnesses to a Sabbath service at which Ezra preaches on the law and reminds the congregation to rejoice and celebrate the Lord's Day.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30  
 Paul tells the people of Corinth that Jesus came to unite the entire world into one family of faith. He wants them to understand the special part given to each in the Body of Christ.

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4. 4:14-21.  
 The first part of today's Gospel introduces Luke's Gospel and Acts. Luke recalled for his readers that stories had been handed down by eyewitnesses and written down by others. He intended, however, to improve on the order of these earlier accounts. The lectionary moves us to another beginning and that is the beginning of Jesus' ministry. He had travelled throughout Galilee teaching in the synagogue. This day, he was in his home town of Nazareth where he unrolled a scroll and proclaimed the words of Isaiah. The Spirit of the Lord will come upon one who will free captives, favour the poor, and give sight to the blind. After Jesus rolled up the scroll, he told his listeners that those words had been fulfilled in him.

**Scout news**

The Thursday night Scouts had their first hike of the year last Sunday, they went to Farran woods. The weather was cold with only a few showers. The plan was to start instruction with the Patrol Leaders; Scouting is all about working in small groups, with the scouts thinking for themselves with adult supervision. We started with the patrols having to do a bit of first aid, learning and then taking part in a base having to do the DR ABC and checking for response COWS (you had to be there)

The patrols then learned pacing which is handy if they ever encounter fog or low visibility on the hills. After lunch the scouts had a game of man hunt and with the woods and heavy undergrowth it led to a very exciting game. The scouts then tried their hand at estimation a lost scout art but with a little practice the lads got the hang of it, and finally they tried semaphore which is sending messages over a distance using flags, again after a few attempts the scouts got the hang of it. In these modern times its nice to go back a step and experience live as it was in other times, we cleaned up and packed up our gear and we returned to this century.

*For every boy with a spark of genius, there are a dozen with ignition trouble.*

**Come to "The Holy Land" on Pilgrimage**

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**Bulletin Board**

**Haiti Earthquake**

A second collection will be taken up in all churches in the diocese this week end Saturday/Sunday January, 24/25. This collection will be given to Trocaire. They have contacts on the island and will arrange for its immediate disbursement

**Mass Diary**

Some dates still available in Christ Our Light to book Mass intentions for January, February & March 2010.

**Confirmation Dates 2010**

Scoil Barra	Wednesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> March
Our Lady of Good Counsel	Wednesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> March
Scoil Eoin	Wednesday, 21 <sup>st</sup> April
Scoil Mhuire	Tuesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> May
Gaelscoil Ui Riordain	Thursday, 13 <sup>th</sup> May

**Fr. George.**

**Catholic Schools Week  
 January 31 - February 6.**

Catholic Schools Week gives us the opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the tremendous contribution that our Catholic primary and post-primary schools make not just to Irish society, but to the mission of the Church. Last year marked a very successful beginning of an all-Ireland celebration of Catholic Schools Week and we hope this year to build on that foundation and continue to create a space where we can proudly articulate and celebrate our ethos and identity.

This year the theme for the week is '*Catholic Schools – A Light for Every Generation*'. Catholic schools are committed to the education and formation of the young person in every aspect of their lives. Thus Catholic schools are light for parents, pupils, staff and society in every generation. In selecting this theme we are clearly connecting the vision of Catholic education with the mission of the Gospel, to bring the light of Christ to the world and to allow that light to shine through and in all that we do in our work in Catholic schools. This theme reminds us that we are constantly challenged to let that light shine for the present generation and this will remain part of our task for future generations. It also allows us to remember with great gratitude all those who through their work in establishing schools and places of education brought the light of Christ to many generations of Irish people in the past.

**Come and Listen**

St. Mark's Centre  
 (opposite Christ Our Light Church)  
 Innishmore, Ballincollig  
 Commenced on Thursday 14th January  
 And continues Mondays & Thursdays at 8 pm  
*Have you ever wondered what it's all about?  
 Did your life turn out as you thought it would?  
 Do you think there could be more to life?*

**Muskerry Local History**

Tuesday January 26<sup>th</sup>.  
 Ovens historian Donal O'Flynn will deliver the talk, together with a slide show presentation, on the Crossbarry Ambush and the subsequent withdrawal.  
 Ballincollig RFC Hall is the venue; starting time is 8 pm.  
 Fee for non-members of the Society is €3



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**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Jan-30 & Jan-31-2010

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**  
Brendan Collins  
Michael Collins  
**8:30 am**  
Jim Healy  
**10:00 am**  
Hannah Bunyan  
Stephen Bunyan  
**12:00 Noon**  
Tony Lynch  
Even Keating

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**  
Niamh Murray  
**11:00 am**  
Maebh Nic Mheanmain  
**12:30 pm**  
Joseph Manning  
Robert Murphy  
**5:30 pm**  
Siobhan Keane-Hopcraft

**MASS TIMES**

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

8:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon	<b>Sunday</b>	11 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm
9:30 am	<b>Monday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Tuesday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Thursday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Friday</b>	8:30 am
10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)	<b>Saturday</b>	7:30 pm (Vigil)

**CONFESSIONS**

After 10:00 am Mass & before 6:00 pm Mass **Saturday**

**BAPTISMS**

4:30 pm	<b>Saturday</b>	4:30 pm
Except First Saturday of Month		First Saturday of Month
12:45 pm	<b>Sunday</b>	

**PARISH CLERGY**

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<b>Fr. Billy O'Sullivan C.C.</b>	<b>021-4876171</b>
<b>Fr. James McSweeney</b>	<b>021-4873308</b>



**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Jan-30 & Jan-31-2010

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6.00 pm** Michael Maher  
Ber Bell  
Betty Casey  
Frank Riordan  
Siobhan Riordan  
Pauline Quane

**8:30 am** Mary Buckley  
Theresa Lucey  
Triona Collins

**10:00 am** Anne Cahill  
Pat Lee  
May Delaney  
Cathy Horgan  
John O'Donovan  
Betty Flavin

**12 Noon** Helen Plunkett  
Sheila Carroll  
Seamus O'Donovan  
Joe Coghlan  
Rose Moore  
Catherine Greene

**7:30 pm** Geraldine Lynch  
Charlie Vaughan  
Joan Stephenson  
Bernie Bowen

**11:00 am** Neil Jeffers  
Eileen O'Donoghue  
Bridie O'Donnell  
Bridie Hanrahan  
Cath / Hugh Moran

**12:30 pm** Denis O' Mahony  
Christine O'Mahony  
Tom Murray  
John O'Regan  
Gerard Dunne

**5:30 pm** Bernard Curran  
Siobhan Burke



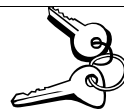
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