

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 31-October-2010

Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time.

God is full of mercy: he waits patiently for our conversion. No matter how much we may have failed him, he still calls us and encourages us towards goodness.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Repentance - Conversion

In today's gospel we hear the story of Zacchaeus, an unpopular wealthy tax collector. When Jesus arrived in Jericho, Zacchaeus was curious to see what kind of person He was. Being low-sized and with the crowds preventing him from coming near Jesus, he climbed a tree to get a good view. As Jesus was passing by he looked up, saw him and said, "Hurry down, Zacchaeus, because I must stay in your house today". Zacchaeus not only hurried down and welcomed Jesus with joy, but his life was transformed and his immediate response was to share his riches with the poor and make restitution for any injustice he had done.

Even though the people saw Zacchaeus as a sinner, Jesus publicly declares: "Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham. For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost." Jesus, our Good Shepherd, has concern for all who have strayed and seeks them out. Jesus knew Zacchaeus; he called him by name. God knows each one of us by name. He said "I have engraved your name on the palm of my hands" (Isaiah). Just as Jesus invited Himself into Zacchaeus' life, he is always inviting himself in to our lives and in a special way each time we receive him in the sacrament of the Eucharist. Jesus said: "He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him."

One thing we have in common with Zacchaeus is that like him, we too are sinners in need of conversion. We are given the opportunity for repentance and to experience God's loving compassion and forgiveness. I'm sure many of us can recall special moments of grace and conversion in our lives. Jesus wants to come into our lives. We pray that we may always welcome him as joyfully as Zacchaeus did.

On Monday, feast of All Saints, we thank God for the many Saints, known and unknown, who have been faithful witnesses to the love of God by living out the message of the Gospel during their life. Even though they too were sinners and experienced trials and temptations like ourselves, yet their faith, hope and love sustained them on their pilgrim journey. During the month of November we remember in a special way the souls in purgatory, who are awaiting the day when they too will be with all the saints in glory. As we celebrate the sacred memory of all those dear to us, we pray for their eternal joy and peace.

Sr. Colette

Reflection for Parents

Among our children's playmates we may find some who try our patience. It may be that they come from different backgrounds or circumstances than our own family, and we may hold similar reservations regarding their parents. Perhaps today's Gospel challenges us to encounter those who may be outcasts in a more loving way-as Jesus did. In today's Gospel we read the famous story of Zacchaeus. We can take example from the man who was desperate to see Jesus and who welcomed the Lord to his house.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

Let us present our needs to the Lord who is the source of every good.

Reader

We pray for all who preach the gospel; that they may glorify the name of the Lord and bring Jesus to all who want to see him.

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

We pray for political leaders; that they may strive to create a world where justice reigns.

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

We pray for peace; peace in our world, peace in our homes, peace in our hearts.

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

We pray for vocations; that those whom the Lord calls may answer positively.

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

We pause to pray for our own needs and for all who have asked us to pray for them.

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

We pray for all who have died; that they may receive the promise of eternal life in heaven.

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

Priest

Heavenly Father, you are faithful in all your words and loving in all your deeds. Look kindly on our petitions and grant us what we need. We make these, and all our prayers, in the name of Jesus, your Son. Amen.

I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

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BAPTISMS

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

Lopou Marbel Lama, The Green, Coolroe Meadows.
 Holomo Mercel Lama, The Green Coolroe Meadows.
 Joshua Sean Kinsella, The Meadows, Belgooly.
 Bobby Timothy O’Leary, Orchard Lane, Aherla.

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

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

Hannah Murphy, Ballygroman Upper, Ovens.
 Marie O’Flaherty, Coolroe Meadows.

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

John O’Connor, Powdermills.
 John Harrington, Douglas Street.
 Kathleen Dineen, Dunmanway.
 Kathleen O’Keeffe, Aylsbury.
 John Cremin, Inniscarra.
 Charlie, Julie & Sean Dunne, Muskerry Estate.
 Cathal Keohane, Rosewood.
 Michael Hogan, Bishopstown.
 Bridget Molloy, Banteer.
 Michael & Sheila Duggan, Dunmanway & Bandon.
 Justin Monaghan, College Road.
 Katie-Ellen O’Grady, Sligo.
 Dan & Ellen Buckley, Kinsale.
 Joan Sheehan, Crookstown.
 Sheila-Ann Scannell, Blackrock.
 Mary Bridget, Tom & daughter Sandra Daly, Ballyphehane & Douglas.
 Pat McGrath, Glasheen.
 William O’Dwyer, Kilmichael.
 Eileen Riordan, Old Blackrock Road.
 Joan O’ Sullivan, Caheragh, Drimoleague.
 Morgan O’Callaghan, Kanturk.
 Dan O’Leary, Rosewood.
 Mary McEvoy, Main Street.
 Jerh & Julia Forde, Station Road.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Thirty First Week In Ordinary Time

31 Sunday Wis. 11 :22-12:2. Ps. 144. 2 Thess. 1 : 11-2:2. Lk. 19:1-10. Lect I: 928
 01 Monday 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 Tuesday Readings are chosen from Masses for the Dead. Lect III: 849- 890 (or Lect I: 1002)
 03 Wednesday Phil. 2:12-18. Ps. 26. Lk. 14:25-33. Lect II: 854
 04 Thursday Phil. 3:3-8. Ps. 104. Lk. 15: 1-10. Lect II: 856
 05 Friday Phil. 3:17-4:1. Ps. 121. Lk. 16:1-8. Lect II: 858
 06 Saturday Eccles (Sir). 44:1-15. Ps. 14. Lk. 6:17-23. Lect II: 1367

Next Sunday’s Readings 07-November-2010

2 Macc. 7:1-2, 9-14. Ps. 16. 2 Thess. 2:16-3:5. Lk. 20:27-38. Lect I: 930

Attention Choral Singers!

Like to like to learn to read music with confidence?

This winter, in association with Cork School of Music, Association of Irish Choirs will run a sight singing course for choral singers of all abilities at the magnificent Cork School of Music, Union Quay under the guidance of Bebhinn Ni Mheara. The course will run each Saturday from 13th November to Saturday 4th December, recommencing on Saturday 8th January and running until Saturday 29th January. Here’s a chance to have a go at sight singing if you’re a complete beginner or to improve if you have some previous knowledge of music.

There will be two classes:

- From 2 pm. to 3 pm. - Beginners: for those who have no prior knowledge
- From 3 pm. to 4 pm. - Improvers: for those who have some knowledge and who would like to improve

To find out more or to book your place contact:

Association of Irish Choirs
 (061)234823/202715 or Liz Kelly on 086 3522227
 (between 9.30 and 5.30 pm.)

or by email: aaic@ul.ie or liz.kelly@ul.ie

Application forms are also available from our website <http://www.aaic.ie/>

Feel free to contact Bebhinn for information on 087 2285965 or e-mail her at bebhinn.nimheara@cit.ie

Feast of All Saints

Tomorrow we remember all the saints who share the happiness of heaven. We are called to be saints by becoming children of God, by becoming more like our Father. This is our greatest possible fulfilment. It begins already, if we ourselves be moulded by the Beatitudes.

As the old song *Father O’Flynn* puts it, ‘of priests there’s a charming variety’. The same can be said of the saints.

They come from every walk of life.

An old hymn puts it this way.

One was a doctor and one was a queen,

And one was a shepherdess on the green,

You can meet them in schools or in lanes or at sea,

Or in church, or in trains, or in shops or at tea.’

To all the Children of the Parish
 Have a nice evening “Trick or Treating”

CIT Open Day

Saturday 20th November, 2010

10.00 am – 4.00 pm

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 Phone: 021 433 5396 / openday@cit.ie www.cit.ie

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THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Wisdom 11:22 - 12:2
The first reading tells us that we are as nothing before God; yet he created us, he loves us, and he shows us his mercy.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:11 - 2:2
The second reading explains why we live with courage and hope--God's power is ours in Christ.

Gospel : Luke 19:1-10.
Children may know just how Zacchaeus felt in today's Gospel story. Have you ever lifted your children to your shoulders so they might see over the crowds at a parade, waiting in a long line, or at a local sporting event? Zacchaeus was short and climbed a tree to get a better look at Jesus. Something surely stirred in his heart because it seems that he may have already given some thought to changing. Jesus reached out to Zacchaeus in friendship, and Zacchaeus responded with generosity and true remorse.

Tension Awareness

Escape for a while...

When things go wrong, it often helps to get away from the problem for a while; to lose yourself in a film, book, sport or a brief break away for a change of scene. Making yourself 'stand there and suffer' is a form of self punishment, and is unlikely to solve the problem. It is perfectly realistic and healthy to escape for long enough to recover breath and balance.

Remembering our Loved Ones.....

All nature heeds the call of spring
As God awakens everything.
And all that seemed so dead and still
Experiences a sudden thrill
As springtime lays a magic hand
Across God's vast and fertile land
Oh, the joy of standing by
To watch a sapphire springtime sky
Or see a fragile flower break through
What just a day ago or two
Seemed barren ground still hard with frost
For in God's world, no life is lost,
And flowers sleep beneath the ground
But when they hear spring's waking sound
They push themselves through layers of clay
To reach the sunlight of God's day
And man and woman like flowers, too, must sleep
Until called from the darkened deep
To live in that place where angels sing
And where there is eternal spring.

(Anonymous)

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Monthly Collection
Next Weekend
6th & 7th November 2010
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Bulletin Board

All Saints Day

Monday, November 1st Holy Day of Obligation.

Masses

St. Mary & St John 8.30 am, 10.00 am & 8.00 pm
Christ Our Light 12.30 pm. & 6.30 pm

First Friday

Friday November 5th 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.

Blessing of Graves

St James Cemetery, Chetwynd, Togher (Off the Bandon Road) Sunday 7th November at 3.00 pm

Autumn Dues

Envelopes are currently being distributed to homes throughout the parish of Ballincollig; contribution of the dues is for the support of the priests of the parish. Please return it by placing it in the basket at Mass. Should your home be missed spare envelopes are available from the back of the church.

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 maybe even keep up the effort for the month of November.

Envelopes are available in both Churches

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 **Thursday November 11th 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.

Annual Graveyard Masses

Mass in St Oliver's Cemetery Saturday 6th November at 2.00 pm
Mass in St Mary & St John's Cemetery Saturday 13th November at 2.00 pm

Funeral Prayers and Liturgies

We are seeking volunteers willing to help families and the priests of the parish to pray for our dead. Volunteers could provide support to families dealing with funerals by praying with the family (e.g. the rosary or vigil prayers), helping families to choose scripture readings, to choose prayers of the faithful and also to help families give their loved one's a dignified funeral service. Training is being organised at diocesan level and I invite those interested to come forward as soon as possible (during this week).

Fr. George

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Nov-06 & Nov-07-2010

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Aine Sheehan
Mark Prendergast
8:30 am
Eadaoin O'Leary
Gerard O'Leary
10:00 am
Grace Buttimer
Orla Horgan
12:00 Noon
Declan Chalmers
Chloe Dalton O'Connor

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Rosarie Cotter
Louise McGrath
11:00 am
Maebh Nic Mheanmain
12:30 pm
Joseph Manning
Robert Murphy
5:30 pm
Emily Hardman



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Nov-06 & Nov-07-2010

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Michael Maher
Ber 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
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10:00 am Anne Cahill
Pat Lee
Cathy Horgan
John O'Donovan
Betty Flavin
Anne Spillane

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

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

5:30 pm Bernard Curran
Siobhan Burke

MASS TIMES

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

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|--------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| 8:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon | Sunday | 11 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm |
| 8:30 am, 10 am & 8 pm | Monday | 12:30 pm & 6:30 pm |
| 9:30 am & 8 pm | Tuesday | 8:30 am & 6:30 pm |
| 9:30 am & 8 pm | Wednesday | 8:30 am & 6:30 pm |
| 9:30 am & 8 pm | Thursday | 8:30 am & 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) |

CONFESSIONS

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

BAPTISMS

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|--------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| 4:30 pm | Saturday | 4:30 pm |
| Except First Saturday of Month | | First Saturday of Month |
| 12:45 pm | Sunday | |

PARISH CLERGY

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