

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

150 Years



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 24-January-2016

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

## Are you Fulfilling Scripture?

This year the Gospel each Sunday is a passage from Luke's gospel, Luke confirms today that after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning he has decided to write an ordered account for you. Jesus returns to Nazara and is led by the spirit to the temple.

Presently almost every other country and our politicians seem to be preparing for elections. Current affair programmes and news items struggle to keep abreast with the pronouncements and promises. Put simply the message might be summed up as "Elect me and you will live happily ever after."

The suffering of the homeless, refugees, those being starved to death in their towns and villages in Syria and Iraq are among some of the most dreadful events in our world. What can I do.?

Perhaps today we might try to listen a new to the Gospel, it could be described as the "Mission statement of Christ". "The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, he anointed me, he sent me; to be liberty, new sight and freedom. To proclaim the Lord's year of favour." "This text is being fulfilled as you listen." Perhaps the good Lord is reminding us that rather than lots of huffing and puffing we are invited to listen to Gods' word and allow it to work through us.

Help us keep in mind Lord that your mission is focused on the other, in particular on the other who is in the dark or tied up in knots and awaits to hear of God's love for them.

*George O'Mahony*

## 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

Let us pray to Christ our Saviour, who through the power of the Holy Spirit, is still present and active among us.

### Reader

For the Church; that through its voice, the Good News may be preached throughout the world.

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

For all temporal leaders: that they may be committed to freedom, justice and peace.

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

For those who are suffering the effects of war, famine and persecution in particular the people of Aleppo.

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

For carers the sick and handicapped that they may have a life of dignity.

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

For prisoners and their families, that the support of their neighbours and friends may show them that God has not forgotten them.

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

For a moment, we remember in silence our own particular needs.

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

### Priest

Almighty and ever-loving God, grant that we may share generously with others the blessings we have received from you. We may ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

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† IN SYMPATHY †

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

Liam O’Flynn, Rushbrooke.  
 John O’Brien, Model Farm Road.  
 Dan Farrell, Longford.  
 William O’Donoghue, Coppeen East.  
 Donie Hennessy, Innishannon.  
 Denis O’Mahony, Greenwood, Togher.  
 Jo Kelly-Lynch, Westgate.

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

John Cotter, Wyndham Downs.  
 Ellen Buckley, Bakers Road.  
 Mary O’Mahony, Castle Park.  
 Denis O’Donoghue, West Village.  
 John McKechnie, Tower.  
 Maureen Calanan, West Village.  
 John Desmond, Garryhesta.  
 P.J. Hagan, Sunningdale.  
 Haulie O’Mahony, Main Road.  
 Donal Coughlan, Schull.  
 Mary Chaplin, Schull.  
 Eileen Gardiner, Grenagh.  
 Mary Forrest, Ballygarvan.  
 Catherine & Robert Morey, Wolf Tone Street.  
 Kitty Wholley, Skibbereen.  
 Mary Hourihan, Skibbereen.  
 Bridget McCarthy, Ballydehob.  
 Eileen O’Flynn, Aherla.  
 Dec. members of Hanney & Reilly families.  
 Bernie O’Brian, Douglas.  
 Catherine O’Donnell, Drimoleague.  
 Timothy Dineen, Curraheen Cross.  
 Nora Buttimer, Ahakeera.  
 Mary Ellen Kelleher, Maglin.  
 O’Donovan family, West Village.  
 Tommie Sexton, Douglas.  
 Jack Lynch, Kilmurry.  
 Michael Carroll, Coolroe Heights.  
 Peig O’Flynn, Fr. Sexton Park.  
 James & Margaret O’Mahony, Skibbereen.  
 Lily & Seamus McDonald, Blarney Street.  
 Sean Nyhan, Ballincollig.

**What is God calling you to in Life?**

Married Life, Religious Life, Single Life, or priesthood?

You are invited to an informal discussion in  
 “The Crypt” in Dennehy’s Cross Church  
 on Tuesday 26th January at 7.30pm.

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart" Jer 1,5

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-2016**

**BAPTISMS**

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

Alexander Andrzej Amoateng, An Caislean View.  
 Amelia Acheampomaa Amoateng, An Caislean View.  
 Lena Lenk, Castle Ave, Muskerry Estate.

**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.

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**“Come and See”**

Vocations Afternoon 2.00 – 4.30 p.m.  
 Saturday 6th February  
 For women discerning a religious vocation  
 Poor Clare Monastery, College Rd. Cork.  
 Check out: [www.poorclarescork.ie](http://www.poorclarescork.ie)  
 email: [vocationspoorclarescork@gmail.com](mailto:vocationspoorclarescork@gmail.com)

**“Mothers’ Prayers” Group**

Recommence On Thursday Next 21st January at 10 a.m.  
 At ‘SONAS’, Station Road  
 Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers all welcome

**Carmelite Monastery, Delgany, Co Wicklow**

Invite you to join them to celebrate the Day for Consecrated Life  
 On Sunday 31st January at our 9.30 a.m. Mass  
 Celebrant Fr Tom Noonan, Carmelite  
 All welcome— Refreshments after Mass

**Year of Consecrated Life**

The Cork Region Vocations Directors invite you to join with  
 them for Mass to mark the Year of Consecrated Life on  
 Saturday 30th January, 2016 at the Sacred Heart Church,  
 Western Road at 6:30pm.

**Shep**

**The Social & Health Education Project.**

Short Courses Cork Spring 2016  
 Application forms from SPEP on 021 4666180, online at  
[www.socialandhealth.com](http://www.socialandhealth.com)  
 or the Lantern Project on 086 0236442.

**Music Morning**

Monthly Music Morning will take place in  
 Ballincollig Library on  
 Tuesday January 26th at 11am.  
 It will be presented by Pat Lemasney.  
 Everyone most welcome. A cuppa will be served.

**Parent Evening**

Anam Cara is holding its monthly Parent Evening on Wednes-  
 day 3rd of February 2016 from 19:30 to 21:00 in the Clayton  
 Hotel, Silver Springs, Tivoli, Cork . All Anam Cara Services are  
 available free of charge to bereaved parents.

**Prayer for Strength**

Every day I need you, Lord, but today especially, I need some extra  
 strength to face whatever is to come.  
 This day, more than any other day, I need to feel you near me to  
 strengthen my courage and to overcome my fear.  
 By myself I cannot meet the challenge of the hour. We are frail  
 human creatures and we need a Higher Power to sustain us in all  
 that life may bring.  
 And so, dear Lord, hold my trembling hand. Be with me, Lord, this  
 day and stretch out your powerful arm to help me. May your love  
 be upon me as I place all my hope in you. Amen.

*Blessed Pope John XXIII*

**Bulletin Board**

**Baptism Preparation**

The next Baptism preparation will take place on Saturday  
 January 30th 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.

**Diocesan Collection**

The quarterly collection in aid of the Diocesan Funds taken  
 last week amounted to €2,821.00 Thank you for your  
 support. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**Catholic School Week 2016**

Will be Sunday 31st January to Saturday 6th February. The  
 theme for Catholic Schools Week 2016 is “Catholic Schools:  
 Challenged to proclaim God’s mercy”.

**Book Sale**

To mark the 150 Anniversary of St. Mary & St. John  
 Book for sale after Masses, Sacristy and Parish Office. Price  
 €10.

**Religious Calendars**

will be for sale outside St. Mary & St. John’s Church after  
 12.noon Mass and outside Christ Our Light Church after  
 12.30pm Mass. All proceeds to help the young people from  
 our Dioceses to travel to “World Youth Day Pilgrimage” with  
 Pope Francis in Poland.

**Vocations Afternoon**

Poor Clare Monastery: 6th February, 2016 2pm – 4.30pm

**Fr. George**

**1916 Easter Rising**

To mark the centenary of the 1916 Easter Rising, the Chap-  
 laincy in University College Cork is pleased to announce that  
 it will be hosting of a series of lectures on the subject of ‘The  
 Catholic church in Ireland and the revolutionary decade,  
 1912-1923.’ The talks, which will be delivered by Gabriel  
 Doherty of the School of History, will take place over three  
 successive weeks (Monday 25th January and 1st and 8th  
 February), be of approximately one hour duration (starting  
 at 6pm), and will take place in the Boole I lecture theatre.  
 Following each lecture there will be an opportunity to meet  
 and discuss the subject over tea and biscuits in the chaplain-  
 cy. Among the subjects to be addressed in the course of the  
 lectures are the church’s engagement with the home rule  
 crisis of 1912-14; its attitude towards the question of female  
 suffrage; its role during the Dublin Lockout of 1913; the  
 range of its response to the challenges posed by the out-  
 break of the First World War; the Church and the 1916 Ris-  
 ing; and its position on the wide variety of issues created by  
 the campaign for independence 1919-21, the partition of  
 Ireland in 1920-21, and the Civil War of 1922-23.

**Neighbourhood Watch**

The A.G.M. of the Ballincollig/Inniscarra Neighbourhood  
 watch committee will be held on Tuesday the 9th of February  
 2016 at Ballincollig Garda Station at 7:30pm.  
 Everybody welcome. Please feel free to attend. Thank You.

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Jan-30 & Jan-31-2016

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**  
Karen Sheehan  
Darragh Lankford  
**8:30 am**  
Pat Fennell  
Kate Healy  
**10:00 am**  
Cormac Kelly  
Ashling O'Shea  
**12:00 Noon**  
Roisin Crewe  
Emer Wiseman

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**  
Nonyi Ebili  
Jennifer Nyagaya  
**11:00 am**  
Kristian Calvert  
Amy Ni Chearbhaill  
**12:30 pm**  
Siobhan Keane  
Colm Walsh  
**5:30 pm**  
Marlyn O'Connor

**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**

Priest on Duty	087-2479140
Fr. George O'Mahony P.P.	021-4871206
Fr. Cian O'Sullivan C.C.	021-4876171

**Funeral Pastoral Team Rota**

Week 25th Jan to 31st Jan

Brid Dunne  
Sr. Colette O'Leary

**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**

Jan-30 & Jan-31-2016

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6.00 pm** Patsie Murphy  
Pat Moore  
Mary Walsh  
Marie Healy  
Margaret Kearney  
Nora Barry

**8:30 am** Theresa Lucey  
Tom Butler  
Triona Collins

**10:00 am** Margaret Bunyan  
Mary Murphy  
Joan Tobin  
Breda Monaghan  
Niamh Nic Gearailt  
Mary Hennigan

**12 Noon** Marie Bowen  
Breda Lenihan  
Jacinta Jeffers  
Rena O'Connor  
Sean Farrell

**7:30 pm** Sheila O'Connor  
Martin O'Regan  
Brid Healy-Harris  
Kit Cahill

**11:00 am** Carmel Ryan  
Eileen Byrne  
Bernadett Spillane  
Laurence / Angela Cunningham  
David Mahony / Stella McVeigh

**12:30 pm** Eileen Garvey  
Breda Callanan  
Catherine Freehill  
Betty Walsh

**5:30 pm** Olan O'Mahony  
Noel Kelleher

**Belated Christmas / New Year Message from Aleppo**

Dear Father George and Ginny,  
Merry Christmas from the heart. Yesterday and the day before yesterday, there were celebrations of the penitential rite and there were hundreds and hundreds of people to attend and to confess  
Many "big fish" you are left to draw from the Good Shepherd who worked through the presence of the Fathers: Firas, Samhar, Bassam and me.  
This morning, we went to visit all the sick in the clinic Friscio of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Apparition. This evening of December 24, between the bombs falling in our area Azizieh, we could celebrate Mass. Certainly, there was concern in our hearts for the lives of the people but it went well. In fact, seven missiles were launched in our area Azizieh tens of minutes before the Main celebration of the Mass of Christmas; But people came anyway. After Mass, in procession to put Baby Jesus in the Grotto prepared, there were more than eighty children and boys carrying candles in their hands and were part of the procession; The church was crowded. In this same Mass, we all remembered our dead: Msgr. Nazaro and P. Romualdo with all deceased parishioners.  
After Mass, we went down with all of those present to the parish hall where we exchanged greetings, eating sweets and listened to a choir of boy scouts who sang Christmas carols.  
There was the "Corner" for children to take pictures with Santa Claus ... Entering the room, the boys took a bag full of chocolates and delicious cookies that tempt even the big .haha, it went well tonight ... People are very happy ..  
We asked the Divine Child for the gift of joy and that of peace, as opposed to the one that exists in the hearts of so many people of Aleppo of sadness and turmoil and fear. After the Mass and the party, we went and had dinner together all the brothers in joy and gratitude, and we remembered you.  
Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**Brother Ibrahim and Communities**