

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 25-September-2022

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

One of the great preoccupations today is the maintenance of a high standard of living. Today's readings give us a prophetic warning -this life-style leads to complacency and indifference to the needs of the poor. Any such indifference can only earn us the condemnation of God whose mercy for the poor is linked to his judgement of the oppressed.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Repentance

Repentance for sin is a central theme of the Christian message. The word “repentance” is sometimes used in the Bible to mean regret and sorrow for having done some deed. This was the kind of repentance shown by Judas when he repented of his betrayal of Jesus but did not change his life. Repentance in its true sense means sorrow that will cause a complete changed of life such as was shown by Peter after his denial of Jesus.

In the fourth century, St. John Chrysostom preached a wonderful sermon on the five roads to repentance. First among these was the acknowledgement of sin. He quotes the prophet who said: “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord, then He will forgive the guilt of my sin.” To acknowledge sins help us to stop committing them. The second royal road to repentance, according to the Saint, is one which we might not have thought of: forget wrongs, control one’s temper, and forgive the trespasses of others. This puts into practice the well-known phrase in the Lord’s Prayer: “Forgive us our trespasses we forgive those who trespass against us.”

The third way to repentance is prayer - fervent and diligent prayer, prayer from the heart. So often we think of prayer in terms of asking God to do us some favour. Here we are asking God for something greater than an ordinary every day favour: we are asking that he wipe away our sins and help us to change our lives.

St. John Chrysostom again surprises us with what he considers the fifth road to repentance: Alms-giving. Even if people are very poor they can still take this way to repentance. Did not the widow in the Gospel prove this when she contributed he might?

Finally, the fifth way to repentance is modest and humble behaviour,- which annihilates sin as drastically as the other methods. In the parable of the Pharisee and the Publican, the Publican had no good deeds to list but instead he offered humility and the burden of his sins dropped off him.

“Here then are the five high-roads to repentance: first acknowledging one’s sins, second forgiving the sins of others, third prayer, fourth alms-giving, fifth humility.”

The saint concludes with these moving words: “We have learned how our wounds are to be healed - we must now apply these remedies, so that we may recover our health and enjoy the blessings of the holy table with confidence and attain the happiness of everlasting life through the grace and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ”.

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

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† IN SYMPATHY †
 PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :
 Bridie Fitzgerald, Greenfields.
 Steve O'Callaghan, Ballincollig.
 Hannah Dorgan, Ballincollig & Dublin.
 Kay O'Sullivan, Inniscarra & Dublin.

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

Edward Durkin.
 Jerry & Chris O'Sullivan, Clash Road.
 Michael Greene, Ballincollig.
 Con Cagney, Beech Park.
 Katrina Horgan, Castlepark.
 Christine Coady, Rosewood.
 Jack, Essa, Ursula Lane, Blarney St.
 Philip Hall, Rosewood.
 Brendan Lynch, Oldcourt.
 Patrick & Joan O'Keeffe, Bantry.
 Ted Murphy, Model Farm Road & Terelton.
 Ann & Denis Hartigan, Limerick.
 Mohidden Khan, India & CUH.
 Ann Hurley, Bandon.
 Kathleen Morrissey, Ballypnehane.
 Cornelius & Nora Murphy, Lissarda.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Twenty Sixth Week In Ordinary Time

25 Sunday Am. 6:1, 4-7. Ps. 145. 1 Tim. 6:11-16. Lk. 16:19- 31. Lect I: 914

26 Monday Job 1:6-22. Ps. 16. Lk. 9:46-50. Lect II: 788

27 Tuesday Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23. Ps. 87. Lk. 9:51-56. Lect II: 791

28 Wednesday Job 9:1-12, 14-16. Ps87. Lk 9:57-62. Lect II: 793

29 Thursday Dan. 7:9-10; 13-14. or Apoc. 12:7-12. Ps. 137. In. 1 :47-51. Lect II: 1205

30 Friday Job 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5. Ps. 138. Lk. 10:13-16. Lect II: 797

01 Saturday Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17. Ps 118. Lk 10:17-24. Lect II: 799

Bulletin Board

Priesthood Education Fund

The annual collection for the Priesthood Education Fund in the Diocese will be taken up this weekend 24th/25th September.

Fr. Alan

Coastal Rosary for Faith & Life in Ireland

On Sunday October 9th, the annual Coastal Rosary will take place at 2.30pm. Join thousands of people from around Ireland to pray the Rosary for Life and Faith at our coasts, grottos, rivers, churches, and other suitable places. Simply sign up a Rosary location at www.coastalrosaryireland.ie or text your location to 087 278 6552.

Meditation

Meditation continues in the Annexe every Tuesday morning after the 9.30am Mass, please feel free to join if you would like to try it.

There has been a request for an afternoon time so I am suggesting Wednesday 4 p.m. If you are interested, please either email or text only the Parish Office on 089 400 8181. If there are a number interested you will be contacted as to start date and place.

Sr. Nan O'Mahony

Cantairí Mhuscraí

Cantairí Mhuscraí is based in Ballincollig and they rehearse from 7.30pm to 9.30pm every Wednesday night at Ballincollig Community Centre, Station Road. They welcome new members without formal auditions. Ability to read music is not essential, they just need singers who can hold a tune and blend into the overall sound. Joining this time of the year is ideal as they begin to learn new music. Choir sings in St. Mary & St. John's Church on the 3rd Saturday every month at 6.00pm Mass.

Cork Scripture Group

4 Monday nights of October to appreciate Women in our Scripture and our Tradition (Marian Mortell, Lorna Downey and Rosalie Moloney) and Saturday workshop on Biblical Roots of Women's Leadership with Fainche Ryan (Loyola Institute, Trinity College). Cost €50. To book a place please email corkscripturegroup@gmail.com

First Reading: Amos 6:1, 4 - 7

The First Reading tells how Amos the Prophet criticized those who lived in luxury and neglected the poor. These were people who lived for pleasure and self-indulgence. Amos said these people would be the first to be punished.

Second Reading: Timothy 6:11 - 16

In the Second Reading, Paul writes to Timothy, a bishop. He asks him to fight the good fight and to keep God's command. Our calling is the same.

Gospel: Luke 16:19 - 31

As was often Jesus' message, today's Gospel reverses the rich and poor of this world and the next. Lazarus, a poor beggar who was most likely crippled and had open sores that dogs licked, sat every day beneath the window of a rich man. The rich man dined lavishly everyday and completely ignored Lazarus. Eventually, they both died and the angels carried Lazarus to heaven where Abraham held him. The rich man went to hell where he was parched and tormented. Looking up, the rich man saw Lazarus comforted by Abraham and still with arrogant behaviour, asked Abraham to send Lazarus down to dip water onto his tongue. Abraham explained that there could be no crossing from one place to the next and that the rich man was stuck with the consequences of his earthly behaviour. The man knew it futile then to argue for himself but begged Abraham to send someone to his brothers to warn them that they needed to change, or they would end up as he had. Abraham reminded the man that his brothers had already been told all that, and it was now up to them whether or not they believed it. Even the raising of a dead person would not convince them if their hearts were closed.