

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 17-June-2018

Eleventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

*To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade.*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

## Cedar Tree

The prophet Ezekiel was teaching and encouraging people during their exile in Babylon. Ezekiel was a visionary and full of hope. He reassured people, using the image of little twig from the noble. Under God's guidance the little twig would grow and grow into a great cedar tree. Using the image of the twig Ezekiel imagined a time when God would lead his people from exile to the home of their ancestors.

The second parable is the mustard seed. The Cedar may have been more popular at the time of Jesus. The mustard plant was banned from gardens as it overwhelmed other shrubs. The mustard also took root where it was not welcome. The mustard seed becomes a home and place of shelter and rest for many little birds. Watch out this week and notice glimpses of this "mustard seed" quietly growing.

*Fr. George O'Mahony*

## A thought for today

Perhaps the most radical statement Jesus ever made is "Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate".

## Good News for Today

Today's gospel reminds us that through God's care and blessing great things can grow from even the smallest of efforts. It is important that we place our thoughts, our words, our actions, our ideas and inspirations into God's hands. He helps us find the finest ground for all seeds to grow big and strong, Let us ask the Holy Spirit to help us plant seeds of goodness, forgiveness, joy, trust and faith that will enable us to grow into daughters and sons of God.

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

### Priest

Let us make known our concerns to the Lord, who provides for all the needs of his children.

### Reader

May God bless the preaching and teaching of Pope Francis and the bishops; that the Church may be an effective witness to God's kingdom of love, truth and justice.

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

That we may approach God and his sacraments with gratitude and with profound respect.

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

For those who misunderstand or misconstrue our faith and our Christian commitment; that they may see faith as an ally of all who seek a health society.

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

For all couples who will marry during the coming months; may the Lord bless them richly and sustain their love for each other.

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

For all those doing examinations at this time, that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit and enabled to give of their best.

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

For those who have reached the end of their earthly pilgrimage; that they may enter the Father's house.

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

### Priest

We thank and praise you, Father, for the joy and confidence we find in offering our needs to you. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.*

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† IN SYMPATHY †

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :**  
 Mikolaj Wilk, Maglin, Ballincollig.  
 Daniel (Dan) Hannigan, Charleville.

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

Denis McCormack, Rosewood.  
 Hanna McAuliffe, Kanturk.  
 Bridget & Sonny Crowley, Rathmore, Kerry.  
 Mary Barry, Muskerry Est./Ballyheigue.  
 Paul Murray, Westcliffe.  
 Frederick Strahan, Dublin.  
 Donal Leahy, Leevue, Carrigrohane.  
 Bridget Scelly, New York/New Jersey.  
 John Kelleher, Castlepark.  
 Fr. John Murray, Gardiner's Hill/California.  
 Patrick & Joseph Murphy, McCurtain Villas.  
 Nancy Manning, Farranree.  
 Mai Spillane, Glenflesk.  
 Jimmy O'Sullivan, Tudor Grove.  
 Ted Daly, Connolly Road.  
 Sheila Dinneen, Curraheen Cross.  
 Grace Casey, Bishopstown.  
 Joan Daly, Ballyburden.  
 Pat Joe & Peg O'Donovan, Manch Bridge, Ballineen.

**Barnardos National Collection Day**

Barnardos National Collection Day takes place on Friday 14th September 2018.  
 We urgently require volunteers to support collections.  
 Contact: Robyn Macken, Barnardos – Tel. No.: 01-7080418.

**CROWLEY**

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Eleventh Week In Ordinary Time

17 Sunday Ezek 17:22-24. Ps 91:2-3, 13-16, R/ cf. v. 2 Cor 5:6-10. Mk 4:26-34. Lect I: 763  
 18 Monday 1 Kgs 21:1-16. Ps 5. Mt 5:38-42. Lect II: 587  
 19 Tuesday 1 Kgs 21:1 7-29. Ps 50. Mt 5:43-48. Lect II: 589  
 20 Wednesday 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14. Ps 30. Mt. 6:1-6, 16-18. Lect II: 591  
 21 Thursday Eccles (Sir) 48:1-14. Ps 96. Mt 6:7-15. Lect II: 594  
 22 Friday 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20. Ps 131. Mt 6:19-23. Lect II: 596  
 23 Saturday 2 Chron 24:17-25. Ps 88. Mt 6:24-34. Lect II: 599

**Next Sunday's Readings 24-June-2018**

Is. 49:1-6, Ps. 138, Acts 13:22-26. Lk. 157-66, 80. Lect I: 976 or II: 1073

**BAPTISMS**

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

Elizabeth Sandra O'Neill, Greenfields.  
 Clara Sandra O'Neill, Greenfields.  
 Paddy James O'Sullivan, Beech Park.  
 Nathan John Barry-Forde, Alysburry.  
 Millie Ellen Downey, Highfield.  
 Marley Mai Elizabeth Leahy, Castlepark.  
 Zoe Rey Fallon, Westcourt.

**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading Ezekiel 17:22-24  
 In this reading the prophet Ezekiel spoke about the better days that were to come for the Chosen People when Yahweh would take back His people once more, and dwell in their midst forever. Today's extract is a messianic prophecy in which God says that he will raise up a descendant—a sprig from the lofty cedar David, who will yet be the glory of Israel.

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:6-10  
 St Paul tells his Corinthians that his constant desire and motive in life is to please God. In this he wants them to imitate him. While on earth this is his aim and when he goes to God in heaven this will be his purpose and his delight.

Gospel Mark 4,26-34

The Gospel reading today contains the parable of the mustard seed. This parable, telling of how the smallest of all seeds of the Earth grew into the largest of plants, reminds us that through God's care and blessing great things can grow from even the smallest of efforts. It is important that we place our thoughts, our words, our actions, our ideas and inspirations into God's hands, and that we invite God to bless and to use all of these things for the greater good of the kingdom and for the greater good of the Church on Earth.

**Permanent Deacons.**

Bishop Buckley invites applications from men interested in serving as Permanent Deacons in the Diocese of Cork & Ross. The minimum age for ordination as a permanent deacon is twenty-five years for a celibate man, and thirty-five years for a married man. The maximum age is sixty years. While married men may be ordained, deacons who are widowed may not remarry. The four-year programme of preparation is part-time, as is the subsequent ministry. Initial contact should be as soon as possible as the application process must be completed in June for a course of preparation beginning in September 2018. It is probable that a course will not commence again in Munster until 2021. Those interested should contact their local priest or the Diocesan Director of the Permanent Diaconate for Cork and Ross, Canon Bertie O'Mahony, PP, Parochial House, Model Farm Road, phone (021) 4346940 or (087) 2519940, or Fr Billy O'Sullivan PP, Turner's Cross, phone (021) 4313103 or (086) 8235291.

**Over 60's Talent Competition**

The final of the Over 60's Talent Competition will take place at the City Hall on June 17th at 8pm.

**Examination Time**

We ask for your continuing support and prayers for our students as they prepare for their Leaving and Junior Certificate Examinations. May they be successful in their efforts.

**Defibrillator Training**

Training will commence in July  
All volunteers will be contacted nearer the date

**The Weaver of Dreams**

A Teller of tales and a dreamer of dreams,  
A builder of bridges, a planner of schemes  
Could this be one person? You think it untrue?  
But just look again, for that person is you  
Look back on your life and take stock of the years  
And all you accomplished through courage and fears.

Remember the children, they took your hand?  
Remember the stories, adventures you planned  
And how you helped someone in sickness and pain,  
No thought of reward and no question of gain?

You may not feel clever; stand out in the crowd,  
But count your achievements, be thankful and proud,  
And look to the future, there's much to be done  
There's joy to be earned and love to be won.  
Keep building your bridges and planning your schemes  
Remember that you are the weaver of dreams.

(Iris Hesselden)

**Belief:** Trust yourself, then you will know how to live. *Goethe*

**Bulletin Board**

**Family Mass**

The next Family Mass for parents with children in second class preparing for their first Holy Communion will take place on Sunday 17th June 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 these children commences in the main body of the church at 10.45am.

**Coeliac Hosts**

Low gluten hosts are available that are suitable for Coeliac. Please inform the priest prior to Mass if possible if you require it.

**Communion for the Sick**

Remembering and praying by the family of believers is part of every worship especially the Mass. Ministers of the Eucharist or a priest go from the praying community to the sick with Holy Communion. Please let the celebrant of Mass know when you wish communion to be taken to the sick. Bringing Holy Communion to the sick is both a privilege and a responsibility.

**Baptism Preparation.**

The next Baptism preparation will take place on Saturday 16th June 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..

**Mass Diaries**

Mass Diaries to book Mass intentions for July, August & September are now open in both churches .Priority will be given to those booking 1st Anniversary Mass.

**Envelope Collection**

An envelope collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend 16th/17th June for World Meeting of Families 2018.

**Peter's Pence Envelope Collection**

Will be taken up at all Mass up next weekend 23rd/24th June.

**Special Collection**

Ballincollig Parishioner & Mass Missalette  
An **EXIT COLLECTION** will be taken up after all Masses on the weekend of 30th Jun & 1st July. Your Contribution will help towards the purchasing of the Mass Missalette and the printing costs of The Parishioner.

**Graveyard**

Thank you to the people who make an effort to keep their graves tidy and dispose of their flowers. We would appreciate if everyone would take away their rubbish.

**Fr. George**

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Jun-23 & Jun-24-2018

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**  
Sandra Walsh  
Patricia O'Riordan  
**8:30 am**  
John Healy  
Kerry O'Leary  
**10:00 am**  
Grace Buttimer  
Orla Horgan  
**12:00 Noon**  
Emer Wiseman  
Oliver O'Donovan

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**  
Fiona Feely  
**11:00 am**  
Clara Herdman  
Hannah Herdman  
**12:30 pm**  
James Nyagaya  
Laura O'Leary  
**5:30 pm**  
Liam Tuohy

**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**

18-Jun-2018 to 24-Jun-2018  
Brid Dunne

**Social / Coffee Mornings**

Friday morning tea/coffee will be discontinued for June/July and August. We hope to return in September..



**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Jun-23 & Jun-24-2018

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

**6.00 pm** Eileen Murphy  
Ted Nelligan  
Maurice Bunyan  
Sheila Walshe  
Katie Collins  
Aisling Leahy

**8:30 am** Helen Kelly  
Michael Crowley  
Eileen Corkery

**10:00 am** Fionnuala McDonagh  
Mary Buckley  
Fiona Kelly  
Martin O'Leary  
Andrej Janukowicz

**12 Noon** Ann-Marie Cosgrove  
Phil Kennedy  
Ellen O'Sullivan  
Ursula McAuliffe  
Sally Crowley

**7:30 pm** John O'Donoghue  
Mary Dineen  
Mairead Keenan  
Kay O'Sullivan

**11:00 am** Billy Barry  
Mary Aylward  
Pauline Baston  
Diarmuid Horgan  
Sylvia Manley

**12:30 pm** Maura O'Driscoll  
Mary Lehane  
Dympna Byrne  
Suzanne Leech  
Mona Bowen

**5:30 pm** Shelia Curran  
Elizabeth O'Sullivan

**A Joy for All the Earth**

Love bears all things, endures all things  
Love longs for all things good, love never ends  
Spirit, Love is patient, and love is kind  
Love is not resentful; it is not rude.  
Love is not arrogant, nor boastful, nor jealous  
but love rejoices, rejoices in the truth

**Refrain**

**Here in Gods family all find their home.  
All can find salvation troubled souls find peace.  
Here is found tenderness, compassion and justice  
Here God reaches down to us and touches us with grace.**

Love is our origin, our constant calling.  
Love is our fulfilment, in God's dwelling place.  
Love is the mystery of Father, Son and  
Love is communion of blessed Trinity.

**Refrain**

This is what God asks of us, to act with justice,  
to love with tenderness, to walk humbly with God,  
to give our lives in service to others.  
The joy of the Gospel is the joyful love of Christ!

**Refrain**

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Love longs for all things good, love never ends.