

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

150 Years



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

## Sunday 27-September-2015

Twenty Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

*The ways of God cannot be confined within the limits of narrow human ideas. We must be ready to see his Spirit working in unexpected places, we must never be closed to the goodness in others. At the same time we must be ready to turn drastically away from the evil in ourselves.*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

### **Master We Saw A Man Not One Of Us .. We Tried To Stop Him.**

Jesus announces "that anyone who is not against us is for us." During the lead up to the All Ireland football final almost everyone had an opinion. You were either in the green and gold camp or the blue camp. Sitting on the fence was not an option. The message from Jesus this weekend is similar.

The clear message from Jesus is that with him and His followers there are no half measures, no place for the neutral and for those who wish to sit on the fence. The person who gives a cup of water to someone who belongs to Christ they most certainly will not lose their reward." "But anyone who is an obstacle to little ones with faith, would be better thrown into the sea." During our lives we have many opportunities to be stepping stones or obstacles (source of scandal) for others.

You are a stepping stone to me when you support me in moments of weakness and self doubt.

You are a stepping stone for me when you give me a belief in myself and build up my self confidence.

You are a stepping stone to me when you forgive me. You liberate me from my past and I am free to move forward again.

You are a stepping stone to me when you listen to me and understand me.

You are a stepping stone to me when you accept me, though others reject me.

When you do any of the above for me when you are a light in my darkness.

You are a signpost to me in moments of doubt. You are a bridge over troubled waters. You help me to enter the kingdom of God.

Fr James was appointed as chaplain to Colaiste Phobail Beantraí, Bantry in May 2015. I sincerely thank Fr James for his work as chaplain in Colaiste Choilm during seven years. Fr James was popular with the pupils and staff of Colaiste Choilm. I wish him well in his new post.

This clerical change means that there are now two priests trying to serve a massive parish of Ballincollig. Trying to serve 5 primary schools, some time to 3 nursing homes in addition to Westgate foundation; as well as caring for the sick and provide for Baptisms, funerals, weddings and other services is a daunting task. Perhaps we need to learn from other parts of the world where opportunities for parishioners to share their gifts have been availed of. More anon.

*George O'Mahony*

### **Thought for Today**

Love is one of those things that grows in itself. The more you give, the more it grows. There probably is no scientific way to measure why love works that way, but we just know it does. The same is true with acts of kindness-which in a way are the same thing as love. Like the person exorcising demons in Jesus' name, the more the better. That's how Jesus saw it, even though the disciples in their human jealousy and desire for ownership thought the person was an intruder. We see this in our own lives and try to pass it on to our children. It's hard to be mean to someone who just said, "I love you," or gave you a hug, or climbed up on your lap. As we try to get along with other people and teach our children to get along with siblings, friends, and classmates, we will make significant progress by acting and reacting in kindness and love.

### **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

#### **Priest**

Let us bring our needs before God who wants us to be, not stumbling blocks, but stepping stones for one another on the road to his Kingdom.

#### **Reader**

For Christians: that they may be a light to others and never a source of darkness, a stepping stone and never a stumbling block.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

We Pray for Pope Francis: that God may continue to bless and guide him.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For all employers: that they may treat their employees in such a way as to further their dignity and self-respect.

**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 all those who have been victims of exploitation or abuse: that they may be able to recover from the sins committed against them.

**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**

God of love and mercy, we are weak and each of us is poisoned by sin. We ask the grace that we may never drag our brothers or sisters down; rather, let our hands be the hands by which you lead them along the path of eternal life. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

*The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.*

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**BAPTISMS**

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

Kayla Phyllis Dixon Kearney, Innishmore Court.  
 Aoife Marie Neligan, Millers Court, Old Quarter.  
 Culainn Vincent O'Shea, Manor Hill.  
 Tommy John Byrne O'Sullivan, Innishmore Grove.  
 Caoimhin Tadgh Padraig Daly, Corbally, Waterfall.  
 Kondradas Vaidogas, The Square, Highfield Park.  
 Conor Patrick Donnelly, Leesdale.  
 Hudson Thomas McNamara, Carriganarra.  
 Ben Jason Acton, Rivers Edge, Fionn Laoi.

**† IN SYMPATHY †**

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

John Newton, Watford.  
 Tim Cotter, Ballincollig/Kerry  
 Timothy Collins, Bantry.  
 Rita Hogan, London/Ballinlough.  
 Gwen Daly, Castlepark.  
 Noreen O'Riordan, Beech Road & Westgate.  
 Mary O'Sullivan, Bonane.  
 John Newton, Waterford.  
 Denis O'Neill, Ballineen.  
 Alan Boylan, Avoncourt

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

Denis Calnan, Church View.  
 Frances Cashman, Glounthane.  
 John Walsh, College Square.  
 Patrick & Joan Linehan, Courtbrack.  
 Dermot O'Donoghue, Canovee.  
 Kevin Ryan, Westcourt.  
 Susan O'Driscoll, Carrigdenne.  
 Kitty Sheehan, Coachford.  
 James Purcell, Kilcrea Park.  
 Pat Hallahan, Greenfields.  
 Margaret Tarrant, Inniscarra View & Millstreet.  
 Cecelia Pauline Leahy, Carrigrohane.  
 Neily & Nora Murphy, Kilmurry.  
 Tom Darcy, Aylsbury.  
 Rose & Patrick Wall, Navan.  
 Eileen O'Connell, Turner's Cross.  
 Josephine & Timothy Murphy, Castle Avenue.  
 Dec members of Henchy family, Carrigrohane.  
 Dec members of Linehan family, Kanturk & London.  
 Sheila Sexton, Farnanes.  
 Patrick Barry, Rosewood.  
 Fr. Sean Murphy, Station Road.  
 Ann Hurley, Bandon.

**Music Morning**

Monthly Music Morning Ballincollig Library will resume on Tuesday next September 29th at 11am.  
 Denis O'Callaghan will present his programme.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Twenty Sixth Week In Ordinary Time**

27 Sunday Num 11:25-29. Ps 18. Jas 5:1-6. Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48. Lect I: 804  
 28 Monday Zech. 8:1-8. Ps. 101. Lk. 9:46-50. Lect II: 337  
 29 Tuesday Dan. 7:9-10, 13-14 or Apoc. 12:7-12. Ps. 137. Jn. 1 :47-51. Lect II: 1205  
 30 Wednesday Neh. 2: 1-8. Ps. 136. Lk. 9:57-62. Lect II: 341  
 01 Thursday Neh 8:1-12. Ps18. Lk 10:1-12. Lect II: 343  
 02 Friday Ex 23:20-23. Ps 90. Mt 18:1-5, 10. Lect II: 1212  
 03 Saturday Bar. 4:5-12 27-29. Ps. 68. Lk. 10:17-24. Lect II: 348

**Next Sunday's Readings 04/October/2015**

Gen 2:18-24. Ps 127. Heb 2:9-11. Mk 10:2-16. Lect I: 807

**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Numbers 11:25-29  
 Today we hear how Moses allowed two good men to continue their work. Even in the desert, there was freedom among God's People; Moses was a leader, not a dictator.

Second Reading: James 5:1-6  
 People who have money and power sometimes discriminate against the poor; they may live in luxury and not pay fair wages. Such selfishness is a serious sin; today's reading tells why.

Gospel Mark 9:38-43  
 Today in the Gospel Christ frowns on the exclusivism of the Apostles, today exclusivity is a real temptation within the church. In our communities there are many little ones, weak, ill-instructed people whose faith we sometimes dismiss as puerile. Nothing authorises us to reject or despise them. Still less may we scandalise them, as though, having the monopoly of the Spirit, we were free to do what we liked.

**A.G.M. 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.

**CROWLEY**

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**Harvest Festival Service**

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2015

St Peter', Church Hill, Carrigrohane @ 3.00pm

Preacher: Father George O'Mahony

The Church of Ireland Union in Carrigrohane will welcome the Ballincollig Parish Priest, Father George O'Mahony, as he comes to preach at the annual Harvest Festival Service on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 3pm in St Peter's Church.

Earlier in the year the Rector, the Rev Ian Jonas, on behalf of the Church of Ireland members, received a beautifully inscribed and framed version of the Magnificat - Mary's song on hearing that she had been chosen to give birth to Jesus the Saviour of the World. The gift was a gesture of good will in recognition of the fact that the site for the Roman Catholic church of St Mary and St John in Ballincollig, was provided by a Church of Ireland Parishioner.

All are welcome to share in this harvest thanksgiving for this Jubilee Year, the positive relationships between the churches, and of course for the goodness and bounty of God's earth.

After the service there will be refreshments served in the Parish Centre Church Hill, just down the hill from the church.

For more information please contact the Rector:

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**Our Favourite Psalms**

Psalm 70 (In old age)

In you, O LORD, I take refuge;  
let me never be put to shame.

In your justice, deliver me and rescue me;  
pay heed to me and save me.

Be a rock of refuge for me,  
a mighty stronghold; to save me;  
for you are my rock and my fortress.

Free me, O God, from the hand of the wicked,  
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel

For you, O LORD, are my hope,  
my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

On you I have leaned from my birth.

It was you who took me from my mother's womb.

My praise is continually of you.

My lips are filled with your praise,  
with your glory all the day long.

Do not reject me in my time of old age;  
when my strength fails do not forsake me,

O God, do not be far from me;  
my God, make haste to help me!

**Ballincollig Tidy Towns**

National Tidy Towns results for 2015 will be announced tomorrow at the Helix Centre in Dublin.

We wish the committee and its volunteers all the best in the competition. A huge thanks to all concerned for making our town so splendid this summer. The committee wish to thank all those who contributed so generously to its recent Church Gate collection and the goodwill shown to all collectors is greatly appreciated

**Bulletin Board**

**Priesthood Education**

The annual collection for the Education of Students to the Priesthood takes places at all Masses this weekend.

**Children's Mass**

The next Children's Mass for children in second class preparing for their first Holy Communion will take place on Sunday October 4th, at 11.00am in Church of Christ Our Light. The Parents of children who are seven and eight are asked to bring them to this Mass. Preparation with the children commences in the main body of the church at 10.45am. The Children retire to the crying room where they celebrate the Liturgy of the Word in a child friendly fashion. They will return to the main church at the start of the offertory procession.

**Baptism Preparation**

The next Baptism preparation will take place on Saturday October 10th 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.

**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.

**First Holy Communion Dates 2016**

Scoil Mhuire	Saturday April 23rd
Scoil Barra	Saturday May 14th
Our Lady of Good Counsel	Saturday May 14th
Scoil Eoin	Saturday May 21st
Gaelscoil Ui Riordan	Saturday May 28th

Fr. George

**Cantairí Mhuscraí - John Rutter's Requiem**

The Ballincollig based choir, Cantairí Mhuscraí, will perform John Rutter's acclaimed Requiem at the Church of St. Mary & St. John, Ballincollig, at 7.30pm on Sunday 22nd November. This performance of the Requiem coincides with the 150th Jubilee Year of the Church of St. Mary & St. John and appropriately takes place during November, the Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory. This wonderful and very accessible work was written by the composer John Rutter who celebrates his 70th birthday on 24th September this year. It is a musical setting of parts of the Latin Requiem with added psalms in English and was first performed 30 years ago in October 1985. It has since become a mainstay of the choral world being recorded many times and performed all over the globe. Classic FM says of the composer "John Rutter unashamedly composes instantly memorable tunes. In a world where so many composers believe music is no longer primarily about melody, Rutter stands out as someone who defiantly bucks that trend."

Tickets @ €20 will be on sale from choir members from early October. Telephone 0876658021, 0872514816 or 0862998239 or any choir member for further details.

Tickets also available from Catherine in Parish Office.  
Telephone: 021 487 1206

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Oct/03 & Oct/04/2015

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**

Adrian Cotter

Alan Murphy

**8:30 am**

Triona Downey

Riain Brennan

**10:00 am**

David O'Brien

Debra Daly

**12:00 Noon**

Declan Chalmers

Sean Manley

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**

Fiona Feely

**11:00 am**

Cormac Manning

**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

**Sunday**

11 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm

9:30 am

**Monday**

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**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**

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**Funeral Pastoral Team Rota**

Week 28th Sep to 3rd Oct

Tim Murphy

Siobhan Glavin

**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**

Oct/03 & Oct/04/2015

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6.00 pm**

Michael Maher

Bernadette Bell

Betty Casey

Frank Riordan

Siobhan Riordan

Pauline Quane

**8:30 am**

Mary Buckley

Theresa Lucey

Mary B. Murphy

**10:00 am**

Cathy Horgan

Betty Flavin

Anne Spillane

Betty Sheehan

Ann O'Connell

Con O'Connell

**12 Noon**

Seamus O'Donovan

Eleanor Knowles

Catherine Greene

Joan Barrett

Frances Hogan

**7:30 pm**

Geraldine Lynch

Charlie Vaughan

Joan Stephenson

Bernie Bowen

**11:00 am**

Neil Jeffers

Eileen O'Donoghue

Bridie Hanrahan

Padraig Fleming /

Imelda Power

Hugh & Catherine Moran

**12:30 pm**

Tom Murray

John O'Regan

Gerard Dunne

Sylvia Manley

**5:30 pm**

Bernard Curran

John Canty

**Silver Surfer Awards**

Age Action is once again searching for Ireland's top Silver Surfers. The Awards celebrate and showcase older peoples' use of the internet and technology. This year we are looking for enthusiastic people over the age of 55 who have an interesting story to share about how they use their computer and the internet and who could become a role model to inspire more older people to embrace technology.

We are calling on people across Ireland to nominate a friend, neighbour or relative who uses technology for pleasure or as a way to enhance the quality of their life. This is the seventh year of the awards and there are five award categories as follows:

**The five award categories are:**

- Silver Surfer Award - An older person who embraces the Internet or technology with a sense of fun and adventure
- New to IT Award - An older person who is new to technology and has overcome challenges to become an IT user
- Hobbies on the Net Award - An older person who uses the Internet to pursue their passion or hobby or who uses IT for communication and social networking
- Golden IT Award - An individual over the age of 80 who uses technology to enhance their life
- IT Tutor(s) of the Year - An individual or group of any age who provides voluntary support to older learners

The public can nominate someone for an award by filling in a form online on the Age Action website or by calling 01 475 6989.

The closing date for nominations is Sunday, October 4th, 2015 and the awards ceremony will take place at the Helix Theatre, Dublin City University, on Tuesday, October 20th.