

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 28-October-2012



Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

The giving of sight in today's gospel, might also be described as the confirmation of faith. Most of us have the faith to turn to Christ when we are in need, but our faith often has to survive the negative voices around us, that would make out that he is indifferent to our needs. We see him today as the Saviour, who cares for our immediate as well as our ultimate needs.

'Lord That I May See'

In our first reading, the Prophet Jeremiah speaks of a loving God who wants to gather his loyal and faithful people, exiled in Babylon, and bring them back to their homeland. Though the people of Israel had 'left in tears', scattered by warfare and exile, for the trials of life in a foreign land, the Lord promises to comfort and guide them as he leads them home. God especially favours the most needy. The prophet assures them they can look forward to a future filled with blessings for the Lord has saved them.

We see in the Gospel, when the blind beggar Bartimaeus hears that Jesus is approaching, he cries out a prayer of petition 'Son of David, Jesus have pity on me'. Some of those following Jesus resent this disturbance so they tell him to keep quiet. But it does not stop his persistence in calling out for healing from Jesus. Jesus hears him and he asks the crowd to bring this man to him. They too have a change of heart, for they bring Bartimaeus to him saying: 'Courage,' 'get up; he is calling you.' Then Jesus asks him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' This was the moment of hope for the blind man. Bartimaeus gives Jesus a very simple answer expressing his faith and trust in God: "Lord, that I may see." Jesus heals him. Once the blind man receives his sight he responds by becoming a disciple of Jesus.

Today, what would my response be to Jesus' question: 'what do you want me to do for you?'

We remember the many people suffering in our world today who feel helpless and live in darkness for one reason or another.

On Thursday next we celebrate the Feast of All Saints, both the canonised and the uncanonised. In St John's vision of heaven, (Book of the Apocalypse), he sees: "a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language standing before the Throne of God". In the First Letter of St John, he reminds us of the great love of God who already has chosen to call us His children."What we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed, we will be like Him, because we will see him as he is." Even though all those who have gone before us were sinners and experienced trials and temptations like ourselves, yet their faith, hope and love sustained them on their pilgrim journey. They are now enjoying the glory and happiness of being face to face with God.

Sr. Colette

Thought for Today

Parents can sometimes feel like Bartimaeus. We know what the right thing is, but sometimes our friends try to quiet us because we embarrass them. It may be that our friends even agree with us and know that we are right, but it's our voice that embarrasses them. We're causing a stir. Bartimaeus' friends were embarrassed by his loud shouts to Jesus, but Jesus honoured his faith. In the end, Bartimaeus regained his sight and followed Jesus. We can't give in to the shushing of our friends, either. Even when our stand is unpopular, we must follow the way of Jesus.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Jesus heard the humble but persistent cry of Bartimaeus. The example of Bartimaeus encourages us as we turn to God in our need.

Reader

For Christians: that they may see with the eyes and heart of Christ.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those in positions of power: that they may be sensitive to the needs of those in charge.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the poor, the handicapped, the lonely, and all those who are on the edge of life: that Christians may show them respect and love.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who live in the darkness of unbelief: that they may be granted the light of faith.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For our departed relative and friends: that they may see the light of God's glory

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

Lord God, let your light shine on us so that we may walk without stumbling along the road to your kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

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

Isabelle Hazel Kavanagh, Innishmore Lawn.
 Stephanie Ellen Kelleher, Glasheen Road.
 Isabella Anne Sirr, Wyndham Downs.

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

Kathleen Bruton, Lower Friars Walk, Cork.
 Timmie Horgan, Carriganarra & Coolavokig, Lower Macroom.
 Garry Cotter, O'Mahony Terrace, Dripsey.
 Nollaig Wilson, Cobh.
 Mary Hurley, Cloghroe.

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

John & Elizabeth O'Callaghan, Ballygown, Killavullen.
 Tim & Sheila Coakley, Castlehaven.
 Arthur Collins, Carrigrohane.
 Jim Butler, Inniscarra.
 Denis J. Callanan, Innishmore Court.
 Pat Byrne, Westcourt Heights.
 Tom Fitzgerald, Fernwalk.
 Aidan & Maureen Burke, Southern Road.
 Bernie McNamara, Carrigrohane.
 Charles, Julia & Sean Dunne, Muskerry Estate.
 Vincent O'Sullivan, London.
 Brigette Murphy, Bishopstown.
 Mary Downey, The Lough.
 John Lucey, Macroom.
 Michael Costello, Oldcourt.
 Mary O'Sullivan, Healy's Bridge.
 Eleanor O'Halloran, Castlepark.
 Aidan O'Grady, Castlepark & Kinsale.
 Hannah Dineen, Kanturk.
 Jerry O'Leary, Knockburden.
 Dan Collins, Westgate & Ballygroman, Ovens.
 Kathleen Foley, Waterfall.
 Fr. Michael Hourigan, Limerick & USA.
 Michael Ring, Dungourney & Ballincollig.
 Dec. members of the Ring Family, Blarney Road.
 Cathal Keohane, Rosewood.
 Pat McGrath, Glasheen.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK**Thirtieth Week In Ordinary Time**

- 28 Sunday Jer 31:7-9. Ps 125. Heb 5:1-6. Mk 10:46-52. Lect I: 817
 29 Monday Eph 4:32-5:8. Ps 1. Lk 13:10-17. Lect II: 838
 30 Tuesday Eph 5:21-33. Ps 127. Lk 13:18-21. Lect II: 840
 31 Wednesday Eph. 6: 1-9. Ps. 144. Lk. 13:22-30 Lect II: 842
 01 Thursday Apoc. 7:2-4, 9-14. Ps. 23. 1 In. 3:1-3. Mt. 5:1-12. Lect I: 999 or Lect II: 1244
 02 Friday Is 25:6-9. Ps 26. Rom 5:5-11. Mt 11:25-30. Lect I: 1002
 03 Saturday Phil 1:18-26. Ps 41. Lk 14:1-7-11. Lect II: 848

Next Sunday's Readings 04-November-2012

Deut 6:2-6. Ps 17. Heb 7:23-28. Mk 12:28-34. Lect I: 820

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

Today's reading tells us to exult, that God has gathered and saved his people.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6

We are told of the selection of the Priest as mediator between God and man.

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

Today's gospel the restoring of his sight to the blind beggar. His sight is restored to Bartimaeus but just as important he becomes the symbol of "those who dwelt in darkness and in the shadow of death" Bartimaeus expresses his conviction by his repeated cries, by his leap of faith which makes him reject every support and takes him towards the one who calls him and is going to heal him No sooner is he cured than Bartimaeus gets ready to follow Jesus on the way, his cure leads him to conversion and type of model disciple.

The Hope Family Support Group

Will hold their 2nd Annual Ceremony of Love Light and Remembrance for all our loved ones lost to addiction. This multi denominational candle lit ceremony will be held in the SMA church in Wilton on Thursday 8th of November 2012 at 7.30 pm . This ceremony will also feature Frankfield Gospel Choir , Irish Dancers, and other artists . All are welcome to join afterwards for Tea and coffee which is available at the SMA Community hall at the rear of the church . A Remembrance tree planting ceremony will take place at the Clashduv Community Park, Togher on a date to be confirmed. All enquiries to: Mr Pat Herlihy Hope Family Support Group, 21a Pouladuff Road, Cork 085-7438306

A Special Enriching Weekend

Give your husband or wife a special gift of an enriching weekend away with you on the 9th-11th November 2012 in the Lake Hotel Killarney. A weekend with a difference, that will help deepen your commitment to one another, enrich the joys you share together, whether you are recently or many years married. For details visit: www.marriageencounter.ie or phone 064- 6644319 & 087-6670418

Weekly Contribution - Tax Rebate

Helping Ballincollig parish financially without dipping into your pocket. Weekly many people contribute at least five euro to the offertory collection. This contribution could be enhanced by claiming from the Dept of Finance the income tax paid by the donor on five euro a week. This tax rebate (can be claimed by organisations with charitable status which Ballincollig parish has,) would amount to at least €40 per eligible donor. I need your help to implement this scheme.

The dept of finance will need a record to be kept locally verifying the contributions. The simplest method to implement this is, for parishioners to voluntary record their contribution. To make this possible I intend to supply boxes of envelopes with a number; invite parishioners to record the no on their box with me and then on a weekly basis note the no and amount.

The present direct debit gives an annual windfall from Dept of finance of more than €7,000.00, with your co operation I hope to double that amount. Please talk to me if you need clarifications. Thank you for your support. **Fr George.**

Music Morning

Musical morning in the Ballincollig Library from 11.00 am on Tuesday 30th October, 2012.

This month's musical choice is presented
By Denis O'Callaghan.
Admission is free. All welcome.

Society of St. Vincent De Paul

Monthly Collection
Next weekend 3rd & 4th November 2012
Please Support

Creative Reflection

Participants are invited to look into how we invest our energy and where we are seeking meaning and fulfilment today.

A series of four sessions reflecting on life experiences and drawing on the lives of people in the Scriptures, with an encouragement of creative participation.

1. Meaning and fulfilment in the life journey.
2. Good News that makes a difference
3. Light and Hope through the Church
4. Opening the door of faith

Please contact Fr. Donal Linehan 021 4873448
or Fr. George O'Mahony 021 4871206
for further details.

CROÍ NA GAEILGE

Is holding a Leaving Certificate 2013 honours oral Irish (worth 40% of total exam marks) intensive 4-hour preparation course on Thursday November 1st 2012 from 2-6 p.m. the course will be given by an experienced oral examiner / native speaker and is open to all students in Ballincollig and surrounding areas. all topics will be covered (including sraithphictiúir, general conversation, poetry reading, Gaeltacht phrases and nathanna cainte). Text 085-1541560 for further details.

Bulletin Board

All Saints Day

Thursday November 1st

Holy Day of Obligation Masses

St Mary & St John - Thursday November 1st

8.30 am, 10.00 am & 8.00 pm

Christ Our Light - Vigil Wednesday 31st October 7.30 pm

Thursday 1st November 12.30 pm & 6.30 pm

Bank Holiday Monday October 29th

Morning Mass only at 9.30 am in St Mary & St John

First Friday

Friday November 2nd is the first Friday of the month. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St Mary & St John from 6.30 pm to 7.45 pm, you are invited to come and spend some time with the Lord. There is Mass in St Mary & St John on Friday evening at 8.00 pm. The priests of the parish visit the sick of the parish on the first Friday of each month; please let us know if you have a family member or neighbour who is sick or housebound.

Novena for the Dead – November 2nd to 10th

November is a month dedicated to our dead relatives and friends. It is the time of year when we are asked to pray for our dead and thank God for their efforts and goodness to us. Christ's prayer to his Father is "I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, so that they may always see the glory you have given me."

We encourage everyone to make a special effort to come to daily Mass during the Novena for the Dead and may be even keep up the effort for the month of November.

Envelopes are available in both Churches with slip inside for your Holy Souls List.

There will be evening Mass (morning Masses as usual) in both Churches during the Novena- 6.30 pm Christ Our Light and 8 pm St Mary & St John.

Special Mass

There will be a Special Mass to remember all our loved ones who died during the past year on **Monday November 12th at 8.00 pm in St Mary & St John**. All those who died from the Parish will be remembered at this Mass. Families who wish to have deceased family members (who died during the past twelve months) included in this Mass are invited to hand in their names to the Sacristy or Parish Office during the week and please include a contact name and an address.

Cemetery Masses

Mass in St Oliver's Cemetery

Saturday November 3rd at 2 pm

Mass in St Mary's & St John Cemetery

November 10th at 12 noon.

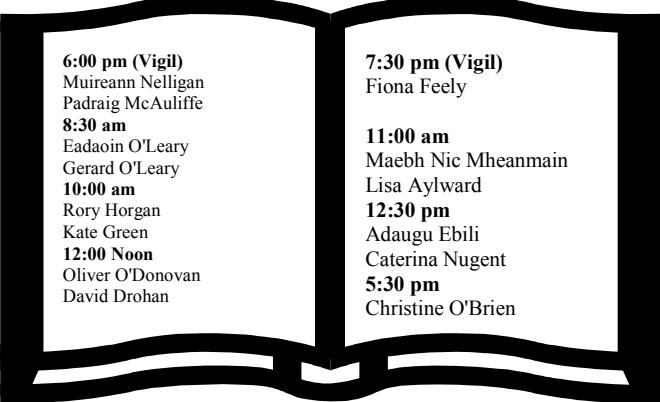
Children's Mass

The next Children's Mass for children in second class preparing for their first Holy Communion will take place on Sunday 4th November, at 11.00 am 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 children commences in the main body of the church at 10.45 am. 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.

Fr. George.

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Nov-03 & Nov-04-2012

St. Mary & St. John**Christ Our Light****MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

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St. Mary & St. John**Christ Our Light**

6.00 pm	Michael Maher Bernadette Bell Betty Casey Frank Riordan Siobhan Riordan Pauline Quane	7:30 pm	Geraldine Lynch Charlie Vaughan Joan Stephenson Bernie Bowen
8:30 am	Mary Buckley Theresa Lucey Triona Collins	11:00 am	Neil Jeffers Eileen O'Donoghue Bridie Hanrahan Catherine / Hugh Moran Padraig Fleming
10:00 am	Anne Cahill Pat Lee Cathy Horgan Claudine Tiendioh Betty Flavin Anne Spillane	12:30 pm	Denis O' Mahony Christine O'Mahony Tom Murray John O'Regan Gerard Dunne
12 Noon	Helen Plunkett Seamus O'Donovan Eleanor Knowles Catherine Greene Joan Barrett	5:30 pm	Bernard Curran John Canty

Irish Society for Colitis & Crohn's Disease

Patient Support Group

Sat 10th Nov 2012

Kilmurry Lodge Hotel, Limerick

2.00 to 5.00 pm

Speakers

Dr Maeve Skelly (Gastroenterologist)

Dr Manus Moloney (Gastroenterologist)

Mr Eoghan Condon (Surgeon)

There will also be a presentation from Financial Adviser

Cian Mahony about applying for life assurance products

for people with Crohn's Disease or Ulcerative Colitis

Come along if you or someone you know suffers from

Crohn's Disease or Ulcerative Colitis

ALL WELCOME ~ NO ADMISSION CHARGE

We are an all-volunteer patient-to-patient support group

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	No Mass
9:30 am	Tuesday	8:30 am
9:30 am	Wednesday	8:30 am & 7:30 pm (Vigil)
8:30 am, 10 am & 8 pm	Thursday	12:30 pm & 6:30 pm
9:30 am & 8 pm	Friday	8:30 am & 6:30 pm
10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)	Saturday	7:30 pm (Vigil)

CONFESIONS

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

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

12:45 pm

Sunday**PARISH CLERGY**

Priest on Duty	087-2479140
Fr. George O'Mahony P.P.	021-4871206
Fr. Dave O'Connell C.C.	087-2479140
Fr. Padraig O'Donoghue	021-4876171
Fr. James McSweeney	021-4873308

**ST Dominic's Retreat Centre
Coping with Loss**

Day of healing for the bereaved with Patrick Sheehan

10th November Time: 10.30 - 4.30 p.m.

Cost: €40 (includes lunch)

Prayer Course

A six week prayer course beginning on Tuesday November 6th with Fr. Frank Downes OP Time: 7.30 p.m. Cost: €10 p

Ballincollig Scout Groupare preparing for their 27th Annual Bazaar & Auction

to be held in Ballincollig Community Hall on

2nd December @ 2 pm*More to follow.....***St. Mark's Gospel**Why are the scriptures so important? How do we live the message we find in the **gospel**? We need your help in grappling with the questions raised in the gospel of **St. Mark** which we will be praying and reflecting on between now and Christmas.

Join us in exploring how we bring Jesus into our lives.

We meet every Wednesday evening for 1 hour at the new Parish Centre, Sonas, Station Road, (across from the Community Hall) at 8 pm.

Looking forward to seeing you.**Everybody welcome.**