

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 08-February-2004



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The vocation to serve God does not follow a standard pattern; it is as unique as the person who is called. It came for Isaiah while he was at prayer; it came for Peter in the middle of his work. For both men it meant a sense of unworthiness before the presence of God, but both learnt that the service of God does not spring from innate human goodness as much as from the forgiving power of God's love.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Pilgrimage to Mecca

Sunday February 1st courtesy of our TV screens we witnessed millions of Muslims making their pilgrimage to their holiest shrine at Mecca. The pilgrimage to Mecca is one of lifetime's ambitions for every Muslim so much so that in recent years there is a quota placed on the number from each country.

As I watched the news on Sunday February 1st, I was reminded that pilgrimage is central to the Catholic faith also; when we mention pilgrimage several places like Lourdes; Knock; Medugorje or Gougane Barra spring to mind. Many people find it a moving spiritual experience to make a pilgrimage to one or several of these Shrines; pilgrims find the effort to leave the hustle and bustle of everyday life even for a few days, to give time to prayer and reflection, is in itself a very worthwhile and valuable experience. The effort to travel and join with others on pilgrimage is also important and for many Catholics a pilgrimage is an experience that deepens their faith and also gives a fresh perspective on life.

However it is also important to remind ourselves that we are all pilgrims on life's journey. Living the Christian life means answering the call we received at Baptism in our life's situation. Simon in today's Gospel was reluctant to "Put out into the deep water, and cast out his nets" after all he was an experienced fisherman and hadn't caught a fish all night so why listen to this novice. Simon did put out the boat and the rest is history not only Simon but also James and John left the fishing and followed Christ; thus began a pilgrimage with Christ that had many good days, some surprises and plenty of disappointments. May each of us come to realise that Christ is also accompanying each of us on our journeys and pilgrimages.

'The Catholic Times' newspaper of January 25th carried an interesting suggestion from the headmaster of Prior Park Catholic School in Bath "Like the rest of us, young people need to be encouraged with daily opportunities for withdrawal from the world of noise and activity, so that they can enter the world of reflection and prayer. It is only in being attentive to God's all-embracing presence in solitude that we can cope with failures, suffering and painful change." Perhaps something we can all try to practice.

George O'Mahony

Reflection for Parents

Jesus wants us to be active in spreading his Kingdom, but he will help us and guide us. We can start by considering with our children the good things in our lives, and thanking God for them. Just as Jesus called Peter and his friends through their fishing, so he calls us through the wonders of our daily lives.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

We gather around the table of the risen Lord, whose gospel of truth, love and justice enlivens us in his service.

Reader

Let us pray for the church of God in the world, that in prayer, service and community all of us may find joy, optimism and hope.

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

Let us pray for those who lead our church, our Pope and bishops, men and women in roles of leadership in our parishes, places of education, retreat centres; may they lead people with compassion and true guidance based on the gospel of Jesus.

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

Let us pray for all who guided us in the ways of faith in our lives: parents and grandparents, teachers, priests, sisters, brothers, guide in prayer, and friends; may we be always truly grateful for the gift of faith.

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

For all who are trying to hand on faith to a younger generation, especially parents and teachers, may they find encouragement and joy in the community of the church.

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

For all the sick at home, in hospitals or nursing homes that in moments of despair they may know God's love and support.

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

For all who have gone before us in faith, especially those we now mention in our Mass, may they rest in peace and rise in glory.

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

Priest

Let us pray. Good and holy God, in the words and life of Jesus your Son, you guide us in the way of faith, the truth of your message and the life of your love. May you guide us well on life's journey? We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.

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BAPTISMS

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

Ava Halligan, 55 The Green, Coolroe Meadows.

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

Crissy Alajaji, England & Cork.
 Teddy Murray, Kilmichael.
 Richard Murphy, Ballinora.

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

Patrick Conway, Friars Walk.
 Donal Coughlan, Schull.
 Anthony McCarthy, Castle Park.
 Michael Gilleran, Rosewood.
 Deceased members of McCarthy & Buckley Families.
 Denis O'Sullivan, Birmingham.
 Derry O'Sullivan, Carrigaline.
 Cornelius Lucey.
 Trevor Phillips.
 Patrick & Bridget O'Brien, Cashel.
 James & Mary McCarthy, Ballymacoda.
 Maureen & Eileen Noon, Cathedral Avenue.
 Timothy O'Keeffe, Shamrock Drive.
 Ann Dawson, Rosewood.
 Honor Heffernan, Clarks Road.
 Tom & Kate Staunton, Roscommon.
 William & Julia Burke, Vicarstown.
 Richard & Joan Murphy, Clash.
 Paddy Horgan, Collyduff.
 John Coleman, Coolroe.
 Ellen Collins, Dunmanway.
 Garreth Collins, Windsor, England.
 Kate Thompson, Dunmanway.
 Tom & Winnie Holloway.
 Thomas & Nora Cummins, Kinsale.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

FIFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

08 Sunday Is. 6:1-2, 3-8. Ps. 137. 1 Cor. 15:1-11. Lk. 5:1-11. Lect I: 849
 09 Monday 1 K. 8:1-7,9-13. Ps. 131. Mk. 6:53-56. Lect II: 512
 10 Tuesday 1 K. 8:22-23,27-30. Ps. 83. Mk. 7:1-13. Lect II: 514
 11 Wednesday 1 K. 10:1-10. Ps. 36. Mk. 7:14-23. Lect II: 517
 12 Thursday 1 K. 11 :4-13. Ps. 105. Mk. 7:24-30. Lect II: 519
 13 Friday 1 K. 11 :29-32, 12: 19. Ps. 80. Mk. 7:31-37. Lect II: 521
 14 Saturday Acts 13:46-49. Ps. 116. Lk. 10:1-9. Lect II: 957

Next Sunday's Readings 15-February-2004
 Jer. 17:5-8. Ps. 1. 1 Cor. 15:12, 16-20. Lk. 6:17. 20-26. Lect I: 853

Afternoon of Prayer For Healing

Community Hall Banteer, Co. Cork
 Sunday 22nd February 2004
 from 2.30 pm to 6.00 pm

Programme

Opening Prayers & Hymns
 Recitation of the Holy Rosary
Talk 1, Holy Spirit Our Lady & Healing by Joe Dalton
 Exposition and Eucharistic Blessing

Talk 2, St. (Padre) Pio's Love for the Sick and Suffering by Donald Enright
Talk 3, Holy Spirit - Our Lady - These Times by Fr. ML Fitzgerald C.C. Cobh
 Healing Session with Fr. ML Fitzgerald C.C. and Joe Dalton
 Personal Blessings with Relics of St. (Padre) Pio and St. Therese.

Afternoon of Prayer conducted by Fr. Michael Fitzgerald CC Cobh

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On

Friday 27th February 2004

At 8.00 pm

In aid of the Community Hall

A Prayer To Say

Dear Jesus, you did something wonderful for Simon and his partners. They followed you at once. Help me to see how many wonderful things God has given me. Help me to say thank you, help me to follow you. Amen.

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-2,3-8
The Lord comes to Isaiah and purifies him. Isaiah then begs the Lord to send him out to do the work of God.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Some people began to deny the resurrection. Paul tells them the story of this miraculous happening to remind them of what they once believed in.

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11
Luke connected the great fishing catch with the calling of the disciples. While it is an important miracle about the mission of the disciples, it appears here with the calling of Peter, James, and John. Apparently business partners, Peter called James and John to help him with the big catch Jesus provided. The invitation to these three was to "net in" people for the Kingdom as abundantly as they had netted in the fish.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Gobnait 11-February-2004

Saint Gobnait is one of the best loved saints in West Cork but only traditions concerning her life survive. The main part of her life was spent in Ballyvourney, Co Cork, where there has always been a deep devotion to her, and which is a place of pilgrimage on February 11th and on Pentecost. Her gifts of caring for and curing the sick have been a significant part of her cult through the centuries. Happily her memorial coincides with the World Day for the Sick.

Miracles

Miracles are events, which cannot be explained by natural laws as we understand them. Medieval people, with a much more limited knowledge of science than we have today, were apt to see miracles on all sides: tales of saints who flew through the air, foretold events like battles, saw visions and resurrected the dead or dying multiplied with the telling - and there is still a public appetite for such tales, though today they are more likely to be about flying saucers than flying saints. Christians cannot deny the possibility of the miraculous: God can intervene in his own world, though he may not do so as often as some people claim, and will not be manipulated to produce seemingly magical answers to our problems; but any claim to the miraculous is now rigorously investigated by medical practitioners, physical scientists and psychologists before being tentatively accepted - with the reservation that there may still be natural laws which we do not fully understand.

Ballincollig Secular Franciscan Order
The monthly Mass and meeting will be held on Thursday 12th February at 11.00 am in St. Mary & St. John Church
Rosary will be recited at 10.40 am (Sharp)

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THE ALZHEIMER SOCIETY OF IRELAND (CORK BRANCH)

SUPPORT MEETING

MONDAY, 9TH FEBRUARY, 2004, IN JURY'S HOTEL AT 8P.M.

Ballincollig Parish Pastoral Council

Next meeting of the council will be held in the Community Centre, on Monday February 9th at 7.45 pm

Envelope Collection

Lourdes Invalid Fund
This Weekend 7th & 8th February

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Feb-14 & Feb-15-2004

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Aine Sheehan
8:30 am
Elizabeth Daly
10:00 am
Margot Twomey
12:00 Noon
Miriam Maunsell

8:00 pm (Vigil)
Fiona Feely
11:00 am
Maura McNamara
12:30 pm
Kay Carew
5:30 pm
Brian O'Donoghue

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

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Friday

8:30 am

10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)

Saturday

9:00 am & 8 pm (Vigil)

CONFESSIONS

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

Saturday

After 9:00 am Mass

BAPTISMS

5:00 pm

Saturday

7:15 pm

12:45 pm

Sunday

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Feb-14 & Feb-15-2004



St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Patsie Murphy
Breda Foley
Mary Walsh
Sr. M. Carmody
Geraldine Hegarty
Cathy Horgan

8:00 pm Jim Cahill
Kit Cahill
Sheila O'Connor

11:00 am Maura McNamara
Angela Cunningham
Laurence Cunningham
Neil Cantillon Murphy

8:30 am Theresa Lucey
Rita Murphy

10:00 am Tadgh Murphy
Mary Murphy
Joan Tobin
Betty Sheehan

12:30 pm Anne O'Connell
Eileen Garvey
Sally Power
Breda Callanan
Marie O'Brien

12 Noon Michael Crowley
Breda Lenihan
Noel Hennessey
Marie O'Callaghan
Rena O'Connor
Angela Roche

5:30 pm Neil O'Donoghue
Patrica O'Donoghue
Statia O'Callaghan

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