

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 30-January-2011

Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Our weaknesses and limitations can sometimes frustrate us, but they can also lead us to see our dependence on God. If we turn to him as the only source of our life and strength, his power will work through our weakness, and we will be blessed.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Relationship with God

The readings today call us to reflect on the many ways in which we can respond to our relationship with God and others in our daily lives. In our first reading from the prophet Zephaniah we are called to seek integrity, seek humility, do no wrong, and speak the truth. Those who are faithful to the Lord and put their trust in him will be saved on the day of judgement.

In the second reading St Paul is aware of the diverse groups in Corinth who boast of their superior origins and ways of living the Christian life. Paul points out they have no grounds for boasting, reminding them that at the time of their calling not many of them were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. God chose those whom the world considers weak to shame the strong. Paul concludes by stating, that if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord. The Lord alone is the source of our salvation and it is in him we find wisdom, holiness and redemption.

The Gospel reading relates to Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. When we make God the centre of our lives, it affects our relationships with others. The Beatitudes call us to a special relationship with God and with the people around us so as to make our world a place of truth, love, compassion, justice, freedom and peace. This is what the Kingdom of God is all about. In Jesus' teaching to his disciples he is speaking out of his own personal experience; he himself lived the Beatitudes in his own life. He was poor, gentle and meek. He grieved over sin and hungered and thirsted for God's justice. He was merciful. Jesus suffered persecution and died to bring about God's Kingdom. Everything we have comes from God and belongs to God. As we are merciful to others, so our heavenly Father will be merciful with us! Being pure of heart we are free of all selfish intentions and self-seeking desires. Peacemakers not only live peaceful lives but also try to bring peace and friendship to others. Jesus' Sermon on the Mount is a programme for living, for inner peace and happiness. The Beatitudes challenge us to reflect on how we live them out in our own lives. Jesus asks nothing of his followers that he himself did not live out in his own life. He is offering a way of life that promises eternal life in the Kingdom of Heaven. We pray for faith and courage to walk this journey. "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven".

Sr. Colette

Reflection for Parents

Living the beatitudes is nothing new for parents. We often set our needs and desires aside in order to care for others, especially our children. Our greatest challenge, however, is to be a living witness to the first beatitude. If we understand and live out being "poor in spirit," the rest falls into place. For to be "poor in spirit," we rely completely on God. We know what the present situation holds, but recognise that there is a greater glory to come in God's Kingdom.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us pray to our heavenly Father for those qualities Christ wants to see in his followers.

Reader

For all Christians: that they may set their hearts on the Kingdom of God, and on its justice.

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

For all in positions of authority: that they may be gentle and merciful in their dealings with those they serve.

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

For those who mourn: that they may be comforted.

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

For those who are working for peace: that their efforts may bear fruit.

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

For those who suffer for doing what is right: that they may be strong and courageous.

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

For all here present: that we may hunger for a life of goodness.

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

Priest

Heavenly Father, give us the grace to imitate your Son more closely, and to follow him more faithfully, so that we may know the blessedness of belonging to your kingdom. We ask you this through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen

How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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BAPTISMS

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

Laila May Gibbons Quinlan, The Cloisters.
Aimee Mercedes , Westcourt Heights.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Hannah-Mary O'Riordan, Kilcorney.
Peter O'Sullivan, Rosewood.
Jerry Lynch, Caherciveen.
Nora Buttimer, Dunmanway.

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

Sheila O'Mahony, Ballyvolane.
Patrick & Martin Ginnane, Clare.
Timothy & John O'Regan, Poulavone.
Josephine Boylan, Maple Lawn.
John & Clare Horgan, Gurranabraher.
Martin Cuddihy, Tipperary.
Michelle Hogan, Maglin Vale.
Ellen Lucey, Station Cross.
The Hopkins Family, Rosewood.
Frank Collins, Ballingulley.
James & Kathleen O'Dwyer, Limerick.
Sheila O'Donovan, Rochestown.
Mary Whelan, Rosewood.
Philip Murphy, South Douglas Road.
Gerard Spillane, Castleknock.
Martin & Eily Murphy, Hodders Villas.
Billy Coyle, Glincool.
Joan & Eddie Murphy, Short Range, Powdermills.
Eugene McAuliffe, Kanturk.
Eleanor O'Mahony, Castletownbere.
Mamie Kavanagh, East Gate.
Sean Coakley, "Hillview" Muskerry Estate.
Con O'Sullivan, Ardkillen, Enniskeane.
James & Margaret O'Mahony, Skibbereen.

C.L.M.

Cuairteoirí Le Muire

Visitors with Mary

1961-2011 (Celebrating 50 Years)

LOURDES 2011.

Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage Retreats in Lourdes,

Choice of dates from May to Sept. (Teams of 12.)

Accommodation at Arus CLM Lourdes and single rooms.

Highly Subsidised Full Board Fare of €450.

Assistants, helpers, volunteers, cooks, priests etc all very welcome.

Further details from Máire Smye on 023 88 33273.

or by writing to: C.L.M. H.Q., South Square, CLONAKILTY, Co. Cork. Ireland

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Fourth Week In Ordinary Time

30 Sunday Zech. 2:3; 3:12-13. Ps. 145.1 Cor. 1:26-31. Mt. 5: 1-12. Lect I: 647

31 Monday Heb. 11 :32-40. Ps. 30. Mk. 5: 1-20. Lect II: 40.

01 Tuesday Job 31:16-20, 24-25, 31-32 or Eph 3:14-21. Ps 106. Lk 6:32-38. National Proper

02 Wednesday Mal. 3: 1-4 or Heb. 2: 14-18. Ps. 23 Lk. 2:22-40. Lect I: 967 or II: 940

03 Thursday Heb. 12: 18-19, 21-24. Ps. 47. Mk. 6:7-13. Lect II: 47

04 Friday Heb. 13: 1-8. Ps. 26. Mk. 6: 14-29. Lect II: 49

05 Saturday Heb. 13: 15-17. Ps. 22. Mk. 6:30-34. Lect II: 51

Next Sunday's Readings 06-February-2011

Is. 58:7-10. Ps. 111. 1 Cor. 2:1-5. Mt. 5:13-16 Lect I: 650

“Mothers Prayers’ Groups

continue each week on

Wednesdays 10.30 am at Meeting Room

at Christ our Light Church

Thursdays 10.00 am

at Library Room, Community 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 - Bereavement Support

The next Bereavement Support Programme will commence in Ballincollig Parish on **Tuesday 22nd February**. It will continue each Tuesday night for 8 weeks (7.30-9.30 pm). For anyone experiencing the grief and loss of a loved one, you are very welcome to attend.

For further information,

please contact: **Sr Colette: 0863557375**

or Parish Office: 4871206.

Neighbourhood Retreat

A seven week retreat in small groups for Lay People.

This retreat aims to promote a deeper understanding of God and of each other. Introduction to the New Testament and different ways of praying. It will offer an opportunity to slowdown, to listen and to pray.

We will meet weekly on Thursdays as follows;

Dates: February 17th - April 14th

Time: 7:30 pm

Venue: Community Hall (Annex)

Contact : Louise 085 7542490 / Breda 085 7475971

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

"Seek the Lord, all you humble of the earth," said Zephaniah the prophet. Do what is right. "Seek justice." Those who take refuge in the Lord shall pasture their flocks.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

The weak of the world are chosen by God. "Whoever boasts, should boast in the Lord."

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

The beatitudes are the content of this Gospel and they begin what we commonly call, "The Sermon on the Mount." Jesus' words surely turned upside down the understanding his listeners had of the world and society. Jesus told them that the poor would be rich, the hungry would be filled, and the persecuted would be rewarded. In all, there are eight statements that give the people a new understanding of Moses' law and a clearer image of God's Kingdom.

Where in God's Name is God?

Fresh Insights for People and Communities of Faith.

Every Thursday Night from

February 3rd to March 10th inclusive

Presentation Brother's, Mardyke House, Cork (7.30 - 9 pm)

Lecture Outline

- 3rd Feb Can God be found in human suffering?
Prof. Eamonn Conway
- 10th Feb Talking to, for and about God in dark times
Dr. Jessie Rogers
- 17th Feb Wherein lies hope?
Dr. Rik Van Nieuwenhove
- 24th Feb Can the Church govern itself?
Dr. Patrick Connolly
- 3rd March God's presence and action:
looking for the signs
Dr. Thomas Grenham
- 10th March Discerning God's presence in all things
Dr. Eugene Duffy

This series of lectures creates an opportunity for thought and discussion among members of the various church communities that need to 'think out loud'. Recent events, especially the findings of reports into child abuse, have raised questions for people of faith. In collaboration with the Presentation Brothers in Cork, the NOSTRA programme at Mary Immaculate College, Limerick has created a series of lectures to consider some of these questions. The lectures provide an opportunity for much needed reflection and thought provoking discussion. The lectures are free, we advise that you come early to ensure you get a seat

The Pyke Theatre Group

Next entertainment night takes place in Tanner Park RFC, Ballincollig on Tuesday 8th February 2011. All are welcome, good music, good fun, a cup of tea or coffee and a sandwich but above all good entertainment. Come and enjoy 8.30 pm and be sure to bring your friends.

Bulletin Board

First Friday

Friday February 4th 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.

Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord.

Wednesday 2nd February the feast of the Presentation of Our Lord candles will be blessed during the morning masses.

Feast of St Blaise

Thursday 3rd February is the feast of St Blaise. Throats will be blessed after morning masses and at 7.00pm in St Mary & St John.

Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund

Special Envelope Collection next weekend February 5th & 6th. This collection subsidises the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes for individuals whose health/or means would otherwise prevent them from travelling to Lourdes. It also subsidises medical expenses and travel care personnel.

Ministers of the Eucharist

Fr O'Halloran of the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament will speak to Ministers of the Eucharist in February. He will reflect on the basis for Christian Ministry and Eucharist Ministry. Parishioners are also welcome to attend.

The meeting will take place on Saturday 19th February, 2011 at 11.00 am in the Library, Community Hall.

Ballincollig Parish Pastoral Council

The A.G.M. of Ballincollig Parish Pastoral Council will take place on **Monday 31st January, 2011 at 7.45 pm** in the Annex Room, Community Hall. New members very welcome.

Fr. George

**Remembrance Mass for
Lost Loved Ones to Suicide**

Sunday 6th February 2011 at 1 pm

St. Augustine Church, Washington Street, Cork City
EVERYBODY WELCOME

Organised by Breaking The Silence & SOSAD
(Save Our Sons & Daughters)

Breaking The Silence works to help create a Suicide Safer Community by connecting the person at risk of Suicide with Life Preserving Resources. For further details please email breakingthesilencecobh@gmail.com or find us on facebook www.facebook.com/btskobh SOSAD started these masses in Drogheda and today these masses will be taking place across the country on 6th Feb 2011

CURA

Need to Talk?

We are there 6 days a week.

Unplanned pregnancy can be hard to take. Also when baby is born coping can be difficult. We are there to listen and support you.

Call CURA at 021 427 7544

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Feb-05 & Feb-06-2011

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Sandra Walsh
Brian Hennessy
8:30 am
Pat Fennell
Susan Fennell
10:00 am
Rory Horgan
Kate Green
12:00 Noon
Sean Hennessy
Shane Lehane

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Pauline Collins
Niall Cronin
11:00 am
Alex Hatsigrigoriou
Alison Henchion
12:30 pm
Adaugu Ebili
Caterina Nugent
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	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 **Saturday**

BAPTISMS

4:30 pm	Saturday	4:30 pm
Except First Saturday of Month		First Saturday of Month
12:45 pm	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
Fr. James McSweeney	021-4873308

Irish Friends of the Suicide Bereaved
Information

Support Group for people who are bereaved by the suicide of a relative or friend.
Grief support programme including residential weekend, Spring/Autumn 8-week Bereavement Courses also available.
Contact Details
P.O. Box 162, Cork or Tel: 021-4316722
Meetings every Wednesday at the Planning Office, St. Finbarr's Hospital, Douglas Road



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Feb-05 & Feb-06-2011

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Patsie Murphy
Joan Barrett
Mary Walsh
Marie Healy
Margaret Kearney
Nora Barry
8:30 am Theresa Lucey
Rita Murphy
Mona Holland
10:00 am Tadgh Murphy
Mary Murphy
Joan Tobin
Eileen O'Connell
Niamh Nic Gerailt
Seamus O'Shea
12 Noon Marie Bowen
Breda Lenihan
Jacinta Jeffers
Rena O'Connor
Sean Farrell

7:30 pm Sheila O'Connor
John Cauty
Brid Healy-Harris
Kit Cahill
11:00 am Bernadette Spillane
Angela Cunningham
Laurence Cunningham
Eileen Byrne
Carmel Ryan
12:30 pm Eileen Garvey
Sally Power
Breda Callanan
Catherine Freehill
5:30 pm Maire McCullagh
Olan O'Mahony

**Parish Office, The Presbytery, Ballincollig is open Mon - Wed from 9 am - 1 pm & 2 pm - 3 pm.
Sat 10:30 am - 12 Noon. Phone No. (021) 4871206, Office Secretary Catherine Crowley.**

The Social and Health Education Project

The following programme of courses for adults will be held in Ballincollig. Each of these night courses runs for 8 weeks (total 20 hours per course). The provision of SHEP courses is supported by the HSE, the Department of Community Affairs and Cork City VEC to make them as accessible as possible to those who would most benefit from them.

Course Places Must Be Booked In Advance

For further information or to book your place, phone Kerri FitzGerald: 021 466 6180

Introduction to Personal Development Start Date: Monday 14th February Time: 7.30 – 10 pm

This course is adapted to the particular needs of the group. It provides an opportunity to explore issues that affect your emotional well-being and growth, including the management of feelings, stress, listening, communication and relationships.

Men's Health and Well-being Start Date: Tuesday 15th February Time: 7.30 – 10 pm

This course is for men of all ages. As well as encouraging participants to learn from one another, the tutor will introduce basic information regarding those health-related issues which are of concern to the men in the group. The course takes a broad view of health and wellbeing and involves an exploration of emotional health and relationships as well as of physical health.

Family Communication Start Date: Wednesday 16th February Time: 7 – 9.30 pm

This course is for parents of children of any age. It seeks to affirm and support you in your role as a parent. The tutor will help you explore the importance of self-esteem, both for yourself and your children and look in a practical way at issues such as feelings, listening, communication, conflict and discipline.